

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



January 7, 2024

MASS TIMES

Sunday:

7:30am	Low Mass
9:00am	Low Mass
11:00am	Sung Mass
6:00pm	Low Mass

Monday to Friday:	7:10am
Saturday:	9:00am
Wednesday and Friday:	6:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Before each Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sunday: 5:30—5:50pm	Solemn with Benediction
Tuesday: 8—11:45am	Solemn with Benediction
Friday: 5:30—6:25pm	Simple Adoration except during Lent
Saturday: 8—8:45am	Solemn with Benediction

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

St. Jude: 3rd Wednesday, 5:30—7:30pm
Sacred Heart: 1st Friday, 5:30—7:30pm

DIVINE OFFICE

Chanted every day except Monday and Thursday.

Terce: 8am
None: Noon
Vespers: 5pm
Compline: 7pm (1st Friday)

Terce and None are recited privately on Sunday.

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Parish Office Hours: Monday—Friday; 8am to 11:30am;
1:30pm to 5:30pm; Saturday: 8am to 5pm

Choir & Choristers

Practice weekly—music@stlawrence.cc Paul Thomas May

Church Cleaning

Rotates weekly—clean@stlawrence.cc Kristin Patterson

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Monthly—mothers@stlawrence.cc Stephanie Fonticoba

Girls Sodality

Ages 9-14—girlssodality@stlawrence.cc Rebecca Mack

Holy Name Society

Monthly—holyname@stlawrence.cc William Gabig

Knights of the Altar

Altar Servers—altarboys@stlawrence.cc Ed Pitman

Knights of Columbus

Monthly—knights@stlawrence.cc Josh Logan

The Legion of Mary

Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc Daniel Jones

Meal Train

mealtrain@stlawrence.cc Alyssa Showers

Prayer Chain

prayers@stlawrence.cc Fr. Cortes

Pro-Life Group

Monthly—prolife@stlawrence.cc Kris Keck

St. Tarcisius

Ages 5-12, Monthly—sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc Dan Miccolupi

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesdays 8-1pm—tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc Amanda Healy

Young Adult Group

Ages 18-35, Monthly—youngadults@stlawrence.cc Fr. Cortes

Youth Group

Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc Joelle Riethmiller

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan 7	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, II
7:30am	Grayson Robinson & Alex & Christine Barry by Barrys
9:00am	Emma Riethmiller
11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	+Holy Souls in Purgatory by Frank & Michelle Galushka
Mon. Jan 8	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7:10am	Sp. Intention/Marriages by Karen Collins
Tue. Jan 9	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7:10am	Tim & Elaine Madden
Wed. Jan 10	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7:10am	William Clancey
6:30pm	+James Lyter by Rachel Lyter
Thu. Jan 11	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7:10am	Mrs. Mary Belton by Thomas & Jennifer Lynch
Fri. Jan 12	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7:10am	Mr. Chris Keifer by St. Lawrence Friday Program
6:30pm	Heather Miri by David Wendell
Sat. Jan 13	The Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord, II
9:00am	+Richard Wuerz by Emily Wuerz
Sun. Jan 14	Second Sunday after Epiphany, II
7:30am	The Fraternity & Preservation of the Traditional Latin Mass
9:00am	+Richard Lechleiter
11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	The Fraternity & Preservation of the Traditional Latin Mass

MASS PROPERS HAVE MOVED—The Scripture readings of today’s Mass are now included in a separate handout, which includes the Scripture readings as well as other propers of the Mass, including the collects, gradual, alleluia, Communion, and other items.

JAN. 20: YOUTH GROUP RECREATION NIGHT—Youth Group will gather Saturday, January 20, for Indoor Recreation Night. Join us for a potluck meal on the 3rd floor of the Parish Center at 5:30pm. Then enjoy some social time playing cards, ping pong, corn hole, and more. Our spiritual talk will begin at 7:45pm in the Aula Magna followed by praying the rosary in the church. Check out with Mrs. Riethmiller before dismissal at 8:30pm. Hope to see you there for our first gathering of 2024! Questions? Email yg@stlawrence.cc

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR EPIPHANY BLESSINGS—The priests are to visit nearly 100 homes this week bringing the Epiphany blessing. Because of this, the Divine Office will be in private Monday through Thursday, and there will be no Adoration on Tuesday. The blessing itself is very beautiful and involves bringing Epiphany water and incense to the homes, which reminds us of the mysteries of the Adoration of the Magi, and the Baptism of the Lord. One of the prayers of the blessing says: “O God, who by the guidance of a star did this day reveal your Only Begotten Son to the Gentiles, grant that we who know You by faith may be brought to the contemplation of Your heavenly majesty.”

