

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 23, 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, March 23

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

UPCOMING

Monday, March 24

- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

Tuesday, March 25

- The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- High Mass—6:30pm

Saturday, March 29

- Catholic Faith Bee oral competition—2:30pm
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Friday, April 4

- First Friday
- 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

Sunday, April 6

- Second Collection—Catholic Relief Services
- Sunday Sports—1:00pm

Wednesday, April 9

- Young Adult Group Spiritual Conference—7:30pm

Saturday, April 12

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

Sunday, April 13

- Palm Sunday

Tuesday, April 15

- Knights of Columbus—6:00pm

Wednesday, April 16

- Sung Mass by Students of the Friday Program
- St. Jude Devotion

Saturday, April 19

- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am

Sunday, April 20

- Easter Sunday
- Parish Easter Party

Saturday, April 26

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10:00am

Sunday, May 4

- Friday Program's Drama Production

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Mar. 23	Third Sunday of Lent, I
7:30am	Dr. Daniel Kim by Kimberly Clements
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:30am	†Arline and Charles O’Connell by Bill O’Connell
6:00pm	†Michael Serpiello by Charles and Mary Zambito
Mon. Mar. 24	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	Paul Grist
Tue. Mar. 25	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I
7:10am	†Fr. Shelton by Steven W. Grist
6:30pm	†Cletus Strauser by Cheryl Strauser
Wed. Mar. 26	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	Mike and Joyce Schreiber
6:30pm	†Patricia Ann Holmberg by John E. Czarnomski
Thu. Mar. 27	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	†Margaret Cunningham by Steven W. Grist
Fri. Mar. 28	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	†Mary Belton by Jennifer Lynch
6:30pm	†Augusta Wildt by Joe and Joyce Mackin
Sat. Mar. 29	Feria of Lent, III
9:00am	John and Lauren Zalesky by Zalesky Family
Sun. Mar. 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), I
7:30am	†Nancy and Joseph Nico by Cecilia Nico
9:00am	†Sadie Ann Kocovar-Hawkins by Kimberly Clements
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	†Fr. John D. Hoke by Firoozmand Family



Congratulations to:

Christopher Jerome Corona	Clare Cecilia Corona
John Paul Whittaker	Grace Catherine Whitlock
Killian Luke Grimaldi	Grace Philomena Carney
Anthony Gervasio	Gianna Aikaterina Washington
Juan John Rizo-Lakatos	Philomena Julia Beckers
Wyatt Pio Healy	Catriona Gianna Wilson
Ian Stephen Ruhlman	Felicity Teresa Hepburn
Luke Sebastian Rosenberg	

on their Confirmations
March 16, 2025

Please pick up Confirmation certificates today near the entrance to 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

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

SECOND COLLECTION—This week our second collection is for the building fund.

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 (5pm), Stations and Confessions (5:30pm), Mass (6:30pm). The Stations conclude with a blessing with a relic of the true cross, which our parish is most blessed to have in our custody. Please also know that there is an indulgence available, under the normal conditions, for participating in this devotion.

MAR. 25: THE ANNUNCIATION—Join us on Tuesday at 6:30pm to assist at the High Mass in honor of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Matins hymn for this feast proclaims: “He, whom earth, and sea, and the firmament, worship, adore, and praise; he, the King of the triple kingdom, is carried in Mary’s womb. The womb of a Virgin, who has been filled with heavenly grace, bears him, whom the moon, and sun, and all creatures serve in the order marked for them. O Mother, blessed in her great office! He, the sovereign Creator, who holds the world in the palm of his hand, is enclosed in the tabernacle of her womb. The angelic messenger proclaims her blessed; the holy Spirit makes her fruitful; and the Desired of nations is born of her.” “This is a great day, not only to man, but even to God Himself; for it is the anniversary of the most solemn event that time has ever witnessed. On this day, the divine Word, by whom the Father created the world, was made flesh in the womb of a virgin, and dwelt among us” (Dom Gueranger, *The Liturgical Year*).

MAR. 29: PARISH FAITH BEE— The top ten scorers of 7th and 8th graders in the initial written test will move on to the oral competition on Saturday, Mar. 29, at 2:30pm in the Parish Center. The winner of the St. Lawrence Catholic Faith Bee will have the honor of representing our parish at the Diocesan Catholic Faith Bee that will be held on Wednesday, Apr. 9, at 1:30pm in the diocesan center in Harrisburg.

APR. 5: LENTEN MEDITATION—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>

APR. 20: PARISH EASTER PARTY—The St. Lawrence Easter Party Potluck will be at the Civic Club (612 N. Front Street) after the 10.30am Solemn High Orchestral Mass. At 1:00pm there will be an Easter Egg hunt for those children 12 and under, and at 1:30pm a blessing of Easter baskets, especially of lamb and eggs. Food to be blessed should be brought to the first floor of the Civic Club by 1:15pm. Please RSVP for the party and egg hunt, along with signing up to volunteer and bring food via this link: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-easterparty>. Email easterparty@stlawrence.cc with any questions.

WED., MAR 26: OFFICE EARLY CLOSURE—The office will be closed early on Wednesday, Mar. 26, closing at 12:30pm. Office hours will return to normal on Thursday, Mar. 27. The office is normally open from 8am to 4pm Tuesday through Saturday, and closed from noon to 12:30pm for lunch.

