

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



December 1, 2024

MASS TIMES

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 6:00pm (Low), 10:30am (High)

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 — Daily except Monday

Lauds: 6:30am (Sunday)

Terce: 8am

None: Noon

Vespers: 5pm

Compline: 7pm (1st Friday)

Terce and None are recited privately on Sunday.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Rev. James Smith, FSSP *Pastor* fr.smith@stlawrence.cc

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TODAY

Sunday, December 1

- First Sunday of Advent
- Second Collection—Retired Religious Fund
- Sunday Socials organized by Holy Name Society
- No CCD Classes
- Adult Catechism (in English)—12:15pm
- Adult Catechism (in Spanish)—12:15pm
- Sunday Sports at YMCA—1:00pm

UPCOMING

Monday, December 2

- Anniversary of the Founding of Mater Dei Community
- Funeral of John Rozman

Tuesday, December 3

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Friday, December 6

- First Friday Devotions
- Young Adult Group Dinner—8:00pm

Saturday, December 7

- First Saturday
- Rorate Mass—6:30am
- Holy Name Society—10:00am
- Mid-term confirmation interviews
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, December 8

- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Harrisburg Historic Assoc. Candlelight Tour—1pm to 6pm

Saturday, December 14

- Altar Boys Meeting—10:00am
- Girls' Sodality—10:00am
- Young Adult Group Advent Recollection—5:30pm

Sunday, December 15

- Friday Program Drama Production—1:00pm

Tuesday, December 17

- Knights of Columbus—6:00pm

Wednesday, December 18

- St. Jude Devotion

Saturday, December 21

- Sung Mass by Students of the Friday Program—9:00am
- Pro-life Rosary—10am
- Youth Group—5:30pm

Wednesday, December 25

- Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26

- St. Stephen Guild Promotions—12:15pm Mass

Saturday, December 28

- Parish Christmas Party—throughout the day

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent, I
7:30am	DiSanto Family by Anthony DiSanto
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:30am	Tom & Irene Czarnomski & Family by John E. Czarnomski
6:00pm	Caroline & Vincent Worley
Mon. Dec 2	St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr, III
7:10am	†Albert Oliver by Sister M. Catherine Rose Giacobbe
Tue. Dec 3	St. Francis Xavier, Confessor, III
7:10am	†Francis Makin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Wed. Dec 4	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III
7:10am	†Pat Dennis by Timothy Dennis
6:30pm	Chuck & Chris Stoner by John & Mary Blair
Thu. Dec 5	Feria of Advent III
7:10am	Fr. Patrick S. Mackin by Michael P. Mackin
Fri. Dec 6	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor III
7:10am	Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Harder by Altar Linens Guild
6:30pm	†Brandon Shearer by Zachary and Maureen Flynn
Sat. Dec 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III
6:30am	Alexander Fordyce by Anthony Jones
9:00am	Isabella Vargas by Fonticoba Family
Sun. Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I
7:30am	The FSSP by the parish
9:00am	The FSSP by the parish
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	†Dolly Clabaugh by Alan & Tina Busbey

Banns of Marriage



Nicholas Sean Jerge and Cecelia Joy Fifelski

Be it known to all here present that Nicholas Sean Jerge, son of Gregory and Catherine Jerge, of the parish of St. John the Baptist, in Front Royal, Virginia, and Cecelia Joy Fifelski, daughter of Christopher and Catherine Fifelski of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, intend to be united in holy matrimony. Wherefore, we hereby admonish each and all that, if any of you has knowledge of an impediment existing which would prevent their marrying, whether it be an impediment of blood relationship, relationship through marriage, spiritual relationship, or of any other kind, you are bound to make it known to the pastor or bishop as soon as possible. This is the third publication of the banns.

Altar Linens Guild

altarlinens@stlawrence.cc Kelly Jones

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

Events Coordinators

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Flower Guild

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Friday Religious Education Program

Grades K-12, Weekly—dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phil Cuccia

Greeters

Sunday morning Masses—greeters@stlawrence.cc Sharon Kaercher

Girls Sodality

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

Holy Name Society

Monthly—holynames@stlawrence.cc Jamison Jones

Knights of the Altar

Altar Servers—altarboys@stlawrence.cc Ed Pitman

Knights of Columbus

Monthly—knights@stlawrence.cc Cory Ringer

The Legion of Mary

Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc Jerome Hall

Library

library@stlawrence.cc Sharon Knowles

Meal Train

mealtrain@stlawrence.cc Elizabeth Firoozmand

Parking Ambassador

parking@stlawrence.cc Dan O'Leary

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

Sunday CCD

Grades K-12, Weekly—dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phil Cuccia

