

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 16, 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

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

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TODAY

Sunday, February 16

- Septuagesima Sunday
- Second Collection—Seminary Burse
- Sunday Socials by the Knights of Columbus
- Sunday catechism (CCD)—9:15am
- Adult Catechism (in English)—12:15pm
- Adult Catechism (in Spanish)—12:15pm
- Young Adult Group Brunch—1:00pm
- Sunday Sports—1:00pm

UPCOMING

Monday, February 17

- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

- St. Jude Devotion

Friday, February 21

- Altar Linens Guild—5:30pm
- Marriage Preparation Class—7:30pm

Saturday, February 22

- Sung Mass—9:00am
- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10:00am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, February 23

- Second Collection—Building Fund

Friday, February 28

- Marriage Preparation Class—7:30pm

Saturday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 2

- Sunday Sports—1:00pm

Wednesday, March 5

- Ash Wednesday

Friday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 8

- Altar Boys Meeting—10:00am
- Girls' Sodality—10:00am

Sunday, March 9

- Daylight Savings Time begins

Saturday, March 15

- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Feb. 16	Septuagesima Sunday, II 7:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Travis & Rachel Jones 9:00am Isabella Perez by Renda Family 10:30am <i>Pro Populo</i> 6:00pm Robert Oscilowski by Andrew Oscilowski
Mon. Feb. 17	Feria, IV 7:10am Gregory Margossian by Sean T. Pendrak
Tue. Feb. 18	Feria, IV 7:10am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mr. and Mrs. Fonticoba
Wed. Feb. 19	Feria, IV 7:10am Reparation for sins of blasphemy & profanation of Holy Days 6:30pm St. Jude Intentions
Thu. Feb. 20	Feria, IV 7:10am †Paul Grist by Steven W. Grist
Fri. Feb. 21	Feria, IV 7:10am Karen Johnson by Carolyn Stowell 6:30pm Anthony DiSanto
Sat. Feb. 22	Chair of St. Peter, I 9:00am Confraternity of Christian Mothers by CCM
Sun. Feb. 23	Sexagesima Sunday, II 7:30am <i>Pro Populo</i> 9:00am †George Kelly by Kevin Kelly 10:30am †Mary Belton by Jennifer Lynch 6:00pm †Francis Mackin, Sr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin

STAY HOME WHEN SICK—Please note that it is an act of charity not to assist at Mass when you have a communicable illness, **under the advice of a medical professional**. 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.”

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS—If you are approaching your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, please let the priests know a few months in advance so they can organize a special Mass for you.

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

Altar Linens Guild altarlinens@stlawrence.cc Kelly Jones
Choir & Choristers <i>Practice weekly</i> — music@stlawrence.cc Paul Thomas May
Church Cleaning <i>Rotates weekly</i> — clean@stlawrence.cc Kristin Patterson
Confraternity of Christian Mothers <i>Monthly</i> — mothers@stlawrence.cc Stephanie Fonticoba
Events Coordinators events@stlawrence.cc Kris Keck
Flower Guild flowers@stlawrence.cc Fr. Barry
Friday Religious Education Program <i>Grades K-12, Weekly</i> — dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phil Cuccia
Greeters <i>Sunday morning Masses</i> — greeters@stlawrence.cc Sharon Kaercher
Girls Sodality <i>Ages 9 -14</i> — girlssodality@stlawrence.cc Rebecca Mack
Holy Name Society <i>Monthly</i> — holyname@stlawrence.cc Jamison Jones
Knights of the Altar <i>Altar Servers</i> — altarboys@stlawrence.cc Ed Pitman
Knights of Columbus <i>Monthly</i> — knights@stlawrence.cc Cory Ringer
The Legion of Mary <i>Weekly</i> — 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 <i>Monthly</i> — prolife@stlawrence.cc Kris Keck
St. Tarcisius <i>Ages 5-12, Monthly</i> — sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc Dan Miccolupi
Sunday CCD <i>Grades K-12, Weekly</i> — dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phil Cuccia
Tuesday Adoration <i>Tuesdays</i> — tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc Amanda Healy
Ushers ushers@stlawrence.cc John Osuch
Young Adult Group <i>Ages 18-35, Monthly</i> — youngadults@stlawrence.cc Fr. Cortes
Youth Group <i>Ages 13-18, Monthly</i> — yg@stlawrence.cc Joelle Riethmiller
BULLETIN: WEDNESDAY DEADLINE —Please note that all requests for new bulletin articles must be made by the Wednesday prior to the upcoming Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION—This week our second collection is for the Seminary Burse.

FR. CORTES ON VACATION—Fr. Cortes is scheduled to be away on vacation from tomorrow until Mar. 1.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY— Traditionally, the ashes for Ash Wednesday are burned from the palms used during the prior year's Palm Sunday. Starting today, 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.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS WITH BUXTEHUDE— On Saturday, April 5, St. Lawrence Church will host the Chamber Singers of Messiah University with orchestra for a Lenten meditation. Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostris* comprises of seven cantatas, each of which addresses a part of Jesus' crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, and face. In each cantata, its main text is drawn from Biblical passages and the medieval hymn *Salve mundi salutare*, formerly ascribed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux but now thought to be by Cistercian monk Arnulf of Leuven. At the beginning of each cantata a meditation will be offered by a member of the clergy, including Bishop Timothy Senior. Reserve your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-buxtehude>.

