

# St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Home of the Mater Dei Community  
Staffed by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter  
110 State Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101



September 17, 2023

## MASS TIMES

**Sunday:** 7:30am (Low Mass), 9:00am (Low Mass), 11:00am (Sung Mass), 6:00pm (Low Mass)

**Monday:** 7:10am

**Tuesday:** 7:10am

**Wednesday:** 6:15am, 6:30pm

**Thursday:** 7:10am

**Friday:** 7:10am, 6:30pm

**Saturday:** 9:00am

## CONFESSIONS

Before each Mass

## EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

**Sunday:** 5:30pm (Solemn with Benediction)

**Tuesday:** 8:00am—11:45am (Solemn with Benediction)

**Friday:** 5:30pm—6:25pm (Simple Adoration except during Lent)

**Saturday:** 8:00am—8:50am (Solemn with Benediction)

## DEVOTIONS

**St. Jude:** 3rd Wednesday, 5:30pm

**Sacred Heart:** 1st Friday, following 6:30pm Mass

## DIVINE OFFICE

**Terce:** Wednesday, Friday; 8am

**None:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 12noon

**Vespers:** Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 5pm

**Compline:** 1st Friday, 7:00pm

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### Tuesday Adoration

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### Young Adult Group

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### Youth Group

*Ages 13-18, Monthly*—[yg@stlawrence.cc](mailto:yg@stlawrence.cc)..... Joelle Riethmiller

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Sept 17</b> 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	<b>Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, II</b> +John M. Rozman by John J. Rozam Nichole Erickson by Tony & Mary Ann Vigilante <i>Pro Populo</i> +Christopherson Cortes by Fr. Smith
<b>Mon. Sept 18</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor, III</b> Caroline M. Howard by Mary Alice Howard
<b>Tue. Sept 19</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Januarius, Bishop &amp; Martyr, and Comp., Martyrs, III</b> Francis Mackin Sr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin
<b>Wed. Sept 20</b> 6:15am 6:30pm	<b>Ember Wednesday, II</b> Stephen Jones by Jamison Jones St. Jude Intentions
<b>Thu. Sept 21</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Matthew, Apostles and Evangelist, II</b> +Catherine R. Zambito by Charles & Mary Zambito
<b>Fri. Sept 22</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>Ember Friday, II</b> Hannah Buffington by Michael & Barbara Serpiello +George Kelly by Kevin Kelly
<b>Sat. Sept 23</b> 9:00am	<b>Ember Saturday, II</b> Confraternity of Christian Mothers
<b>Sun. Sept 24</b> 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	<b>Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost, II</b> <i>Pro Populo</i> +Deceased FSSP Priests by Kevin Kelly Dominic Rumore FSSP by Jamison & Kelly Jones Tristan S. Michaels by Robert A. Setele

## TODAY

- Sunday Social (by Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday Sports—1:30pm
- Young Adult Brunch—1pm—Squeaky Rail Diner, Enola Penn.

## UPCOMING

### Monday, September 18

- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

### Tuesday, September 19

- Solemn Exposition and Benediction—8am to 11:45am
- Knights of Columbus—6:30pm
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

### Wednesday, September 20

- St. Jude Devotions

### Saturday, September 23

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

### Sunday, September 24

- Bishop Gainer offers Mass and preaches—9am
- CCD parent meeting—10:15am (Aula Magna 112 State St.)

### Sunday, October 1

- CCD begins—9:15am
- Adult Catechism begins—12:45pm
- Sunday sports—1:30 pm

### Monday, October 16

- Pennsylvania March for Life

### Sunday, November 5

- All Saints Day party immediately following 11am Mass

### Saturday, December 30

- Parish Christmas Party

### Friday, January 19

- National March for Life in Washington, D.C.

## PROPERS OF THE MASS

### *Lesson Eph 3:13-21*

Brethren: I pray you not to be disheartened at my tribulations for you, for they are your glory. For this reason I bend my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth receives its name, that He may grant you from His glorious riches to be strengthened with power through His Spirit unto the progress of the inner man; and to have Christ dwelling through faith in your hearts: so that, being rooted and grounded in love, you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know Christ's love which surpasses knowledge, in order that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now, to Him Who is able to accomplish all things in a measure far beyond what we ask or conceive, in keeping with the power that is at work in us - to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus down through all the ages of time without end. Amen.

