

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



March 17, 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 to 5:50pm	Solemn with Benediction
Tuesday: 8 to 11:45am	Solemn with Benediction
Friday: 5:30 to 6:25pm	Simple Adoration except during Lent
Saturday: 8 to 8:45am	Solemn with Benediction

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

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

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. Mar 17	Passion Sunday, I
7:30am	†John Macci by Lisa Macci
9:00am	†Miranda Molander by Jane Jurosky
11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Benedict Oaster by Stephen & Mary Ann Chemsak
Mon. Mar 18	Monday of Passion Week, III
7:10am	†Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Fonticoba Family
Tue. Mar 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, III
7:10am	Joy Glancy by the Fonticoba Family
Wed. Mar 20	Wednesday of Passion Week, III
7:10am	Fraternity of St. Peter by Dan & Lydia Miccolupi
6:30pm	St. Jude Devotion
Thu. Mar 21	Thursday of Passion Week, III
7:10am	Vincent Fonticoba & Godparents Eric & Catherine Zeager by the Fonticoba Family
Fri. Mar 22	Friday of Passion Week, III
7:10am	Natalie Fonticoba & Godparents Eric & Catherine Zeager by the Fonticoba Family
6:30pm	Shawndra Reese by the Koniers Family
Sat. Mar 23	Saturday of Passion Week, III
9:00am	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Sun. Mar 24	Palm Sunday, I
7:30am	Callum Glancy by the Fonticoba Family
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00am	Daniel Jones & Family by Rose Koufos
6:00pm	Josph B. Sexton Sr. by the Sexton Family

2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)—As of Thursday, February 1, the Diocesan Annual Campaign has begun. This year, the DAC goal for St. Lawrence is \$19,473. So far, \$1,360 has been contributed. We are grateful for your continued support.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY INDULGENCE: MARCH 18—This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on Passion Sunday therefore the feast will be transferred to Monday, March 18th. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who visit the Cathedral on the feast of its patron, and there recite an Our Father and the Creed, under the usual conditions. (*Manual of Indulgences, n.33 §1, 3b.*)

MAR. 19: TRADITIONAL ST. JOSEPH TABLE— On Tuesday, March 19th, after the 6:30pm High Mass, we will have our annual St. Joseph's Bread Table. The tradition of the St. Joseph Table *la tavola di San Giuseppe* has its origin in Sicily. Legends from the Middle Ages attributed the end of a devastating drought to a prayer devotion that the Sicilian people made to St. Joseph. Please bring your bread to the front door of our Parish Center before Mass and someone will assist you. After Mass, all are invited to come and celebrate Good St. Joseph's patronage and intercession on the 3rd Floor in the Aula Magna room. Elevator access is available through the rear door of the Parish Center.

TODAY

Sunday, March 17

- Passion Sunday
- Sunday Socials by Knights of Columbus
- CCD Classes
- Adult Catechism—12:45pm

UPCOMING

Monday, March 18

- Solemn High Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick—6:30pm
- No Monday night Basketball at the YMCA

Tuesday, March 19

- Solemn High Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph—6:30pm
- St. Joseph's Table after 6:30 High Mass
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, March 20

- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

Friday, March 21

- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm
- Last Knights of Columbus last Fish Fry of the year

March 24 to 30

- Holy Week

Wednesday, March 29

- Spy Wednesday
- Vespers 5pm
- Stations of the Cross 5:30pm
- Solemn High Mass 6:30pm

Thursday, March 29

- Maundy Thursday
- Tenebrae 7:00am
- Solemn High Mass 6:30pm followed by All Night Adoration

Friday, March 29

- Good Friday

Saturday, March 30

- Easter Vigil—8pm

Sunday, March 31

- Easter Sunday
- Easter Party Potluck at the Civic Club after 11am Mass

Monday, April 8

- Feast of the Annunciation—7:10am and 6:30pm

Sunday, April 14

- Pontifical High Mass with Bp. Ronald Gainer
- Confirmations

Friday, May 3, & Saturday, May 4

- Final Interviews for First Communion

Thursday, May 9

- Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 12

- Mother's Day, with May crowning

Sunday, May 19

- Pentecost Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Palm Sunday March 24

Regular Sunday Schedule for Low Masses

Solemn High Mass with blessing of palms and procession, 11am

Vespers 5pm

Monday, March 25

Regular Schedule for Low Masses

Vespers 5pm

Tuesday, March 26

Regular Schedule for Low Masses

Vespers 5pm

Spy Wednesday March 27

Vespers 5pm

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

Solemn High Mass 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday March 28

Tenebrae 7:00am

Solemn High Mass 6:30pm followed by All Night Adoration

Good Friday March 29

Tenebrae 7:00am

Solemn Liturgy 3pm

Vespers 5pm

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

Holy Saturday March 30

Tenebrae 7:00am

Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday March 31

Low Masses 7:30am, & 9:00am

Solemn High Mass 11am

5pm Vespers w/ Holy Hour

No 6:00pm Mass

EASTER HOME BLESSING APRIL 1-APRIL 7—Similarly to the Epiphany home blessings earlier this year, the priests' will be blessing homes during the Octave of Easter. This blessing will be offered to the first 10 people who request it, who did not receive the epiphany home blessing. To request the blessing of your home, please email us at contact@stlawrence.cc.

EASTER PARTY POTLUCK: MARCH 31—The St. Lawrence Easter Party Potluck will be at the Civic Club (612 N. Front Street) after the 11am Solemn High Orchestral Mass. At 1pm there will be an Easter Egg hunt for those children 12 and under, and at 1:30pm a blessing of Easter baskets, especially of lamb and eggs. Food to be blessed should be brought to the first floor of the Civic Club by 1:15pm, or before Mass. Please RSVP for the party and the egg hunt via this link: <https://rb.gy/0oyvyv>, and please also sign up to bring food and volunteer.