THE MYSTERY OF SEPTUAGESIMA— “The season upon which we are now entering is expressive of several profound mysteries. But these mysteries belong not only to the three weeks which are preparatory to Lent: they continue throughout the whole period of time which separates us from the great feast of Easter. . . [F]irst, let us listen to St. Augustine, who thus gives us the clue to the whole of our season's mysteries. There are two times, [says the holy Doctor]: one which is now, and is spent in the temptations and tribulations of this life; the other which shall be then, and shall be spent in eternal security and joy. In figure of these, we celebrate two periods: the time before Easter, and the time after Easter. That which is before Easter signifies the sorrow of this present life; that which is after Easter, the blessedness of our future state. . . . Hence it is that; we spend the first in fasting and prayer; and in the second we give up our fasting, and give ourselves to praise[1].”— From *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Guéranger.

PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION RECIPIENTS—If you are the parent of a First Communion recipient this year in the Friday Program or the Sunday CCD program, please ensure that you sign up your student for the final First Penance interview with Fr. Smith on Saturday, March 1. Time slots are ten minutes each. The link is: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-penance-march1>.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES—Mark your calendars for these special dates and events:

- Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday
- Saturday, April 5 at 7:30pm: Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostris* with Lenten meditations by Most Rev. Timothy Senior and the priests of St. Lawrence.
- Friday, April 18: Good Friday
- Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday

ST. JUDE DEVOTIONS— Each month, as part of our devotion to St. Jude on the third Wednesday, we offer Holy Mass at 6:30 pm 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 January 22nd to February 14. 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

Please pray for: Christopher, Sr. Catherine, Stan, Lisa, Zayne, Maxwell, Mary, Tammy, Ralph, Noah, Carla, Chris, Miriam, +Frances, Sean, Colby, Chris, Tom, Anthony, Chip, Sarwat, Zé, Doug, and Marek.

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; a parishioner, who is suffering from neurological problems; the cousin of a parishioner, who is facing legal and financial difficulties; the conversion of the family members of a parishioner; the brother of a parishioner, who is battling mental illness; the friend of a parishioner, whose family is struggling with divorce, alcoholism and drug abuse; and a parishioners sister who is struggling with helping her husband who is an alcoholic.

FEET ON KNEELERS—Please note that the kneelers in the pews should be used exclusively for kneeling rather than as a place to rest one's feet, and this is for two reasons. First, when people place dirty shoes, which have been exposed while walking on the public streets to all manner of filth, biological or otherwise, on the kneelers, this can soil the kneelers. Later, when people use the kneelers for the proper function, by kneeling on them, their Sunday clothes, or perhaps even their exposed skin, get dirty. This dirt also makes more work for our dedicated cleaning volunteers. Second, the proper posture in church does not include propping up one's feet to rest, but should be one of supplication before Almighty God. Indeed, pews themselves were not generally part of Catholic tradition, but were broadly introduced in Catholic churches around the 16th Century. Traditionally, in Catholic churches, one would have stood or knelt.

Congratulations to:



Mr. and Mrs. Karol Jones

United in Holy Matrimony

February 8, 2025

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Man To Christ's Sacred Wound*, 827
 Recessional hymn: *Thee, O Christ, the Prince of Ages*, 859
 Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo V, 784

Offertory Motet: *Bonus Est*, G.P. Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)
 Motet at Communion: *Simile est regnum*, Cristóbal de Morales

The Gospel for *Septuagesima* Sunday is from Matthew 20 where Our Lord imparts the parable of the vineyard laborers. **Cristóbal de Morales** set this parable to music and it was published while he directed music at the Cathedral in Toledo near the end of his life. The motet is in two parts, and the first part ends with a very dramatic rendering of verse four: the music has a grand pause and strong tutti entrance on, “*Go ye into the vineyard...*” Morales skips over a few verses and finishes the second part with the end of the parable, “*...many be called, but few chosen.*”

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 wrote many Mass settings. His compositions consist almost entirely of sacred vocal motets.

SAVE THE DATE—More details are yet to come, but here are the dates to reserve on your calendar

Chant Camp: July 7 - 11

Acolyte Boot Camp: July 14 - 18:



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 completed a form for a library card you will be in the library system 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 February 9, 2025

Offertory	\$4,598.00
Propagation of the Faith	10.00
Poor Missions	716.00
Seminary Burse	40.00
Vestments	146.00
Votives	40.00
Coffee Social	12.00
Bookstand	78.00
Young Adult Group	25.00
Catechism	75.00
Wedding donation	250.00
Online Giving (February 3 - February 9)	<u>\$5,206.58</u>
	\$11,196.58

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.

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/> or contact Sarah Gervasio at 770-598-0929

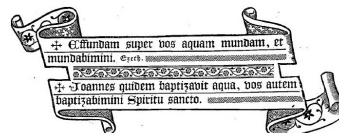
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February 14, 2025



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