### *Gospel Luke 14:1-11*

At that time, when Jesus entered the house of one of the rulers of

the Pharisees on the Sabbath to take food, they watched Him. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had the dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath? But they remained silent. And He took and healed him and let him go. Then addressing them, He said, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately draw him up on the Sabbath? And they could give Him no answer to these things. But He also spoke a parable to those invited, observing how they were choosing the first places at table, and He said to them, When you are invited to a wedding feast, do not recline in the first place, lest perhaps one more distinguished than you have been invited by him, and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Make room for this man'; and then you begin with shame to take the last place. But when you are invited go and recline in the last place; that when he who invited you comes in, he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher!' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who are at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO FR. CHARLES IKE, FSSP**—We are very happy to have Fr. Ike with us for three weeks. Father comes to us from his native Nigeria, where he is assigned at an FSSP apostolate. He did his seminary studies at the FSSP's Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Nebraska with Fr. Smith, and is in the USA for his annual vacation, spending most of it with us. Please welcome Fr. Ike to St. Lawrence!

**CCD REGISTRATION: 1 WEEK LEFT**—The team of teachers and volunteers will provide information about this year's program after each of the morning Masses. If you have not yet registered, one of the volunteers can help. Registration ends Sept. 24, and classes begin Oct. 1, meeting from 9:15 to 10:15am, ending just in time for the family to pray the Rosary together with the parish, which begins at 10:30am. The teachers are as follows, in ascending order of grade: Mary Zambito, Mary Ann Schleihauf, Daniel Jones, Eric Anton, Art O'Dea, Brian Smith, Ivona Mikulic, Michael Serpiello, Jim Fair, Todd Caine, Phillip Cuccia, and Lauren Zelesky. Please thank our volunteers for their sacrifices! Registration is available online: <https://shorturl.ac/ccd-registration>

**MANDATORY CCD PARENT MEETING**—There will be a mandatory parent meeting for all the families that have registered for our CCD program on Sunday, September 24th at 10:15 AM in the Aula Magna (on the 3rd floor of 112 State Street) all volunteers are also encouraged to attend.

**Pontifical Low Mass: Sunday, September 24th**—Bishop Ronald Gainer will be celebrating the 9am Low Mass here at St. Lawrence on Sunday, September 24th. We are very grateful to Bishop Gainer for all the support he has shown to our community during his time as the Bishop of Harrisburg.

**CONFIRMATIONS ON APRIL 14**—We are happy to announce that the diocese has given us a tentative date for next year's Confirmations. Bishop Ronald Gainer is scheduled to do next year's Confirmations on Sunday, April 14th, the Second Sunday after Easter. If your child is old enough to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please register for our Sunday CCD program which begins in October.

**PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE**—The Pro-Life Group of St. Lawrence Church will be organizing a group of parishioners to the third annual Pennsylvania March for Life at the Capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, October 16, 2023. Holy Mass will be at St. Lawrence at 9:30am, followed by a light breakfast in the Parish Center. Parishioners will then walk over to the capitol for the rally and march at 11am. This event will be an opportunity to advocate for the sanctity of all human life. Please register at <https://rb.gy/pweoz> and email [prolife@stlawrence.cc](mailto:prolife@stlawrence.cc) for questions.

**Sewing Class 101**—The next sewing class will be Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9am to 3pm. Email [sewing@stlawrence.cc](mailto:sewing@stlawrence.cc) for more information.

**Wednesday, September 20: 6:30pm Mass—St. Jude Mass Intentions**—Each month, we will offer Holy Mass for the intentions shared with us. The Mass will be celebrated on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm as part of the parish devotion to St. Jude, the patron saint of lost causes. This month's intentions include the following prayer requests published in our weekly prayer intention email from August 16th to September 13th.

Please pray for: Annalisa, Josh, +James, Maria, Stan, Thomas, James, Christopher, Karen, +Joseph, Trent, Deana, Karen, +Roger, Gabe, Jason, Marlin, Nuri, Becky, and Laura.