ST. JUDE MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 20—Each month, as part of our devotion to St. Jude on the third Wednesday, we offer Holy Mass at 6:30pm for the prayer intentions shared with us. This month's intentions include the following, which have been published in our weekly prayer intention email from February 21 to March 13. Please pray for your fellow parishioners and their intentions. If you would like us to pray for your intentions, please send your intentions to: prayers@stlawrence.cc

Please pray for: +Bill, John, Stan, Jack, Sr. Catherine, Christopher, +Viktor, +John, +Fr. Jarovic, CJ, Lisa, Melody, Maria, Andrew. Kimberly, Hannah, Miriam, and Blake.

Please also pray for: the special healthcare intention of a parishioner; the conversion and reconciliation of family members; a parishioner who is having trouble conceiving; the daughter of a parishioner; a bedridden parishioner; the health of a parishioner; a parishioner with depression; the son of a parishioner; the brother of a parishioner; a family in the parish; the friend of a parishioner; a parishioner facing work-related issues; and the relative of a parishioner.

VEILING OF IMAGES DURING PASSIONTIDE—The centuries-old tradition of veiling the sacred images in the Church from Passion Sunday until Easter (or Good Friday in the case of the crucifix) is rooted in the last words of this Sunday's Gospel "But Jesus hid himself and left the temple" (John 8:59). As Christ's divinity is veiled during his passion, so we cover the images of the saints as the liturgical observance of his suffering and death draws near, "because it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden" (late 13th century Bishop William Durandus of Mende in Southern France). The 19th century monk Dom Prosper Guaranger also references the closing of today's Gospel in his comment that "this veiling expresses the humiliation to which our Savior subjected Himself, of hiding Himself when the Jews threatened to stone Him."

BLESSING OF PALMS—Next Sunday palms will be blessed before the procession at the beginning of the 11am Solemn High Mass. The blessing which the Church gives us for the palms on this day begs the Lord to increase our faith and to pour out his mercy upon us. Drawing an allegory from the fruitfulness of Noah and Moses, who went forth from the ark and from Egypt, respectively, Holy Mother Church asks of God that we may go forth to meet Christ with good works. Thus the palms are for us an encouraging reminder both of our work to live a true life of virtue and of the promised reward of persevering faithfulness to the Lord. Whether by the palm of red or white martyrdom, we must never cease striving to live so as to one day hear from the lips of Our Lord: "Well done good and faithful servant... Enter into your master's joy." The petition that we may enter into the everlasting joy of heaven is the ending note of the blessing of the palms and is the very reason of our lenten observances and indeed of our entire earthly pilgrimage. Thus, everyone is encouraged to attend the procession this coming Sunday at 11am – even those who are assisting at one of the low Masses that day. You can join in the procession without having to stay for the High Mass, provided you assist at another Mass on Sunday. Please know that the blessed palms will be available in the Church narthex until Good Friday.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *How Hast Thou Offended*, 836
Recessional hymn: *O Sacred Head Surrounded*, 837
Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo VI, 788

Hymn after Offertory: *Stabat Mater*, Chant Sequence
Communion Motet: *Eripe Me, Deus*, Orlandus Lassus

The Mass of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be said on the Friday of Passion Week. During the Mass the sequence *Stabat Mater* is sung 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 is the proper chant, which is more ornate and the melody changes every two verses.

Eripe Me, Deus is a three voice Motet set by **Orlandus Lassus** and setting of the Offertory antiphon for the Monday of Holy Week. The translation is, "*Deliver me Lord from my enemies O Lord I have fled to Thee, teach me to do Thy will for Thou art my God.*" Psalm 142:9-10

Orlandus Lassus (c.1532-1594) is known for the mature polyphonic style in the Franco-Flemish school. He wrote over 2,000 works in Latin, French, Italian, and German both sacred and secular. Lassus along with Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina and Tomás Luis de Victoria are the most influential composers of the late Renaissance.

Processional Hymn

How Hast Thou Offended

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.
'Twas I, Lord, Jesus, I it was denied Thee: I crucified Thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep us offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God
intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was Thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion, For my
salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my
deserving.

Sunday Collections Week of March 10, 2024

Offertory (March 10)	\$ 4,912.00
Vestments (March 10)	111.00
Online Giving (March 4 - March 10)	<u>3,636.00</u>

Total: **\$ 8,659.00**

CHURCH COURTYARD AS CROSSROADS—Because we have recently closed off public access to our courtyard and the alley between the church and parish center with a large, steel gate, we can now use the courtyard as a crossroads allowing parishioners to get to several places from there. These include: stairs down to the basement social hall, the parish center, class rooms in both buildings, and the church itself using the door by the St. Joseph altar. Public access to this area was closed off by the gate at the rear of the alley. This gate is now locked and has an intercom so that parishioners, visitors, and anyone with a fob can access the parish office from Liberty Street at the rear of the buildings. Because of the security that the gate provides, we will leave the doors in the courtyard unlocked on Sunday mornings. Thank you to the several men who made this possible: Jonathan Gearhart, Ed Pitman, Chris Sloane, and Jamie Jones.

Recessional Hymn

O Sacred Head, Surrounded

O sacred Head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded,
reviled and put to scorn!
Our sins have marred the glory
of Thy most holy face,
Yet angel hosts adore Thee
and tremble as they gaze.

I see Thy strength and vigor
all fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigor,
bereaving Thee of life;
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesus, all grace supplying,
O turn Thy face on me.

In this Thy bitter passion,
Good Shepherd think of me
With Thy most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
Beneath Thy cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
In Thy dear love confiding,
and with Thy presence blest.