MAY 4: STUDENTS PERFORM CLOVIS—At 1pm, after the 10:30am Mass on May 4, there will be a parish potluck and program at the Pennsylvania State Museum, featuring the choristers from the Friday religious education program, as well as a play performed by the drama class.

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/>.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Palm Sunday, April 13

Regular Sunday Schedule for Low Masses

Solemn High Mass with blessing of palms and procession **10:30am**

Vespers **5:00pm**

Spy Wednesday, April 16

Vespers **5:00pm**

Stations of the Cross **5:30pm**

Sung Mass by *Mater Dei* Choristers **6:30pm**
with sung Passion

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Tenebrae **7:00am**

Solemn High Mass **6:30pm**
followed by All Night Adoration

Good Friday, April 18

Tenebrae **7:00am**

Solemn Liturgy **3:00pm**

Vespers **5:00pm**

Stations of the Cross **5:30pm**

Holy Saturday, April 19

Tenebrae **7:00am**

Easter Vigil **7:30pm**

Easter Sunday, April 20

Low Mass **8:00am**

Solemn High Mass **10:30am**

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Jesus, Meek And Lowly*, 833
 Recessional hymn: *Forty Days and Forty Nights*, 829
 Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo VI, 788

Offertory Antiphon: *Justitiæ Domine*, G.P. Palestrina
 Communion Hymn: *Attende Domine*, Chant arr. Catuí Côrte-Real Suarez

Part of **G.P. Palestrina's** prolific compositional output includes the publication, *Offertoria totius anni*, which contains 68 five-voice choral settings of Offertory Antiphons for Sundays and major feasts. This Sunday's Offertory is taken from this compilation.

Palestrina uses melodies and harmonies centered in a major key, giving the motet a bright color and conveying the joyful nature of the Psalm. *The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart his judgments sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb. For thy servant keeps them.* –Psalm 18:9,11-12

The melody of *Attende Domine* is a musical plainsong created in the early 19th century. It includes a short refrain – *Hear us, O mighty Lord, show us your Mercy: Sinners we stand before you.* – repeated between longer verses. Because of its great popularity, it was included in the books of Solesmes in the 20th century, The current text is adapted from the *Preces* of the office of *Sext* on the Wednesday of the fifth week of Lent in the Mozarabic rite. It can be traced back to the 10th century, on which the monks of Solesmes composed a new melody following a Mode V Gregorian melody. The setting sung by the choir is a version that retains the new melody and is harmonized by the Tenor and Bass voices.

G.P. Palestrina (c. 1525–1594) is highly regarded for his contributions of Sacred Polyphony and development of counterpoint in the late 16th Century. In the post-Tridentine period he earned the reputation of the ideal Catholic composer for his success in reconciling the functional and aesthetic aims of Catholic church music. Palestrina wrote over 105 Masses and 250 sacred motets in addition to many other works.

FROM YOUR PARISH LIBRARIAN— I am very happy to see so many people use our library! Good news - families can now take out ten books. The new kiosk is a considerable improvement on the previous method. My grateful thanks to our Pastor. I am now looking for volunteers to write short book reviews. These can be from anyone in the parish about any book that is in the library. Email submissions to library@stlawrence.cc. I look forward to reading them - excerpts of some reviews will be published in the bulletin. Lastly, the library brochure is being changed to match current practice.

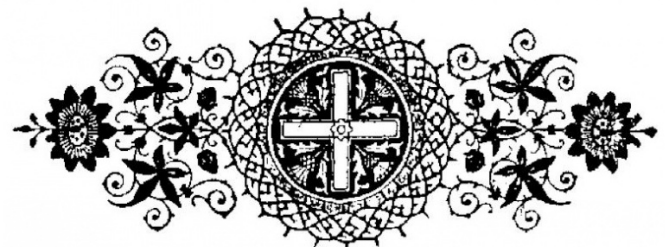
Sunday Collections Week of March 16, 2025

Offertory	\$7,213.12
Easter Flowers	645.00
Young Adult Group	25.00
Catechism	40.00
Vestments	186.00
Votives	55.00
Coffee Social	17.00
Bookstand	80.00
Online Giving (March 10 - March 16)	<u>\$3,910.74</u>
	\$12,171.86

REGINA CAELI DEADLINE EXTENDED— Homeschooling families in our diocese are invited to sign up for Regina Caeli Academy, a Catholic homeschool hybrid program in the classical tradition for students in grades PreK3 to 12. RCA is planning to open at St. Katharine Drexel in Mechanicsburg in the fall of 2025 if enough students enroll. Sign up before the end of the month to ensure this accredited, authentically Catholic homeschool model opens in our area. Staff discounts, paid staff positions with childcare, and financial aid supplemented by generous local benefactors make RCA an affordable option. Details and sign up information can be found at: rcahybrid.org/harrisburg-pa.

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.

ECUADOR MISSION TRIP—Men ages 18-24 are invited to serve the poor on an eleven-day mission trip July 15 to 26 with Bosco Ministries to Ecuador. More information can be found at www.boscoministries.org/ecuador-mission-trip.



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