Please also pray for: the father of a parishioner, who suffers from severe depression; a parishioner who is struggling with severe depression; the son of a parishioner, who is experiencing work-related difficulties; the brother of a parishioner, who is battling an alcohol addiction; a young couple who were injured in a motorcycle accident; the conversion of the family members of a parishioner; a family in the parish, who are looking for a new home; the parish of St. Joseph, Oregon; for the son of a parishioner who is battling an alcohol addiction; and the local homeless.

**ADORATION SIGN-UPS NEEDED**—We are in need of one more person to sign up for an 11am spot for Tuesday morning adoration. If you wish to sign up for one of these hours or any other regular time, please email Amanda Healey at: [tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc](mailto:tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc)

**Parish Basketball Tournament Saturday, November 18, 2023:** We will be holding our 2nd Annual Parish Basketball Tournament on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at the East Shore Harrisburg YMCA from 1pm to 5:30pm. The tournament is open to men 14 and older, and who are registered parishioners. If you would like to play, please sign up by Thursday, September 28, 2023. Visit <https://bit.ly/452GDve> or scan the code to sign up!



**Courtesy announcement from the Seton Shrine:** Are you in need of prayer? Are you lonely or overwhelmed? The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Your prayer intentions can be placed on the tomb of Mother Seton. Call us at (866) 202-4934, Monday - Friday, 10am-5pm.

**Catholic War Veterans Invitation for New Members**—Post 707 (Central PA) is recruiting new members. The Catholic war veterans were created by Fr. Edward Higgins of Astoria, New York, and blessed by Pope Pius XI. It is a national Congressionally Chartered organization with state and local chapters. Upon signing the Congressional charter for the Catholic War Veterans in August 1984 President Ronald Reagan said, "I have the deepest admiration for your commitment to serve both God and Country." For more information, contact Col. (retired) Bob DeSousa at [warveterans@stlawrence.cc](mailto:warveterans@stlawrence.cc).

## Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Jesus, Meek and Lowly*, 833  
Recessional hymn: *Come Down, O Love Divine*, 887  
Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo III, 776

Motet after offertory: *Cantate Domino*, Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657–1743)  
Chant during communion: *Stabat Mater*, Chant Sequence

The motet *Cantate Domino* is a setting of Psalm 149:1–2 by Baroque Italian composer **Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657–1743)**. The initial text of *Sing to the Lord a new song* is shared at the beginning of today's alleluia verse which is taken from Psalm 97:1. Pitoni's work, like much of late Baroque music, is tightly structured in small phrases with two main sections and follows the general format of "A-B-A.", also called ternary form.

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the feast itself was this past Friday. During the Mass the sequence *Stabat Mater* is said prior to the Gospel. This sequence is often used as a devotional hymn for praying the stations of the cross and is sung to a simple tune. The chant sung today, which is the proper chant, is more ornate and the melody changes every two verses.

**Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657–1743)** was an Italian vocalist, organist and composer. He studied voice from the age of five and became a maestro di cappella (choirmaster) at Santa Maria Maggiore, Monterotondo, a historic church near Rome by sixteen. Pitoni held director positions at many parishes in Rome and was a prominent church musician during the late Baroque era.

### Processional Hymn

*Jesus, Meek and Lowly*

Jesus, meek and lowly,  
Savior, pure and holy,  
On thy Love relying  
Come I to Thee flying.

Prince of life and power,  
My salvation's tower,  
On the cross I view Thee  
Calling sinners to Thee.

There behold me gazing  
At the sight amazing;  
Bending low before  
Thee Helpless I adore Thee.

Lord, in mercy Guide me,  
Be Thou e'er beside me;  
In Thy ways direct me;  
'Neath Thy wings protect me.

## Sunday Collections Week of September 10, 2023

Offertory (September 10)	\$ 3,511.00
Peter's Pence (September 10)	422.00
Coffee Social (September 10)	31.00
Vestments (September 10)	139.00
Online Giving (September 3 - September 10)	<u>5,419.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,522.00</b>

\* Please note that the doughnuts alone for the Sunday socials cost \$237 per week.

**NEW: SUNDAY ADULT CATECHISM** — Starting Sunday, October 1, Fr. Smith will begin teaching a catechism class for adults (18 and over). The sessions will last for 30 minutes, starting at 12:45pm. The class will be held in our Parish Center, and will be based on the *Catechism of the Council of Trent*.

### Recessional Hymn

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.