

# 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 15, 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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**Mr. Paul Thomas May** *Music Director* music@stlawrence.cc

**Parish Office** contact@stlawrence.cc

**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday to Saturday; 8am to 4:00pm

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## TODAY

### Sunday, December 15

- Second Collection—Building Fund
- No Sunday Socials
- Sunday catechism (CCD)—9:15am
- Adult Catechism (in English)—12:15pm
- Adult Catechism (in Spanish)—12:15pm
- Friday Program Drama Production—1:00pm

## UPCOMING

### Tuesday, December 17

- Knights of Columbus—6:00pm
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

### Wednesday, December 18

- St. Jude Devotion

### Friday, December 20

- Altar Linens Guild—5:30pm

### Saturday, December 21

- Sung Mass by Students of the Friday Program—9:00am
- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- Youth Group—5:30pm

### Sunday, December 22

- No CCD Classes

### Tuesday, December 24

- Parish Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 25

- Christmas Day
- Parish Office Closed

### Thursday, December 26

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

### Friday, December 27

- No Friday Education Program

### Saturday, December 28

- Parish Christmas Party—throughout the day

### Sunday, December 29

- No CCD Classes

### Wednesday, January 1

- *Veni Creator Spiritus* sung after before Masses—Plenary Indulgence
- Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord—Masses at 7:10am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm
- Parish Office Closed

### Friday, January 3

- First Friday Devotions
- No Friday Education Program
- Young Adult Group Dinner—8:00pm

### Saturday, January 4

- First Saturday
- Installation of new officers of the Holy Name Society

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Dec 15</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent, I</b>
7:30am	Ali & Art O’Dea by Sister M. Catherine Rose Giacobbe
9:00am	Natalie Mimoso–Morales by Mike Mimoso
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Doug & Carrie Miller by The Fair Family
<b>Mon. Dec 16</b>	<b>St. Eusebius, Bishop &amp; Martyr, III</b>
7:10am	Rowan Kushla and Godparents Mark & Rachel Pitman
<b>Tue. Dec 17</b>	<b>Greater Feria of Advent, II</b>
7:10am	Aidan & Grace Mays
<b>Wed. Dec 18</b>	<b>Ember Wednesday of Advent, II</b>
7:10am	Trey Keating by Fonticoba Family
6:30pm	St. Jude Intentions
<b>Thu. Dec 19</b>	<b>Greater Feria of Advent, II</b>
7:10am	†Cheryl Bringman by Jay and Angel Bringman
<b>Fri. Dec 20</b>	<b>Ember Friday of Advent, II</b>
7:10am	Robert Carballo by Judith Boutin
6:30pm	†Nancy Faller by John & Mary Blair
<b>Sat. Dec 21</b>	<b>St. Thomas, Apostle, II</b>
9:00am	Protection of the Unborn
<b>Sun. Dec 22</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent, I</b>
7:30am	Dawn Forbeck by Lenora Cuccia
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:30am	†Leland & Catherine Flynn by Zachary and Maureen Flynn
6:00pm	Kelly Jones by Lenora Cuccia

### Banns of Marriage



#### Brian Patrick Killackey and Elizabeth Chastain Foster

Be it known to all here present that Brian Patrick Killackey of the parish of St. Bernadette, in Silver Spring, Maryland, son of John and Margaret Killackey, of the parish of Our Lady of Fatima, in Pequannock, New Jersey; and Elizabeth Chastain Foster of the parish of St. Patrick, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, daughter of Brian and Maryann Foster, 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 second 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

events@stlawrence.cc ..... Kris Keck

### Flower Guild

flowers@stlawrence.cc ..... Fr. Barry

### 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—holyname@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

### Youth Group

Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc ..... Joelle Riethmiller



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEC. 18: ST. JUDE MASS INTENTIONS**—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 Nov. 20 to Dec. 11. 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](mailto:prayers@stlawrence.cc)

Please pray for: Christopher, Sr. Catherine, Stan, Lisa, +Ronald, +John, +Margaret, Vivian, Caitlin and her husband, Emily, Gina, George, Zayne, Maxwell, Mary, Bill, Fr. Stephen, Curtis, Jeanine, and Halle.

Please also pray for: the conversion and reconciliation of the family members of a parishioner; the spiritual and physical well-being of certain parishioner; a parishioner, who is struggling with severe depression; the son of a parishioner, who is experiencing work-related difficulties; the brother of a parishioner, who is battling an alcohol addiction; the friend of a parishioner, who is having surgery to remove a cancer; the friend of a parishioner, who is struggling with a difficult situation; and the conversion of a parishioner's family members.

**DEC. 25: CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**—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 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](mailto:christmasparty@stlawrence.cc) to contact organizers Kris and Ari Keck about this event.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POSTER CONTEST**—The Knights are accepting submissions for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, which is open to youth from ages 5 to 18 (if not yet a high school graduate). Details about the contest, including the \$320 in cash prizes, can be found at: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2023posters>. Posters must be turned in to the parish office by Sunday, Dec 22.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOME BLESSINGS**—On Epiphany and during its octave the priests of Saint Lawrence will offer house blessings to the faithful. We are in need of volunteers to handle both electronic scheduling and drivers to transport the priests to the different houses during the octave. Drivers will not have to provide their own vehicle.

**SECOND COLLECTION**—Today's second collection is for the building fund.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**—Catholic men 18-years old and older are invited to join the St. Lawrence Holy Name Society. Information about this traditional confraternity can be found at [www.nahns.com](http://www.nahns.com). All eligible men are encouraged to consider this spiritual and social opportunity. Men interested or needing information about the activities of the Society may approach a member at a table located in the narthex after all Sunday Masses today. The Society will host a new member induction ceremony Saturday, Jan. 4. If you have any questions, you may also email [holyname@stlawrence.cc](mailto:holyname@stlawrence.cc).

**HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS**—Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 through Thursday, Dec. 26, and from noon, Tuesday, Dec. 31 through Wednesday, Jan. 1.

**EMBER DAYS**—This week the Church observes the Fast of Quatuor Tempora, or the Ember days, on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Though this fast is no longer obligatory by church law, it is still recommended. These days are fixed for each of the four seasons of the Ecclesiastical Year, a practice which the Church took from the Synagogue (see Zech. 8:19) likely in Apostolic times. These days are intended to consecrate the seasons of the year to the Lord by way of penance. "The fruits of the year, which is drawing to a close, are now all gathered in, and we most meetly offer our abstinence to God as a sacrifice of thanksgiving. And what can be more useful than fasting, that exercise by which we draw nigh to God, make a stand against the devil, and overcome the softer enticements of sin? ... [M]ay every one of us that shall offer to the God of all goodness this Advent sacrifice of fasting and alms be by Him fitted to receive an eternal reward in His heavenly kingdom! We fast on Wednesday and Friday; and there is likewise a Vigil on Saturday at the Church of St. Peter, that by his good prayers we may the more effectually obtain what we ask for" (Sermon of Pope St. Leo the Great). Dom Guéranger reminds us that "although the interior preparation is what is absolutely essential for our profiting by the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, yet this preparation could scarcely be real, unless it manifested itself by the exterior practices of religion and penance" (*The Liturgical Year*, vol. 1, from which the above is drawn).

**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.

**KOC ADVENT FUNDRAISING**—The Mater Dei Community Knights of Columbus Council will be offering car magnets, Christmas tree ornaments, and Christmas cards throughout Advent and Christmas.

**JAN. 24: MARCH FOR LIFE**—St. Lawrence is partnering with two parishes to attend the March for Life on Jan. 24. Sacred Heart in Hanover has seats free of charge, with departure at 8:30am, and return around 8pm. To reserve a seat, email [mcsherystownmarchforlife@gmail.com](mailto:mcsherystownmarchforlife@gmail.com) with your name, address, email, & phone. St. Margaret Mary in Harrisburg will also have seats available for \$35 for adults and \$15 for children, with departure at 7:30am & return around 7:30pm. Registration opened Dec 1.

## Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling*, 795

Recessional hymn: *On Jordan's Bank*, 800

Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo V, 784

Offertory: *Ostende nobis Domine*, Nicholas Lemme (b. 1978)

Hymn during communion: *Conditor Alme Siderum*, Guillaume Dufay (c. 1397–1474)

In 1935 Karl Ott published the *Offertoriale*, which is a book that provides verses for the offertory chants of Sundays and Feasts throughout the year which are not otherwise provided in schola chant scores. This Sunday, the offertory antiphon will be chanted and the verse is a contemporary composition by **Nicholas Lemme** set for three part men's voices. Lemme's setting is anchored on two notes which are repeated often in the verse and droned as the original chant melody returns at the end. The text is from Psalm 84:8, "*Show us Lord, your mercy and grant us Thy salvation.*"

**Nicholas Lemme (b. 1978)** is a composer, singer, and professor of music based in Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Lemme teaches sacred polyphony, and voice at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, FSSP, Denton, Neb. and holds the position of Choir Master at St. Francis of Assisi Oratory, Lincoln, Neb.

**FEB. 7 to 9: RETREAT WITH FR. EICHMAN**—The Holy Name Society of St. Mary, Conshohocken, Penn., is organizing a traditional men's silent retreat at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, Penn, from Feb. 7 to 9, 2025. The retreat is open to practicing Catholics—men 18 and older. Fr. Gregory Eichman, FSSP, will be the retreat master. Cost is \$325, which includes accommodations & meals. Contact Ken Orner at [stmarys.hns.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.hns.treasurer@gmail.com) for more information.

**THANK YOU FROM THE ROZMAN FAMILY**—“We are deeply grateful for your presence and for the volunteers in honoring our father. Your support and heartfelt sympathy have been deeply appreciated during this most difficult time. The love, respect, and kindness you've shown have brought us great comfort and will always be remembered. Thank you for standing by us. With love.” from John Rozman & Mary Lipscomb (children of the late John Rozman [1935-2024]).

**JAN. 24: 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.

**HELP NEEDED WITH ALTAR LINENS**—We are in need of more help with the altar linens guild, especially those with experience ironing. If you are willing to invest four hours per month on this sacred work, email [altarlinens@stlawrence.cc](mailto:altarlinens@stlawrence.cc).

**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. 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.

## Sunday Collections Week of December 8, 2024

Offertory	\$ 4,186.00
Vestments	293.50
Votives	58.00
Religious Retirement Fund	520.00
Immaculate Conception	2,450.00
Christmas	60.00
Christmas Flowers	230.00
Catechism	117.50
Young Adults Group	25.00
Bulletin Advertising	100.00
Coffee Socials	8.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Benedictus	71.00
Online Giving (Dec. 2 - Dec. 8)	<u>6,189.05</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$14,328.05</b>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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, The three groups will continue to be responsible for their respective Sundays, and the signups for 2025 are now available. Other parishioners are always welcome to signup as well to help the three groups. You can access the signups here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2025socials>.

**HELP NEEDED WITH SUNDAY GREETERS**—Greeters are needed to welcome parishioners at the front of the church on a Sunday morning. If you are willing to help, please email Sharon Kaercher at [greeters@stlawrence.cc](mailto:greeters@stlawrence.cc)

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