

# St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



February 2, 2025

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

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## TODAY

### Sunday, February 2

- Candlemas
- Sunday Socials by the Holy Name Society
- Sunday catechism (CCD)—9:15am
- Blessing of candles and Procession—10:30am Mass
- Adult Catechism (in English)—12:15pm
- Adult Catechism (in Spanish)—12:15pm
- Sunday Sports—1:00pm

## UPCOMING

### Monday, February 3

- Blessing of the throats—7:10am Mass
- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

### Tuesday, February 4

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

### Friday, February 7

- First Friday Devotions
- Marriage Preparation Class—7:30pm
- Young Adult Group Dinner—8:00pm

### Saturday, February 8

- Altar Boys Meeting—10:00am
- Girls' Sodality—10:00am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

### Sunday, February 9

- Second Collection—Poor Missions

### Tuesday, February 11

- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Wednesday, February 12

- Young Adult Group Spiritual Conference—7:30pm

### Saturday, February 15

- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am
- Confirmation Interviews
- Youth Group—5:30pm

### Sunday, February 16

- Young Adult Group Brunch—1:00pm

### Tuesday, February 18

- Knights of Columbus—6:00pm

### Wednesday, February 19

- St. Jude Devotion

### Saturday, February 22

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10:00am

### Saturday, March 1

- Sung Mass by Students of the Friday Program—9:00am
- Holy Name Society—10:00am
- Final Interviews for First Penance Class

### Saturday, March 15

- Confirmation Rehearsal—5:30pm

### Sunday, March 26

- Confirmation—10:30am Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Feb. 2</b>	<b>The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II</b> <i>Pro Populo</i> 7:30am Taylor Fuller by Doug & Kay Faber 9:00am Margaret Dennis by Tim Dennis 10:30am †Daniel & Emily Grist by Steven W. Grist 6:00pm
<b>Mon. Feb. 3</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b> 7:10am Dr. Phillip Cuccia by Kateri T.P. Kadar-Kallen
<b>Tue. Feb. 4</b>	<b>St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop, III</b> 7:10am †Jean Gribble by Carolyn Stowell
<b>Wed. Feb. 5</b>	<b>St. Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr, III</b> 7:10am Marjorie Sahd by William and Stephanie Fonticoba 6:30pm Eileen Cox & Karol Jones
<b>Thu. Feb. 6</b>	<b>St. Titus, Bishop &amp; Confessor, III</b> 7:10am †Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin
<b>Fri. Feb. 7</b>	<b>St. Romuald, Abbot, III</b> 7:10am †Holy Souls in Purgatory 6:30pm Catherine Kelly by Kevin Kelly
<b>Sat. Feb. 8</b>	<b>St. John of Matha, Confessor, III</b> 9:00am †Christina Hazlett by Andrew Oscilowski
<b>Sun. Feb. 9</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday After Epiphany, II</b> 7:30am FSSP by the Parish 9:00am <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:30am Anthony DiSanto by John E. Czarnomski 6:00pm Juliana Fonticoba and Matt & Elena Acker by the Fonticobas

**TOMORROW: BLESSING OF THE THROATS**— On the Feast of St. Blaise, Feb. 3, come to the church to receive the traditional blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaise, to be healed of any mid-winter throat ailments. The priests will give the blessing after Mass.

**BLESSING OF BREAD, FRUIT, WINE, & WATER**—In addition to receiving the blessing yourself on Feb. 3, The Feast of St. Blaise, you may bring bread, fruits, wine, and water to be blessed so that, as the blessing says, “May they who taste thereof be fully healed of all affliction of the throat, as well as every infirmity of soul or body, through the prayers and merits of the same Blaise, Pontiff and Martyr.” The blessing on the Feast of St. Blaise, though, asks the people to bring items to be blessed. It says: “We humbly beseech thy boundless mercy, and beg that these fruits, bread, wine, and water, which thy devoted people bring today, be blessed and sanctified by thy goodness.” You are most welcome (encouraged!) to bring things on that day for the blessing. Bring them before Mass and set them in front of Our Lady’s altar to be blessed immediately after Mass. Note: please do not bring items for this blessing before Feb.3

**FEB 16: PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**— Traditionally, the ashes for Ash Wednesday are burned from the palms used during the prior year’s Palm Sunday. Starting on Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 16, we will begin collecting last year’s palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday. Please place your palms in the basket near the entrance of the church.

### 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

**FEB. 2-10: NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES**—The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP) invites you to join us in a nine-day public novena to Our Lady of Lourdes, beginning today through Feb. 10, and ending in a consecration. Please pick up a novena and consecration booklet available at the back of the church.

**FEB. 11: CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY**—To end our novena to Our Lady of Lourdes, we will consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on her feast day, Tuesday, Feb. 11.

**FEB. 15: CATHOLIC BUSINESS EVENT**—Facing East Network's 2025 Catholic Business Networking and Apprenticeship Training Event will take place on Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm in St. Lawrence Parish Center. Come to network, promote your business, and interview. Register as a vendor or apprentice today at [facingeastnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:facingeastnetwork@gmail.com).

## Banns of Marriage

### Karol Francis Jones and Eileen Elizabeth Cox

Be it known to all here present that Karol Francis Jones, son of Daniel and Anastasia Jones, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Eileen Elizabeth Cox, daughter of Scott and Judy Cox, of the parish of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus, in New Cumberland, 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.



### William Clayton Baker and Bridgette Caylin Youmans

Be it known to all here present that William Clayton Baker, of the parish of Sacred Heart, in Dunn, North Carolina; and Bridgette Caylin Youmans, daughter of Jonathan and Tammy Youmans, of the parish of St. Luke, in Jersey Shore, 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 second publication of the banns.