Tuesday Adoration

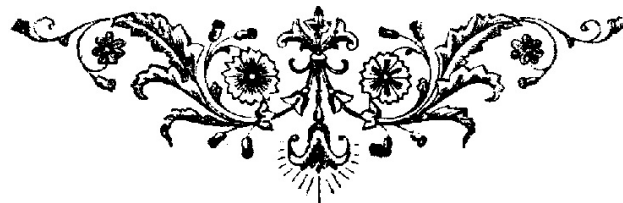
Tuesdays—tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc Amanda Healy

Ushers

ushers@stlawrence.cc John Osuch

Young Adult Group

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION—The annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be taken today.

FR. BARRY VACATION—Fr. Barry is currently on vacation through tomorrow.

FR. CORTES TRAVELING—Fr. Cortes is scheduled to be away Monday through Thursday of this week.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP—Bishop Senior has written a letter to mark the start of Advent and the beginning of the 2025 Jubilee Year. Please pick up a copy, which is available near the bulletins to learn more.

DEC. 2: FUNERAL FOR JOHN ROZMAN— We will be having a Funeral Mass for the soul of our recently deceased parishioner, John Rozman, tomorrow at 11am. The Funeral Mass will be preceded by the Divine Office for the Dead beginning at 10am. Burial will be at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville. We hope that you can join us for this important spiritual work of mercy.

DEC. 7: RORATE MASS—In honor of Our Lady, we will celebrate a Rorate Mass this Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6:30am. The Rorate Mass is held in darkness illuminated by candlelight before the sun rises and symbolizes the longing for the Light of the world, who is given to us through Our Lady. The church eventually gets brighter as the sun rises. After the conclusion of the Mass, the priest intones an antiphon three times, with each invocation at a higher tone just as he does for the Easter Vigil alleluia. The antiphon says: “Behold, the Lord comes and all his saints with him and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia.”

DEC. 8: MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR TOUR—The Harrisburg Historic Association has requested that our church and parish center be on the candlelight house tour that the group organizes every year. Indeed, this year will be the first time that St. Lawrence has been on the tour since 1979. The tour will be from 1pm to 6pm on Sunday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. In order to make our parish more delightful for tour visitors, we would be grateful if musicians in the parish would volunteer to play music at different times of the afternoon during the tour. Please consider volunteering! Thank you to the musicians who have offered to play or sing music in the church; all the slots in the church are now full! We still have a few slots remaining in the parish center however. To play any instruments or to sing any type of appropriate music in the parish center, signup here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-candlelight-parishcenter>. For any questions, please contact our music director, Mr. Paul Thomas May, at music@stlawrence.cc.

DEC. 9: DISPENSATION FOR HOLY DAY—Since the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday when it falls on a Sunday in most parishes, and since it is a Holy Day of obligation, the obligation is also moved to Monday according to a new interpretation of the law by the Holy See. Due to the late notice of this interpretation, however, Bp. Senior has granted a dispensation from this obligation to assist at Holy Mass this year. In the 1962 rubrics, however, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not moved, which we will celebrate here at St. Lawrence next Sunday, on Dec. 8.

DEC. 25: CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE—Plan now to celebrate Christmas with us. The schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be as follows.

Christmas Eve

7:10am	Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
8am	Sung Prime with the Martyrology
5pm	First Vespers of Christmas
9pm	Sung Matins of Christmas

Christmas Day

12midnight	Solemn Midnight Mass
8am	Mass of Christmas at Dawn
10:30am	Orchestral Mass in the Day
5pm	Second Vespers of Christmas



DEC. 28: CHRISTMAS PARTY—The annual parish Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 28, in the parish center. It will start after the 9am Mass with caroling in the Alma Magna (room 315 in the parish center), followed by food and live music throughout the day, and ending with Vespers at 5pm. Please RSVP via this link <https://bit.ly/slc-christmas-24> and sign up if you are bringing food to share or can volunteer to help. Email christmasparty@stlawrence.cc to contact organizers Kris and Ari Keck about this event.

DEC. 29: OPENING OF JUBILEE YEAR—On Sunday, Dec. 29, at 3:00pm there will be a procession from St. Lawrence to the Cathedral of St. Patrick to mark the opening of the jubilee year. All parishioners are invited to participate.

