

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 24, 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 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 24	Palm Sunday, I <i>Pro Populo</i>
7:30am	
9:00am	Callum Glancy by the Fonticoba Family
11:00am	Daniel Jones & Family by Rose Koufos
6:00pm	Josph B. Sexton Sr. by the Sexton Family
Mon. Mar 25	Monday of Holy Week, III Russell Kopy by Brittany Ramirez
7:10am	
Tue. Mar 26	Tuesday of Holy Week, III Vincent Sexton by the Sexton Family
7:10am	
Wed. Mar 27	Spy Wednesday, III Leia Shilobod by The Fordyce Family Juan Gonzales by Judith Boutin
7:10am	
6:30pm	
Thu. Mar 28	Maundy Thursday, III The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
6:30pm	
Fri. Mar 29	Good Friday, III <i>Good Friday Liturgy</i>
3:00pm	
Sat. Mar 30	Holy Saturday, III John & Lauren Zalesky Anniversary
8:00pm	
Sun. Mar 31	Easter Sunday, I Holy Souls in Purgatory by Christopher Simpson Karen Collins Sloane Family <i>No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday</i>
7:30am	
9:00am	
11:00am	
6:00pm	

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 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 sign up to bring food via this link: <https://rb.gy/0oyvvv>.

EASTER PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: MARCH 31—From buying and filling easter eggs, to hiding them; from manning food and drink tables to helping with setup and cleanup, every parishioner can find a way to volunteer for this year's St. Lawrence Easter party potluck. Please do so via this link: <https://bit.ly/3x8y3zg>

EASTER EGG HUNT: MARCH 31—There will be an Easter Egg hunt for those children 12 and under at 1pm at the Civic Club, and a blessing of Easter baskets, especially of lamb and eggs, at 1:30pm. 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 egg hunt via this link: <https://bit.ly/3TSbsA8>.

TODAY

Sunday, March 24

- Palm Sunday
- Second Collection—Building Fund
- No CCD Classes
- No Adult Catechism

UPCOMING

March 24 to 30

- Holy Week

Monday, March 25

- Monday Night Basketball at the YMCA—7:00pm

Tuesday, March 26

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

- Good Friday
- No Friday Program

Saturday, March 30

- Easter Vigil—8pm

Sunday, March 31

- Easter Sunday
- Easter Party Potluck at the Civic Club after 11am Mass
- No CCD Classes
- No Adult Catechism

Monday, April 8

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

Sunday, April 14

- Pontifical High Mass with Bp. Ronald Gainer
- Confirmations

Saturday, April 20

- Dedication of St. Lawrence

Friday, May 3, & Saturday, May 4

- Final Interviews for First Communion

Saturday, May 5

- Spring Semester Drama and Music Program at the Civic Club

Thursday, May 9

- Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 12

- Mother's Day, with May crowning

Sunday, May 19

- Pentecost Sunday

Thursday, May 30

- Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 2

- External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- First Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF PALMS—Today, 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.

EASTER BREAK FOR CCD CLASSES—There will be no CCD class on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. CCC Classes will resume on April 7th.

EASTER BREAK FOR ADULT CATECHISM—There will be no Sunday Adult Catechism Class on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Classes will resume on April 7th.

EASTER BREAK FOR FRIDAY PROGRAM—There will be no Friday Program on Good Friday and April 5. The program will resume on April 12th.

EASTER HOME BLESSING APRIL 1-APRIL 6—Similar 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 and who did not receive the Epiphany home blessing this year. To request the blessing of your home, please email us at contact@stlawrence.cc.

PAPAL BLESSING—A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly receive a blessing imparted by the Supreme Pontiff Rome and the World (*Urbi et Orbi*), even if, because of reasonable circumstances, they are unable to be present physically at the sacred rite, provided that they follow it devoutly as it is broadcast live by television or radio, under the usual conditions. (Manual of Indulgences, n.4) Pope Francis will impart this blessing on Easter Sunday, March 31st at 12pm Rome time (7am EST).

PROLIFE BANQUET: APRIL 11—The St. Lawrence Parish Prolife group recommends Morning Star’s Annual Life Saving Banquet which will be held on April 11th, at 6:30 pm in the Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill. It will be a great way to fundraise and support a local prolife center providing life affirming resources, referrals, and free ultrasounds to mothers and babies. For more details about the banquet, and registration visit <https://bit.ly/3vzeZts>.”

