

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 28, 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 28	Septuagesima Sunday, II
7:30am	Emilia Marie Halecky by Mrs. Julia Halecky
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00am	Maximillian Akers by the Fonticoba Family
6:00pm	Eve Healy by Helena Jones
Mon. Jan 29	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor, III
7:10am	+Susan McDonnell by Will & Patricia Gabig
Tue. Jan 30	St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr, III
7:10am	Anthony DiSanto by Joudith Boutin
Wed. Jan 31	St. John Bosco, Confessor, III
7:10am	Martina Mikulic
6:30pm	Mrs. Mary Belton by Thomas & Jennifer Lynch
Thu. Feb 1	St. Ignatius, Bishop & Martyr, III
7:10am	Sheila Lechleitner
Fri. Feb 2	The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II
7:10am	The Hepburn Family
6:30pm	LaDawnna Clancy
Sat. Feb 3	Immaculate Heart of Mary, III
9:00am	The L/D Members of the HNS
Sun. Feb 4	Sexagesima Sunday, II
7:30am	+Marie Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00am	Pilgrims of the St. Lawrence Brigade
6:00pm	+Martin Shaffer by Kurt & Katy Keller & Family

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.

TODAY: 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.

TODAY

Sunday, January 28

- Septuagesima Sunday
- Second Collection—Propagation of the Faith
- CCD Classes
- Adult Catechism—12:45pm

UPCOMING

Monday, January 29

- Basketball at East Shore YMCA—7:00pm

Friday, February 2

- High Mass for Candlemas—6:30pm

Saturday, February 3

- High Mass for the Feast of St. Blaise—9:00am

Saturday, February 10

- Knights of Columbus—Men’s Meeting Social

Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday Mass—Low Mass at 7:10am, 12:15pm, High Mass at 6:30pm

Sunday, February 18

- First Sunday in Lent

Thursday, February 22

- High Mass for Chair of St. Peter—6:30pm

Saturday, March 2

- Final Interviews for First Penance
- Bach’s *St. John Passion*—7:00pm

Saturday, March 16

- First Penance & final interviews for Confirmation

March 24 to 30

- Holy Week

Sunday, March 31

- Easter Sunday

Monday, April 8

- High Mass for Annunciation—6:30pm

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

THE MYSTERY OF SEPTUAGESIMA—The season upon which we are now entering is expressive of several profound mysteries. But these mysteries belong not only to the three weeks which are preparatory to Lent: they continue throughout the whole period of time which separates us from the great feast of Easter. The number seven is the basis of all these mysteries. We have already seen how the holy Church came to introduce the season of Septuagesima into her calendar. Let us now meditate on the doctrine hidden under the symbols of her liturgy. And first, let us listen to St. Augustine, who thus gives us the clue to the whole of our season's mysteries. There are two times, [says the holy Doctor]: one which is now, and is spent in the temptations and tribulations of this life; the other which shall be then, and shall be spent in eternal security and joy. In figure of these, we celebrate two periods: the time before Easter, and the time after Easter. That which is before Easter signifies the sorrow of this present life; that which is after Easter, the blessedness of our future state. . . . Hence it is that; we spend the first in fasting and prayer; and in the second we give up our fasting, and give ourselves to praise[1]

It is true, there are but sixty-three days between Septuagesima and Easter; but the Church, according to the style so continually used in the sacred Scriptures, uses the round number instead of the literal and precise one. . . .

In order to console us in the midst of the combats, which so thickly beset our path, the Church, like a beacon shining amidst the darkness of this our earthly abode, shows us another seven, which is to succeed the one we are now preparing to pass through. After the Septuagesima of mourning, we shall have the bright Easter with its seven weeks of gladness, foreshadowing the happiness and bliss of heaven. After having fasted with our Jesus, and suffered with Him, the day will come when we shall rise together with Him, and our hearts shall follow Him to the highest heavens; and then after a brief interval, we shall feel the Holy Ghost descending upon us, with His seven Gifts.— From The Liturgical Year by Dom Guéranger

MATER DEI MEN'S MEETING SOCIAL—The Knights of Columbus Council invites the men of the parish to a social get-together at 112 State Street on Saturday, February 10th, at 5:45pm immediately following the 5:00pm vespers. In this way, we can foster brotherhood and community between the men of the parish. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided by the Knights of Columbus and all are welcome to bring beverages, food, or snacks to share.

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, please email contact@stlawrence.cc

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

INQUIRY CLASS REMINDER—If you are not Catholic and are interested in Catholicism, or if you know of anyone who is at all interested, we hold an Inquiry class every Saturday at 3:30pm in the 2nd floor conference room at our 112 State Street Parish Center. This is a no commitment class and all one needs to do is show up. If you have questions, you are welcome to email the office at: contact@stlawrence.cc

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Man To Christ's Sacred Wound*, 827

Recessional hymn: *God of Mercy, God of Grace* 932

Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo IV, 780

Offertory Motet: *Bonus Est*, G.P. Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

Hymn at Communion: *Adoro Te Devote*, Chant harm. Mark Emerson Donnelly (b. 1960)

The offertory motet was composed by **G.P. Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)** and published in his second anthology of vocal works for *ad lib* church use. The text is taken from Lamentations 3:25 and Psalm 30:1-2: *The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks him. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in Thy justice. Bow down thy ear to me: make haste to deliver me.* It was written for three voices and repeats for each verse listed above.

G.P. Palestrina (c. 1525–1594) is highly regarded for his contributions of Sacred Polyphony and development of counterpoint in the late 16th Century. In the post-Tridentine period he earned the reputation of the ideal Catholic composer for his success in reconciling the functional and aesthetic aims of Catholic church music. Palestrina wrote over 105 Masses and 250 sacred motets in addition to many other works.

Sunday Collections Week of January 21, 2024

Offertory (January 21)	\$ 5,337.00
Building Fund (December 18 - January 21)	8,799.00
Vestments (January 21)	94.00
Online Giving (January 15 - January 21)	<u>5,128.00</u>
Total:	\$ 19,358.00

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.

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>.

Processional Hymn

Man to Christ's Sacred Wounds

O pleasant spot! O place of rest!
O royal rift! O worthy wound!
Come harbor me, a weary guest,
That in the world no east have found!

I lie lamenting at Thy gate,
Yet dare I not adventure in:
I bear with me a troublous mate,
And cumbered am with heaps of sin.

Discharge me of this heavy load,
That easier passage I may find,
Within this bower to make abode,
And in this glorious tomb be shrined.

Here must I live, here must I die,
Here would I utter all my grief;
Here would I all those pains descry,
Which here did meet for my relief.

Recessional Hymn

God of Mercy, God of Grace

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,
Fill Thy Church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend,
Unto earth's remotest end

Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Savior King,
At Thy feet their tribute pay,
And Thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Earth shall then her fruits afford,
God to man His blessings give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above
One in joy and light and love.