**STAY HOME WHEN SICK**—Please note that it is an act of charity not to assist at Mass when you have a communicable illness. Indeed, *Baltimore Catechism III* (Seton Press) instructs us that the Sunday obligation is dispensed for “those who must care for the sick...[and] those whose illness does not permit them to go outdoors,” which includes those who might make others ill. If you have doubts about your condition, the following advice from Christopher Washington, MD, one of our parishioners is helpful: “Seemingly minor illnesses can have quite serious consequences for infants, the elderly and the infirm. Prior to returning to regular activities, including Mass, symptoms should at a minimum be improving and any illnesses involving fevers should have resolution of fevers for at least 24 hours.”

**FSSP VISITATION**—As many of you have read, the FSSP is the object of a visitation by the Holy See. Indeed, as part of this visitation, the FSSP house in Harrisburg was visited by two archbishops appointed by the Holy See to conduct the visitation. Abp. Diarmuid Martin, archbishop emeritus of Dublin, Ireland, and Abp. Bernard-Nicolas Jean-Marie Aubertin, O. Cist., archbishop emeritus of Tours, France, came to the parish last week, from Wednesday to Friday, and had meetings with the priests, as well as Bp. Senior, who told me that he said very good things about the FSSP's work in Harrisburg.

A visitation is an ecclesiastical process by which an entity in the Catholic Church is examined to be sure it is performing its duties correctly. For example, Fr. William Lawrence, the FSSP provincial superior for North America, has the duty to visit each of the FSSP houses every three years for the same purpose, and he came to Harrisburg two years ago. When he came, he reviewed the sacramental register to be sure our records are kept properly, reviewed our finances, interviewed each of the priests and asked questions about our prayer life, our meals together, and other details. As is apparent, all of this is for the good of the priests assigned here, and also for the good of the parishioners whose souls we tend. In a similar way, the diocese of Harrisburg reviews our work. Fr. Al Sceski, the pastor of St. Joan of Arc in Hershey, is the dean of the Daughin county deanery, so he visited us last year and followed a similar process. Visitations are a normal and healthy part of the Church's life, since no one is a good judge of himself.

At the same time, just as performance evaluations at a place of employment might be concerning under certain circumstances, we acknowledge that we can not predict the future and are reminded that we depend on God for everything. For this reason, we turn to God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin with confidence that the good thing that he has begun in us will be brought to completion. We begin our Novena today, and we will consecrate ourselves on Our Lady's feast day, Feb. 11.

**WANTED: EASTER PARTY COORDINATOR**—We have



secured the Civic Club for Easter Sunday, April 20. Now we need to secure a party coordinator. If you are able to help organize this year's celebration, please email [events@stlawrence.cc](mailto:events@stlawrence.cc).

## Notes on Today's Music

Recessional hymn: *Immaculate Mary*, 906  
Credo V, 784

Antiphon during distribution of candles: *Lumen ad revelationem*,  
John Mason

Kyriale: *Mass for 4 Voices*, William Byrd

Offertory motet: *Ave Maris Stella*, Claudio Monteverdi (1567–  
1643)

Communion motet: *Quaeramus cum pastoribus*, Reverend Jean  
Mouton

The text for *Quaeramus cum pastoribus*—most famously set  
by **Reverend Jean Mouton**—is of uncertain origin, apparently  
first being used by Mouton. This setting became so popular it  
has been found not only in the Vatican and throughout Europe,  
but even in Guatemalan churches. The poem has four distinct  
sections punctuated with the refrain of *Noe* or *Noel* meaning  
Christmas and meditates on the stable, shepherds, and the  
conditions Our Lord was in when He was first born.

**Reverend 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.

**HOMESCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM**—Parishioner Sarah  
Gervasio has coordinated a homeschool soccer program at  
Creekview Park in Mechanicsburg for all school-age children.  
Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4:30pm. Games  
will be primarily Wednesdays, Fridays and a few Saturday  
mornings. Find more information at [https://www.eagle-fc.com/  
eagle-f-c-recreation/homeschool-program/](https://www.eagle-fc.com/eagle-f-c-recreation/homeschool-program/) or contact Sarah  
Gervasio at 770-598-0929.

**FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN**—“The library staff are  
snowed under! Please refrain from donating books until after  
Easter Sunday. Many thanks! Important - unfortunately only  
registered parishioners may have a library card. If you com-  
pleted a form for a library card you will be in the library sys-  
tem and a card will be mailed to you when you register with  
the parish. More news - the sections Last  
Things, Priesthood and Religious Orders  
have been moved to Room 301 in the parish  
center. The library catalogue now has a QR  
code. See below. ‘Beware of the person of  
one book.’ Thomas Aquinas.”



## Sunday Collections Week of January 26, 2025

Offertory	\$6,262.00
Votives	11.00
Propagation of the Faith	861.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
Central and Eastern Europe	10.00
Vestments	146.00
Bookstand	45.00
Catechism	30.00
FSSP Basketball Tournament	100.00
Young Adults Group	25.00
Funerals	50.00
Online Giving (January 20 - January 26)	<u>3,464.22</u>
	<b>\$11,014.22</b>

**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.

Congratulations to:

**Jonathan and Amanda Healy**

on the Baptism of their daughter

**Jane Penelope Healy**

January 25, 2025

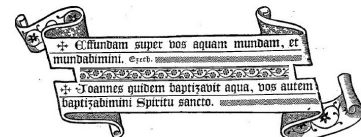
and

**Christopher and Lisa Washington**

on the Baptism of their daughter

**Bridget Gertrude Washington**

January 25, 2025



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