GOOD FRIDAY TRADITIONS: ADORATION OF THE CROSS & ABSTAINING FROM THE EUCHARIST—“The ceremony of the Adoration of the True Cross was first instituted at Jerusalem” as early as the 4th century and “was brought to Rome towards the end of the seventh century by an Eastern Pope, Sergius I” (Schuster). This rite was “carried out by the clergy after having first removed their shoes, which recalls the ancient rule by which the Pope and the Cardinals on this day walked barefooted in the stational procession” (Ibid.)

The 1962 missal directs all the ministers to remove their shoes if convenient before adoring the cross, and also states that first men and then women may process to, genuflect before, and devoutly kiss the feet of the crucifix. This respect and adoration paid to the cross refers to Christ Himself, as Saint Thomas explains. (Summa, IIIa pars, q. 25, a.4)

On Good Friday, “as a sign of mourning, the offering of the eucharistic sacrifice is omitted. Instead we offer to God the merit of the bloody sacrifice of Calvary, with which we associate ourselves through humiliation and contrition of heart.” (Schuster) In fact, a long-standing tradition was for Holy Communion not to be received on Good Friday. By the 12th century the liturgical custom dating from the early middle ages of abstaining from Holy Communion had been restored, and this practice continued well into the 20th century.

After the adoration of the Cross, the part of the Good Friday liturgy traditionally called The Mass of the Presanctified was the second part of Holy Thursday. The Eucharist consecrated the night before is brought from the Altar of Repose and consumed by the priest, completing his sacrifice from the night before and thus ritually linking the Last Supper and Christ’s crucifixion as one sacrifice.

The absence of a communion service leaves the Church with a total absence of Christ - the reality of how much was sacrificed on our behalf. “So vividly is the Church impressed with the remembrance of the great sacrifice offered today on Calvary, that she refrains from renewing on her altars the immolation of the divine Victim” (Gueranger).

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 Guéranger 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.”

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Please join us to pray the Stations of the Cross on Spy Wednesday and Good Friday at 5:30pm.

Notes on Today's Music

Recessional hymn: *O Sacred Head Surrounded*, 837
Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo VI, 788

Hymn after Offertory: *Vexilla Regis*, Chant
Communion Antiphon: *Pater, Si*, Orlandus Lassus

During Passiontide and on September 14, the hymn *Vexilla Regis* is sung during Vespers. This hymn was written by Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) who wrote it in honor of the arrival of a large relic of the True Cross which had been sent to Queen Radegunda by the Emperor Justin II and his Empress Sophia.

Pater, Si, set to music by **Heinrich Isaac**, derives the melodic material directly from the Gregorian antiphon. In the musical tradition of singing the Passion narratives, as we hear at Mass today, Jesus has the lowest voice. In this motet, which takes the text from Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane, the voices are all set lower than an average Communio by Isaac—perhaps as a connection to this tradition.

Heinrich Isaac (c.1450–1517) was a Renaissance composer from the South Netherlandish region. His output was rivaled only by Orlandus Lassus in number and variety of composition. Most notable of his collections is *Choralis Constantinus* which contains nearly 400 Gregorian chant based motets of propers for the Mass.

SALE OF VARIOUS ITEMS—The parish is seeking a volunteer who can help us to sell sundry items which we no longer need. Rather than throw out such things as paper towel dispensers which are in good condition, a volunteer could help us find new homes for such items and bring in some funds for the Church at the same time. If you are willing to post items online and coordinate their sale and shipping, please contact the parish office.

FSSP CAMPS—St. John Bosco Camps run summer camps for boys, staffed by FSSP priests and seminarians and designed to fill the boys with love for God and the Church. Come see and experience joy in both little and great things at these camps this summer.

Camp St. Isaac Jogues: for boys 13 to 15*
Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania
June 18 to 29

Sursum Corda (backpacking trip): for boys 15 to 17
Wind River Mountain Range, Wyoming
July 9 to 16

Camp St. Peter: for boys 13 to 15
Custer State Park, South Dakota
Session I: July 30 to Aug 8
Session II: Aug 12 to 22

More information at: www.stjohnboscocamps.org.

* A generous parishioner has offered to pay the cost of two boys to attend Camp St. Isaac Jogues. Please contact Fr. Smith if you are in need.

Sunday Collections Week of March 17, 2024

Offertory (March 17)	\$ 7,690.50
Vestments (March 17)	5.00
Online Giving (March 11 - March 17)	<u>4,108.00</u>
Total:	\$ 11,803.50

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ALL NIGHT ADORATION—Plan now to spend all night with Our Lord in his agony in the garden, in his trial, and in his imprisonment. The Church will be open all night Maundy Thursday into Good Friday for adoration at the altar of repose, Our Lady's altar on the Gospel side of the church. Please contact Amanda Healy to schedule your time, or use the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church to claim your time. Amanda can be reached at tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc.

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.