

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



March 9, 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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TODAY

Sunday, March 9

- Daylight Savings Time begins
- Sunday Socials by the Young Adult Group
- Sunday catechism (CCD)—9:15am
- Adult Catechism (in English)—12:15pm
- Adult Catechism (in Spanish)—12:15pm

UPCOMING

Monday, March 10

- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

Tuesday, March 11

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, March 12

- Young Adult Group Spiritual Conference—7:30pm

Saturday, March 15

- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- Confirmation Rehearsal—5:30pm
- Youth Group—5:30pm

Sunday, March 16

- Confirmation—10:30am
- Sunday Sports—1:00pm
- Young Adult Group Brunch—1:00pm

Monday, March 17

- St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 18

- Knights of Columbus—6:00pm

Wednesday, March 19

- St. Jude Devotion

Saturday, March 22

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10:00am

Friday, April 4

- First Friday Devotions
- Sacred Heart Devotion—5:30–7:30pm

Saturday, April 5

- First Saturday
- Holy Name Society—10:00am
- First Penance—11:00am–Noon
- Lenten Meditations with Buxtehude—7:30pm

Saturday, April 12

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

Sunday, April 13

- No CCD classes—Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 16

- Sung Mass by Students of the Friday Program

Sunday, April 20

- No CCD classes—Easter Sunday
- Parish Easter Party

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Mar. 9	First Sunday of Lent, I
7:30am	Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
9:00am	Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Marissa Gingerich by Renda Family
Mon. Mar. 10	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	Reparation for sacrilegious communions
Tue. Mar. 11	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	†Dorothy Kelly by Kevin Kelly
Wed. Mar. 12	Ember Wednesday in Lent, II
7:10am	†John J. MacDonald by Zachary & Maureen Flynn
6:30pm	†Michael Serpiello by Steve Vuocolo
Thu. Mar. 13	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	Stephanie Margossian by Sean T. Pendrak
Fri. Mar. 14	Ember Friday in Lent, II
7:10am	Olivia Marsala by Renda Family
6:30pm	Christopher Corona
Sat. Mar. 15	Ember Saturday in Lent, II
9:00am	Protection of the Unborn
Sun. Mar. 16	Second Sunday of Lent, I
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00am	Wendell Family
10:30am	†Michael Serpiello by Jones Family
6:00pm	†Alan Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin

Banns of Marriage



Hudson Avery Smith and Claire Alexandra Garvin

Be it known to all here present that Hudson Avery Smith of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg Pennsylvania, son of Jon and Beth Smith; and Claire Alexandra Garvin of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Renee Garvin, 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

BULLETIN: WEDNESDAY DEADLINE—Please note that all requests for new bulletin articles must be made by the Wednesday prior to the upcoming Sunday bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP—Please pick up a copy of Bishop Senior's Lenten letter available near the bulletins.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS—The Knights of Columbus will be hosting fish fry events in the church social hall each Friday evening during Lent, with an expanded menu including child portions and non-fried options. Pre-ordering is available at <https://mater-dei-knights.square.site/>.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Please join us to pray the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday and Friday during Lent at 5:30pm before the regularly scheduled Masses. The evening schedule is as follows: Vespers (5:00pm), Stations and Confessions (5:30pm), Mass (6:30pm).

MAR. 15: CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL—The Confirmation rehearsal (for confirmandi and sponsors) will be held on Saturday, Mar. 15, at 5:30pm in the church. On the day of Confirmation, Sunday, Mar. 16, at 9:15am the confirmandi will assemble in the conference room on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center for their meeting with Bishop Gainer. The sponsors will meet on the 3rd floor in the Aula Magna at 9:30am for a roll call, seating assignments, and final rehearsal.

MAR. 15: YOUTH GROUP SATURDAY NIGHT—The parish youth group is to meet on Saturday night (Mar. 15) at 5:30pm for its monthly gathering of students ages 13 to 18. Following Jeopardy, Fr. Smith will speak to the youth and lead them in the Rosary in the church. Please be sure to RSVP, and for more information, contact Joelle Riethmiller at youthgroup@stlawrence.cc.

MAR. 17: FEAST OF ST. PATRICK—Every year on March 17 the Church celebrates St. Patrick, the bishop who helped bring the faith to Ireland. This feast is celebrated with added solemnity in our diocese since he is our patron saint. The faithful are invited to assist the High Mass on Monday at 6:30pm on this first class feast day.

MAR. 19: TRADITIONAL ST. JOSEPH TABLE—On Wednesday, Mar. 19, after the 6:30pm High Mass, we will have our annual St. Joseph's Bread Table. The tradition of the St. Joseph Table *la tavola di San Giuseppe* has its origin in Sicily. Legends from the Middle Ages attributed the end of a devastating drought to a prayer devotion that the Sicilian people made to St. Joseph. Please bring your bread to the front door of our Parish Center before Mass and someone will assist you. After Mass, all are invited to come and celebrate Good St. Joseph's patronage and intercession on the 3rd Floor in the Aula Magna room.

APR. 5: LENTEN MEDITATIONS—On Saturday, Apr. 5, St. Lawrence Church will host the Chamber Singers of Messiah University with orchestra for a Lenten meditation. Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostri* 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>.