TODAY

Sunday, January 7

- No Sunday Socials due to weather
- CCD Classes
- Adult Catechism—12:45pm

UPCOMING

January 6 to January 13

- Epiphany Blessings

Saturday, January 13

- Guild of St. Stephen monthly meeting of altar boys
- Girls Sodality monthly meeting
- Sewing Class

Friday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 20

- Midterm Interviews for First Communion and First Penance
- Youth Group Indoor Recreation Night
- Inter-Parish Basketball Tournament

January 26-28 (Friday through Sunday)

- FSSP Traditional Men’s Retreat

Saturday, January 27

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM)

Sunday, January 28

- Septuagesima Sunday

Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 18

- First Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 2

- Final Interviews for First Penance and Confirmation

Saturday, March 16

- First Penance

March 24 to 30

- Holy Week

Sunday, March 31

- Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 14

- Confirmations

Saturday, May 4

- Final Interviews for First Communion

Thursday, May 9

- Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 19

- Pentecost Sunday

Thursday, May 30

- Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 2

- External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- First Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: PARISH BUSINESS DIRECTORY—If you would like to be included in a parish directory of trades, professions, and services, please signup here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-directory>. This directory is being created at the request of several parishioners who either would like to shop from other parishioners or would like to advertise their work to other parishioners. To access the link above, one must first be a member of the St. Lawrence email groups system. To join that group, send an email with your name in the message to this address: main+subscribe@groups.stlawrence.cc.

JAN. 19: NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE—There are still 26 open seats on the March for Life bus going to DC on January 19th, 2024. A parishioner has generously paid for 10 seats, which will allow 10 children to go for free with a parent who pays for their own seat. Register at: <https://bit.ly/2024marchforlife> and pay for each adult seat (\$50) on the parish donation site, here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-donate>. Please email your receipt and questions to prolife@stlawrence.cc.

JAN 26-28: FSSP TRADITIONAL MEN'S RETREAT—The St. Mary's Holy Name Society (the FSSP's church in Conshohocken, PA) is organizing the first annual Traditional Men's silent retreat at Malvern Retreat House from the evening of Friday, January 26th, to the morning of Sunday, January 28th. Fr Portzer, FSSP will be the retreat master and will celebrate the traditional mass all three days. Please wear collared shirt and trouser, with jacket preferred, tie optional. Age Restriction: 18 and older. Cost: \$325 inclusive. Gratuity for dining staff is not included but is encouraged and generally given in cash, at Sunday breakfast. RSVP to Ken Orner stmarys.hns.treasurer@gmail.com to arrange registration and payment with him.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH ARCHIVES—The St. Lawrence archivist is looking for copies of bulletins associated with the Latin Mass and Mater Dei Community activities prior to September 2015. If you have any copies dating to this period of our history, please bring them in. We will scan them for the electronic archives and get the originals back to you. For coordination, please write to contact@stlawrence.cc.

JAN. 27: ANOTHER DATE NIGHT!—Because we would like to continue building community in our parish, we invite any couples (married or not-married-but-could-be) to join the priests and five or six other couples on Saturday, January 27, for Date Night. Come to St. Lawrence for Vespers at 5 pm, then caravan over to Dolce Vita in Camp Hill (1509 Market St.) for a fixed price dinner (\$35 per person plus tip, BYOB). Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-datenight-Jan-27>. If you miss this chance, look for another date night in another couple of months. If you've been to Date Night before, please wait until Jan. 14 before signing up to let others have the first chance.

VOLUNTEER FOR CCD (SUNDAY CATECHISM)—The CCD Program at St. Lawrence has more than doubled in size over the past few years. With that development, the need has grown for more teachers, teacher aides, substitutes, admin assistants and hall monitors. If you are interested in assisting with Sunday Religious education program in any of these capacities, or you want to find out more information about getting involved, please contact dre@stlawrence.cc.

MARRIAGE PREP CLASSES—Starting Feb. 9, 2024, and going until March 15, 2024, there will be a Marriage Preparation Class every Friday night at 7:30pm. This class is mandatory for any spring or summer marriages at St. Lawrence this year. Prior to admission in the class, each of the engaged couple must schedule a meeting with the pastor and request that a recently issued baptismal certificate be sent via post directly to the parish.

