

# 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 22, 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:** 8:00 to 11:45am Solemn with Benediction

**Friday:** 5:30 to 6:25pm Simple Adoration except during Lent

**Saturday:** 8:00 to 8:45am Solemn with Benediction

## MONTHLY DEVOTIONS

**St. Jude:** 5:30 to 7:30pm (3rd Wednesday)

**Sacred Heart:** 5:30 to 7:30pm (1st Friday)

DIVINE OFFICE—Daily except Monday

**Lauds:** 6:30am (Sunday)

**Terce:** 8:00am

**None:** Noon

**Vespers:** 5:00pm

**Compline:** 7:30pm (1st Friday)

Terce and None are recited privately on Sunday.

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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

**Rev. Cidrian Cortes, FSSP** *Assistant Pastor* fr.cortes@stlawrence.cc

**Rev. Zachary Barry** *Assistant Pastor* fr.barry@stlawrence.cc

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

**Parish Office** contact@stlawrence.cc

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

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## TODAY

### Sunday, December 22

- No Sunday Socials
- No CCD Classes (Christmas break)
- Adult Catechism (in English)—12:15pm
- Adult Catechism (in Spanish)—12:15pm

## UPCOMING

### Monday, December 23

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

### Tuesday, December 24

- Parish Office Closed
- Mass of the Vigil of Christmas—7:10am
- Sung Prime with Martyrology—8:00am
- First Vespers of Christmas—5:00pm
- Sung Matins of Christmas—9:00pm

### Wednesday, December 25

- Nativity of Our Lord
- Solemn Midnight Mass—12midnight
- Mass of Christmas at Dawn—8:00am
- Orchestral Mass in the Day—10:30am
- Second Vespers of Christmas—5:00pm
- Parish Office Closed

### Thursday, December 26

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

### Friday, December 27

- No Friday Education Program (Christmas break)

### Saturday, December 28

- Parish Christmas Party—throughout the day (RSVP now!)
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

### Sunday, December 29

- No CCD Classes (Christmas break)
- Jubilee Year Procession—3:00pm

### Tuesday, December 31

- *Te Deum* sung after Masses and after Vespers

### Wednesday, January 1

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

### Friday, January 3

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

### Saturday, January 4

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

### Sunday, January 5

- Sunday Sports—1:00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

<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
<b>Mon. Dec. 23</b>	<b>Greater Feria of Advent, II</b>
7:10am	†Jack Busbey by Alan & Tina Busbey
<b>Tue. Dec. 24</b>	<b>Vigil of Christmas, I</b>
7:10am	†Jay Bringman by Jay and Angel Bringman
<b>Wed. Dec. 25</b>	<b>The Nativity of Our Lord, I</b>
Midnight	<i>Pro Populo</i>
8:00am	†Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin
10:30am	Robert Corballo by Judith Boutin
<b>Thu. Dec. 26</b>	<b>St. Stephen, Deacon &amp; Protomartyr, II</b>
7:10am	FSSP by Jerome Hall
<b>Fri. Dec. 27</b>	<b>St. John the Evangelist, Apostle, II</b>
7:10am	Lakatos Family by Anthony DiSanto
6:30pm	Carolyn Pitman by Ed Pitman
<b>Sat. Dec. 28</b>	<b>Holy Innocents, Martyrs, II</b>
9:00am	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
<b>Sun. Dec. 29</b>	<b>Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, II</b>
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00am	Ed & Susan Pitman by Sister M. Catherine Rose Giacobbe
10:30am	Emma Riethmiller by Lenora Cuccia
6:00pm	†Margaret & Delford Grist by Steven W. Grist

### 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 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

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

**LETTER FROM THE BISHOP**—Bishop Senior has written a Christmas letter, which can be picked up near the bulletins.

**DEC. 24-25: CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**—The schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be as follows.

## Christmas Eve

7:10am	Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
8:00am	Sung Prime with Martyrology
5:00pm	First Vespers of Christmas
9:00pm	Sung Matins of Christmas

## Christmas Day

12midnight	Solemn Midnight Mass
8:00am	Mass of Christmas at Dawn
10:30am	Orchestral Mass in the Day
5:00pm	Second Vespers of Christmas



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

**DEC. 28: CHRISTMAS PARTY**—The annual parish Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 28, in the parish center. The schedule for the Christmas Party will be as follows: High Mass at 9am followed by caroling at 10:30am in the Aula Magna, chamber music in the first floor front room starting at 11am, followed by the office of None in the Church at 12 noon. After None (around 12:20pm) there will be an announcement of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Competition. At 12:30pm the music will restart. Food and drinks will be pot luck. At 4pm, we will proceed to the capitol to pray the rosary followed by the hour of Vespers at 5pm in the church. 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.