MAR. 15: DEADLINE FOR REGINA CAELI—Home-schooling families are invited to apply to the NEW Harrisburg-area Regina Caeli Academy, an accredited Catholic homeschool hybrid program in classical tradition. There are over 20 RCA locations, with one opening in Mechanicsburg/Enola area for the 2025-26 school year. Founding families registering before the Mar. 15 deadline receive a \$145 discount per child on registration fees—\$50 instead of \$195 per child. *Registrations will not be accepted after Mar. 15 if we do not meet the minimum number of students, so be sure to register today if this is an education option your family is considering. * Fill out this simple form to register today: <https://bit.ly/3X4s9cz>

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENT WINNERS—Two students from our parish placed first in the state of Pennsylvania for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest of 2024, which is organized internationally by the Knights of Columbus, and here at our parish by the Mater Dei Council of the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to our local council for organizing this wonderful event each year, giving our students the opportunity to improve and test their talents. Congratulations to Joseph Russell (Kindergarten) and Marianna Asso-Gonzalez (7th-8th Grade).

VISIT OUR LOST AND FOUND BINS—Among other items you may be missing and need, we have missals, rosaries, books, a winter coat, and umbrellas. Check out the lost and found bins located in the basement of the Parish Center. From State Street, go down the outdoor stairs to access the room.

GUIDELINES FOR FASTING DURING LENT

Laws of Days of Complete Abstinence—1962: Applies at age 7; Complete abstinence: all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday, and the Vigil of Christmas

Current Practice: Applies at age 14—Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, and obliges abstention from flesh meat

Laws of Days of Partial Abstinence—1962: Partial abstinence: all the days of Lent, the Ember days of Wednesday & Saturday, and the Vigils of Pentecost & the Assumption (meat and soup, or gravy made from meat permitted once per day at the principal meal)

Current Practice: Not applicable

Dispensation from Laws of Days of Abstinence—1962: Abstinence from meat dispensed on Holy Days of Obligation

Current Practice: Dispensed on Solemnities

Ages for Laws of Fast—1962: Applies for ages 21 to 59, inclusive Days of Lent from Ash Wednesday inclusive of Ember Days, and Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost, and the Assumption

Current Practice: Age 18 to 59—Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, but also on specified days of penance

Laws of Fast (defined)—1962: One full meal permitted, & two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal

Current Practice: Same

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Forty Days and Forty Nights*, 829
 Recessional hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, 838
 Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo VI, 788

Chant after Offertory: *Parce, Domine*, Gregorian Chant
 Marian Antiphon: *Ave Regina Caelorum*, Solemn Chant

On Ash Wednesday, Joel 2:17 is sung in the second antiphon during the imposition of ashes. The translation is: *Spare, O Lord, spare thy people; and give not thine inheritance to perdition.*

The simple chant sung today after the Offertory Antiphon uses the same verse as a refrain which is sung in alternatum with verses from a Lenten hymn attributed to St. Ambrose. The first verse of the hymn says: *Let us appease His wrath, Beg for mercy from our Judge; Cry to Him in supplication, Let us all prostrate and say.*

A manuscript from the Tours sacramentary—which dates from the 9th Century—illustrates the long association of this verse of scripture with the season of Lent and penitential occasions.

ATTENTION YOUNG LADIES AGES 14-17—The Mater Dei Praesidium of the Legion of Mary hopes to form a junior praesidium here at St. Lawrence and would like to invite you to prayerfully consider joining! Sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds can be officers.

Being a member of a Junior Legion of Mary is a wonderful way to form and develop one's love and devotion to our Blessed Mother and to serve her and her Son Jesus by serving the Church. The meetings take place weekly for an hour and are fashioned exactly like the adult meetings. They are led by two adult members of the Legion of Mary (Janeann Kakalecz and Alice Mansell), and two junior members who would also be officers. The Legion follows the method of St. Louis Marie de Montfort's *True Devotion to Mary*, as established by its founder Frank Duff in Ireland on September 7, 1921, and which has spread throughout the entire world. The apostolic work of the junior praesidium is varied and carried out in a variety of settings—some at the parish, others outside under the adult supervision of members of the Legion of Mary, and some in your home within your family. All of the work is of important value to the universal Church and to your parish and takes an additional commitment of one to one and a half hours per week.

If you are interested, please ask your parents to take the survey linked to the QR code to help us determine the best day of week and time to hold the meetings. You can also get to the survey here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-juniorpraesidium>. If you would like to learn more, please send your inquiry to: legionofmary@stlawrence.cc.



Sunday Collections Week of March 2, 2025

Offertory	\$9,781.69
Poor Missions	50.00
Seminary Burse	50.00
Easter Flowers	565.00
Young Adult Group	25.00
Catechism	40.00
Advertising	50.00
Vestments	266.00
Votives	84.00
Coffee Social	31.00
Bookstand	137.00
Online Giving (February 24 - March 2)	<u>\$5,617.27</u>
	\$16,696.96
February 2025 Building Fund	\$8,271.00

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.

AUDIO SPECIALIST NEEDED—If you have an affinity for and experience with editing audio files, along with a love of sacred music, and are willing to help out the parish, email music@stlawrence.cc. We need someone to edit our audio files every week so that the recordings of the hard work of the choir can be shared more easily.

FROM YOUR PARISH LIBRARIAN—The library has a new kiosk for checking books in and out, located by the librarian's desk. The procedure remains the same - The screen should show the Check in/out page. If you want to check out a book, touch the "Checkout" box. Take your library card and put it under the front of the screen, where there is a scanner. Make sure the barcode is facing upwards! The screen will show you as signed in. Scan the book barcode in the same way you scanned your card. The screen will now show your name and the book title. Touch the "I'm Done" box. Next, you can choose to have an email receipt sent to you. To check books back in, touch "Check in" and scan the book or books and then touch "I'm Done." If the screen does not show the Check in/out page, touch the home button. If a login is asked for, touch "sign in with Google" and then choose "Library Kiosk," then "Continue." You are now automatically logged in to the correct page. Please email library@stlawrence.cc with any problems.

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