JAN. 24: MARCH FOR LIFE—St. Lawrence is partnering with two parishes to attend the March for Life on Jan, 24, 2025. Sacred Heart in Hanover has seats free of charge, with Mass at 7:45 & departure at 8:30. They will stop to eat around 5:30 & return around 8. To reserve a seat, please email mcsherrystownmarchforlife@gmail.com with your name, address, email, & phone. St. Margaret Mary in Harrisburg will also have seats available at \$35 for adults & \$15 for children. They will depart at 7:30am & return around 7:30pm. Registration opens Dec 1.

FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN—“Your library is open, all the time! Search and reserve books from the comfort of your home and collect them, or browse any time the Parish Center is open. Instruction leaflets are at the back of the church and in the Parish Center. Orientations will begin early in January on Sundays at 8:45am and 12:15pm. A sign up link will be available at the end of December. Lastly, don’t forget to apply for and then pick up your library card.”—Mrs. Sharon Knowles



Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Savior of the Nations, Come*, 798
Recessional hymn: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, 801
Credo V, 784; Kyriale XVII, 762

Offertory motet: *Ad Te Levavi*, Reverend Franz Xaver Witt (1834–1888)

Communion motet: *Veni Redemptor Gentium*, Cristóbal de Morales

The hymn *Veni, redemptor gentium* was composed by St. Ambrose of Milan and two stanzas were set to music by **Cristóbal de Morales**. Only partial manuscripts remain for Morales's setting and the score sung today was reconstructed by the chair of Boston College's Music Department, Dr. Michael Noone. Some religious orders use the hymn during Christmastide while many areas in Germany traditionally sing it during Advent. The English-poetic translation of this hymn is this Sunday's processional hymn, *Savior of the Nations, Come*.

Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553) was an organist and composer regarded as the first Spanish composer of international renown. He sang and composed for the Papal choir in Rome for which he wrote many Mass settings. His compositions consist almost entirely of sacred vocal motets.

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN—Starting in January, we plan to make advertising available on the back of the bulletin. If you are interested, please email advertising@stlawrence.cc for more details.

PARISH BUSINESS DIRECTORY—If you would like to be included in our parish directory of trades, professions, and services, please signup here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-directory>. This directory exists for those 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.

2025 SUNDAY SOCIALS SIGNUPS—We are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus who have helped us find a solution for organizing volunteers for the Sunday coffee and doughnut socials. Along with the Holy Name Society and the impressive Young Adults Group, we have successfully had Sunday socials for most of 2024. We commend each of these groups for their sacrifice and love for our community. Looking ahead, signup sheets are available for all of 2025, and we would be grateful if people would begin signing up now for Sundays throughout next year. You can access the signups here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2025socials>.

HELP FOR STRUGGLING MARRIAGES—Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off-course. The program offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, & crises. Their next weekend for couples is Jan. 10 in Mechanicsburg. For more information, visit their website: helpourmarriage.com.

Sunday Collections Week of November 24, 2024

Offertory	\$ 7,808.00
Vestments	151.00
Votives	27.00
Benedictus	25.00
Seminary Burse	10.00
CCM	65.00
All Saints Day	10.00
All Souls Day	10.00
Flowers	10.00
Catechism	40.00
Young Adults Group	25.00
Basketball Tournament	60.00
Online Giving (Nov. 18 - Nov. 24)	<u>3,027.89</u>
Total:	\$ 11,268.89

VISIT OUR LOST & FOUND BINS—We have moved our Lost & Found area to the basement of the Parish Center. From State Street, go down the outdoor stairs to access the room. Directly inside the door are three bins:

1. for items found since the most recent Sunday
2. for items found the prior Sunday
3. for items older than those in the other two bins.

Items in the third bin are eventually to be donated, and parishioners are invited to help themselves to anything in this bin. (Please do not donate items to this bin, though.) Claim your lost items today before they are gone.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION—Our Marriage preparation classes will meet in the conference room of the parish center at 7:30pm for six Fridays, beginning Jan. 24. All couples planning to be married in the spring or summer must attend these classes unless other arrangements have been made with the pastor.

PREPARE FOR MARIAN CONSECRATION—For those who are participating in this 33-day preparation, or signed up to receive daily emails with meditations, we encourage you to maintain these prayers and meditations daily in order to receive the full benefits of the Total Consecration to Our Lady on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8, which is the patronal feast of the United States. Though this preparation will be done by individuals and families privately, we will recite this consecration publicly as a parish after each of the Masses we have on next Sunday, Dec. 8.

INQUIRY CLASS—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