**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 are offering car magnets, Christmas tree ornaments, and Christmas cards through Advent and Christmas.

**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.

**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 [holynam@stlawrence.cc](mailto:holynam@stlawrence.cc).

**HELP NEEDED WITH ALTAR LINENS**—We are in critical 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).

**HELP NEEDED WITH FIRST-AID KITS**—We are in need of a person to regularly inventory our nine first-aid kits, which are located in each of the bathrooms throughout the parish campus. Using a checklist, this person would review each kit monthly and prepare a restock list. If you could help, please email [contact@stlawrence.cc](mailto:contact@stlawrence.cc).

**ROSARY ON SUNDAYS**—Thanks to the helpful feedback received, we will continue to recite the holy rosary before the three Sunday morning Masses. In this way, the parish as a whole will recite all 15 traditional mysteries of the rosary each Sunday. Before the 7:30am Mass, we will recite the joyful mysteries; before the 9:00am Mass, the sorrowful mysteries; and before the 10:30am Mass, the glorious mysteries. We ask the men of the parish to volunteer to lead various decades.

**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.

**BOOKSTORE BARISTI NEEDED**—Once or twice a month, we would like to sell espresso and other treats after some of the Sunday Masses in the room at the front of the parish center tucked just below State Street, in what we plan to become the parish bookstore. If you have experience as a barista, and would like to serve your fellow parishioners in this way once or twice a month, email [espresso@stlawrence.cc](mailto:espresso@stlawrence.cc).

**BOOKSTORE CLERKS NEEDED**—In cooperation with Bahret's Religious Goods and its proprietor, parishioner Sharon Kaercher, who is also our head greeter, we plan to sell hand missals, bibles, rosaries, and other items requested by parishioners in a small bookstore tucked just below State Street in the parish center. Initially it would be open just a couple of hours per week or per month, depending upon the availability of volunteers. If you are interested in this type of work, please email [bookstore@stlawrence.cc](mailto:bookstore@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)

## Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Creator of the Stars of Night*, 799  
 Recessional hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, 796  
 Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo V, 784

Motet at the offertory: *Ave Maria*, Reverend Jean Mouton  
 Hymn at communion: *Rorate Cæli De Super*, Christoph Dalitz  
 (b. 1967)

There are plentiful settings of the Ave Maria but today's setting by **Rev. Jean Mouton** uses some notable variations to this perennial prayer. It begins with *Hail Mary the Lord is with thee*, as normal then adds, *in your heart, and in your womb*. Mouton lived prior to the Council of Trent, and as such the latter invocation had not become standard to the prayer. Yet in this setting to the final portion of the composition he adds, *O Mary, bearer of God, pray for us*.

**Rev. Jean Mouton (c. 1459–1522)** was a French priest and composer of the Renaissance. He was famous both for his motets, which are among the most refined of the time, and for being the teacher of the famous composer Adrian Willaert, one of the founders of the Venetian School. Over 100 of his compositions survive today and Pope Leo X rewarded him with the honorary title, *apostolic notary* on the occasion of a motet he composed for the pope in 1515.

**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>

**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]).

**FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN**—Library membership explanation: “The church pays an amount to the software company every year and it is based on the number of members. This is why we are using the Head of the Family as the account holder instead of assigning a card, with a different bar code, to each parishioner. Look for orientation sign ups in January.”

**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)

## Sunday Collections Week of December 15, 2024

Offertory	\$ 6,190.00
Vestments	168.00
Votives	60.00
Immaculate Conception	230.00
Retirement Fund Religious	50.00
Christmas Flowers	215.00
Catechism	30.00
Young Adults Group	25.00
Bulletin Advertising	350.00
Altar boys pizza	20.00
Parish Center Improvement	1,000.00
Benedictus	40.00
Library Fines	3.20
Online Giving (Dec. 9 - Dec. 15)	<u>3,900.85</u>

**Total:** **\$12,282.05**

**URGENT: 2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**—This year the Diocesan Annual Campaign goal for St. Lawrence is \$19,473. So far, \$15,743.20 has been contributed. We are grateful for your continued support. The total remaining to be collected by the end of this year is \$3,729.80.

**GRATITUDE FOR LARGE DONATION**—We were gratefully surprised a few days ago to receive an anonymous bank check for \$100,000. There was no information about the donor, but we thank Almighty God for this donation, which is the largest we have received in our history as far as we know. All that was communicated with the donation was the desire for it to go to the building fund.

**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.

Congratulations to:

**Chase and Brandi Defelice**

on the Baptism of their son

**Luca Benedict Pio Defelice**

December 14, 2024

