

# 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 14, 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 & BENECTION

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

<b>Sun. Jan 14</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany, II</b>
7:30am	The Fraternity & Preservation of the Traditional Latin Mass
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00am	The Fraternity & Preservation of the Traditional Latin Mass
6:00pm	+Richard Lechleitner
<b>Mon. Jan 15</b>	<b>St. Paul the First Hermit, Confessor, III</b>
7:10am	Raymond Pitman by the Barry Family
<b>Tue. Jan 16</b>	<b>St. Marcellus I, Pope &amp; Martyr, III</b>
7:10am	+Margaret Perkinson by Daniel & Anastasia Jones & Family
<b>Wed. Jan 17</b>	<b>St. Anthony, Abbot, III</b>
7:10am	Eric Shell
6:30pm	St. Jude Mass
<b>Thu. Jan 18</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:10am	+Philip Patterson by Jamison & Kelly Jones
<b>Fri. Jan 19</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:10am	Mrs. Mary Belton by Thomas & Jennifer Lynch
6:30pm	The Miccolupi Family
<b>Sat. Jan 20</b>	<b>Ss. Fabian, Pope &amp; Sebastian, Martyrs, III</b>
9:00am	Pro Life Mass
<b>Sun. Jan 21</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Epiphany, II</b>
7:30am	Daniel & Anastasia Jones & Family by CCM
9:00am	Isabella Mack
11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	+LaDawanna Clancy by Jamison & Kelly Jones

**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, etc.

**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](mailto:yg@stlawrence.cc)

**WEDNESDAY AM MASS TIME CHANGE**—Effective the beginning of this year, 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.

## TODAY

### Sunday, January 14

- Second Collection—Eastern Europe
- Sunday Socials
- CCD Classes
- Adult Catechism—12:45pm

## UPCOMING

### 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

### Friday, February 2

- High Mass for Candlemas

### Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday

### Sunday, February 18

- First Sunday in Lent

### Saturday, March 2

- Final Interviews for First Penance
- Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion*—7:30pm

### Saturday, March 16

- First Penance & final interviews for Confirmation

### March 24 to 30

- Holy Week

### Sunday, March 31

- Easter Sunday

### Sunday, April 14

- Confirmations

### Friday, May 3 & 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

### Sunday, December 1

- First Sunday of Advent

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAR. 2: BP. SENIOR TO VISIT ST. LAWRENCE**—We are happy to announce that Bp. Senior has accepted our invitation to visit St. Lawrence for the singing of Bach's *St. John Passion* on Saturday night, March 2. Bach's *passions* are great musical achievements and present the texts of the various accounts of Christ's Passion set to music. Not part of the liturgy, but for private devotion, the music will be sung in German, which is quite appropriate given the German heritage of St. Lawrence Church. We are grateful that Bp. Senior has accepted this invitation and will join us for this event.

**JAN. 20: FSSP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**—Teams from various FSSP apostolates in the region plan to travel to St. Lawrence Saturday, Jan. 20, for a regional FSSP basketball tournament at the East Shore YMCA beginning at 1pm. Teams from Scranton, Conshohocken, and Front Royal will be competing for the title. Please come and support our St. Lawrence basketball team!

**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 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.

**FEB. 3 BLESSING OF THROATS ON THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**—On the Feast of St. Blaise, come to the church to receive the traditional blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaise, to be healed of any mid-winter throat ailments. The priests will give the blessing after the 9am Mass.

**FEB. 3: BLESSING OF BREAD, FRUIT, WINE, AND WATER**—In addition to receiving the blessing yourself on that day, you may bring bread, fruits, wine, and water to be blessed so that, as the blessing says, "May they who taste thereof be fully healed of all affliction of the throat, as well as every infirmity of soul or body, through the prayers and merits of the same Blaise, Pontiff and Martyr." The blessing on the Feast of St. Blaise, though, asks the people to bring items to be blessed. It says: "We humbly beseech thy boundless mercy, and beg that these fruits, bread, wine, and water, which thy devoted people bring today, be blessed and sanctified by thy goodness." You are most welcome (encouraged!) to bring things on that day for the blessing. Bring them before Mass and set them in front of Our Lady's altar to be blessed immediately after Mass. Note: please do not bring items for this blessing before Feb.3.

**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](mailto:contact@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](mailto:stmarys.hns.treasurer@gmail.com) to arrange registration and payment with him.

## Congratulations to

**Mr. and Mrs. John David Lane**

United in Holy Matrimony

on December 30, 2023



**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](mailto:main+subscribe@groups.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.

## Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Praise to the Lord*, 927  
Recessional hymn: *Come Down, O Love Divine*, 887  
Credo IV, 780, Kyriale IV, 710

Offertory motet: *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, GP Palestrina (c. 1547–1580)

Communion motet: *O Admirabile Commercium*, Fabio Constantini (c. 1575–1644)

*O Admirabile Commercium*, is a motet by **Fabio Constantini** and setting of the first Antiphon from Vespers on the Octave of Christmas. The translation is: *O admirable exchange: the creator of human-kind, taking on a living body was worthy to be born of a virgin, and, coming forth as a human without seed, has given us his deity in abundance.*

**Fabio Constantini (c. 1575–1644)** was an Italian music editor and composer. He sang under Palestrina at St Peter's, Rome (until 1610), and held posts as *maestro di cappella*, notably at Orvieto Cathedral (1610-14, 1618-22), Santa Casa, Loreto, Ancona and Ferrara Cathedral.

## Processional Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, whom when darkness of sin is abounding,  
Who, when the godless do triumph all virtue confounding,  
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night,  
Saints with His mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord, O Let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## Sunday Collections Week of January 7, 2024

*The collection for this week will be reported in the next bulletin due to the schedule for Epiphany blessings Monday.*

**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 in the beginning of this year, 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](mailto: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>

## 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.