DIVINE OFFICE: TERCE—Starting this past week, the priests now recite the Office of Terce together at 8am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. On Tuesdays and Saturdays, Terce is recited immediately after Exposition and in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. When the Divine Office is recited in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, all remain standing.

HARRISBURG STREET EVANGELIZATION—The downtown location of our parish sees many pedestrians most days, and especially on days of the city's festivals. If you are interested in learning more about cooperating with St. Paul Street Evangelization, please email the office at contact@stlawrence.cc. If there is enough interest, we will invite a representative of this organization to give a presentation. A one-minute video can be found here: <https://shorturl.ac/street>

DOCTORS, NURSES, and EMT's—The parish has created an email group for doctors, nurses, and EMTs in order to be able to identify qualified people in event of an emergency, and so that Fr. Smith can consult this group for best practices. We request that you add yourselves to our email group by sending a message to medical+subscribe@groups.stlawrence.cc.

FOBS FOR PARENTS WITH BABIES IN NEED—With colder approaching and the limited space in the narthex we would like to offer an option for parents who take their babies outside to console them when they are under duress. The reception hall of the parish center (112 State Street) may now be utilized by families as an optional cry room, which is equipped with video and audio of the Mass. Of course, families who avail themselves of this are still able and encouraged to come receive Holy Communion. We would like to keep this room as a place dedicated to prayer even while tending to children. Tending to your children is its own prayer. If you would like a fob, which provides access to the church and parish center, please email contact@stlawrence.cc

WEDNESDAY AM MASS TIME CHANGE—Effective this past week, the time of the Wednesday morning Mass has been changed to 7:10am, which means that all of the morning Masses from Monday through Friday will all have the same time. The new weekday Mass schedule then will be: Monday through Friday: 7:10am; Saturday: 9am; Wednesday and Friday: 6:30pm.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP—Catholic men 18-years old and older are invited to join the St. Lawrence Holy Name Society. Information about this traditional confraternity can be found at www.nahns.com. All eligible men are encouraged to consider this spiritual and social opportunity. The Society, which meets on First Saturdays, was scheduled to host a new member induction ceremony yesterday, but due to snow was cancelled. If you have any questions, you may email the president-elect, Mr. Jamison Jones at holynamesociety@stlawrence.cc.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Once in Royal David's City*, 818

Recessional hymn: *What Child Is This*, 821

Credo IV, 780

Kyriale: *Missa Quaeramus cum pastoribus*, a5, Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553)

Hymn after offertory: *Gaude Joseph*, Chant

Communion motet: *O Jesu mi Dulcissime*, a8, Giovanni Croce

The motet sung at communion, *O Jesu mi Dulcissime*, is a double choir work composed by **Giovanni Croce**. The Cathedral of St. Mark's in Venice, where Croce served, has maintained a strong musical tradition since the Renaissance. One favored technique was the use of *cori spezzati* where multiple choirs sing the same motet but in different areas of the church. The communion motet will be sung by our choir split into two groups on either side of the choir loft.

Giovanni Croce (c.1558–1609) was an Italian priest and composer of the late Renaissance from Venice and contemporary of Monteverdi and Andrea Gabrieli. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1585. He was appointed to the prestigious position of *maestro di cappella* at the famous St. Mark's cathedral and served from 1603 until his death.

Processional Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, the scorned and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads His children on,
to the place where He is gone.

Not in the poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars His children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

Sunday Collections Week of December 31, 2023

Offertory (December 31)	\$ 6082.45
Vestments (December 31)	84.00
Online Giving (December 25 - December 30)	<u>5129.00</u>
Total:	\$ 11,295.45

JAN. 28: PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY— Traditionally, the ashes for Ash Wednesday are burned from the palms used during the prior year's Palm Sunday. Starting on Septuagesima Sunday, January 28, we will begin collecting last year's palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday. Please place your palms in the basket near the entrance of the church.

FEB. 2: HIGH MASS FOR CANDLEMAS—All are encouraged to bring their own beeswax candles to be blessed at the 6:30pm High Mass at 6:30pm on Feb. 2, the Feast of the Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary. Please place your candles on the floor in front of the door that goes to the courtyard on the Epistle side of the Church.

Recessional Hymn

What Child Is This?

What Child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The Silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spears shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sing her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe the Son of Mary.