

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



August 3, 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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TODAY

Sunday, August 3

- St. Stephen Guild Promotions
- Sunday Socials organized by the Holy Name Society
- Sunday Sports—1:00pm

UPCOMING

Monday, August 4

- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

Tuesday, August 5

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, August 6

- Blessing of the Grapes

Friday, August 8

- Altar Linens Guild meeting—5:30pm
- Young Adult Group Spiritual Conference—7:30pm

Saturday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 10

- Feast of Saint Lawrence
- Parish Picnic

Friday, August 15

- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Holy Day of Obligation
- Blessing of the Herbs

Saturday, August 16

- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am
- Flower Guild meeting—10:00am
- Youth Group—5:30pm

Sunday, August 17

- Waitlist for Friday Program registration closes
- Registration opens for Sunday CCD program
- Youth Group parent meeting—10:10am

Wednesday, August 20

- St. Jude Devotion

Saturday, August 23

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10:00am

Sunday, August 24

- Second Collection—Building Fund
- Mandatory parent meeting for Friday program

Sunday, August 31

- Blessing of candles and water

Friday, September 5

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

Saturday, September 6

- First Saturday

Monday, September 15

- Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, patroness of CCM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Aug. 3	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost, II
7:30am	†Mary Laczkoskie by Jones Family
9:00am	†Thomas Marshall by Friends
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Joseph M. Mackin Sr. by Michael P. Mackin
Mon. Aug. 4	St. Dominic, Confessor, III
7:10am	Gwendolyn Hall by William and Stephanie Fonticoba
Tue. Aug. 5	The Dedication of Our Lady of the Snows, III
7:10am	Theodore Whittaker by Showers Family
Wed. Aug. 6	The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, II
7:10am	Robert Ritchie by Kevin Ritchie
6:30pm	†Frances Grutza
Thu. Aug. 7	St. Cajetan, Confessor, III
7:10am	Regina Lakatos
Fri. Aug. 8	St. John Mary Vianney, Confessor, III
7:10am	Pro-life movement by Emily Wuertz
6:30pm	Lauren Zalesky by Zalesky Family
Sat. Aug. 9	Parish: Vigil of St. Lawrence, I
9:00am	†Ernest & Joan Longpre by John E. Czarnomski
Sun. Aug. 10	Patronal Feast: St. Lawrence, Martyr, I
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00am	Juan Lakatos
10:30am	Donald Rooney by Joe & Jeanette Sexton
6:00pm	Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

Banns of Marriage



John Paul Kearney and Rachel Zelig Fifelski

Be it known to all here present that John Paul Kearney, son of Michael and Lynn Kearney, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Rachel Zelig Fifelski, daughter of Christopher and Catherine Fifelski, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, 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.

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Young Adult Group	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUG. 10: FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE—Our patronal feast day falls on a Sunday this year, so all four Masses next Sunday will be in honor of St. Lawrence, giving us all the greater opportunity to honor this great saint, whose martyrdom tipped the scales against paganism in Rome. This is recounted in Prudentius’s 32-page 4th C. *Hymn in Honor of the Passion of the Blessed Martyr Lawrence*:

Not by Camillus’s stormy might,
Nor Cossus’ arms or Caesar’s power,
But by the bloody combat waged
By Lawrence in his martyrdom.

(Poem available in the reference section of our parish library,)

TODAY: FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN—Thanks to permission of Bp. Senior, the High Mass today will be the Mass of St. Stephen, due to the devotion that the altar boys of the parish have to St. Stephen. At the request of Fr. Smith, in 2023 Bp. Senior erected a confraternity in our parish of the Guild of St. Stephen. We are delighted that the Guild has a ceremony at the Offertory of the Mass by which the boys are inducted and promoted in the Guild. This year is a rare occasion to have our promotion ceremony on a Sunday and with a Solemn High Mass. Due to the hard work of the boys and their families, the following boys are approved to be inducted and promoted today:

To be inducted into the Guild as Junior Acolytes:

Whitlock, Carter
Healy, Wyatt
Lipscomb, Anthony
Ruhlman, Alex
Fair, Thomas
Ruhlman, Owen

To be promoted in the Guild to Senior Acolytes:

Koniers, Samuel
Beckers, Maximillian
Washington, Joseph
Showers, Owen

To be promoted in the Guild to Masters of Ceremonies:

Healy, Lincoln
Rosenberg, Peter
Stowell, Luke
Fordyce, Alexander
Stowell, Patrick
Rosenberg, Luke

AUG. 6: BLESSING OF GRAPES—On the celebration of the Transfiguration of Our Lord there will be a blessing of grapes. Similar to how Christ was transfigured on the mount, we will be made new in the resurrection. Bring your grapes to the Communion rail after the Masses on Wednesday for the blessing.

FRIDAY PROGRAM FULL—Please note that we are no longer accepting applications for students to join the 2025-2026 Friday Religious Education Program. A special thanks to all the volunteers who have signed up!

AUG 10: PARISH PICNIC—The parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Lawrence with its annual picnic at Roof Park in New Cumberland next Sunday. This year lunch will start earlier to allow people from the earlier Masses to begin earlier, with “brunch” starting at 10am. (One the priests will bless the food then.) “Lunch” will start after the 10:30am Solemn High Mass.

Now is the time to signup!

1) General RSVP for parish picnic attendance and food items:
<https://bit.ly/parishpicnic2025rsvp>

2) Volunteering for one of the many positions to fill in order to make this event successful:

<https://bit.ly/parishpicnic2025volunteer>

These positions include:

- * loading tables at the church after the 7:30am Mass
- * unloading at the park, grill preparation, running, food set up
- * directing food line, refilling food tables, parking directors, handicap chauffer, game coordinators
- * picnic clean up, trash clean up, putting supplies away back at the church, and sports tournaments.

3) As part of the annual picnic, we are planning sports tournaments from 2 to 4pm. Start recruiting your teams!

- * volleyball and kickball, with teams made up of all ages, boys and girls, and men and women

<https://bit.ly/parishpicnic2025volleyball>

[https:// bit.ly/parishpicnic2025kickball](https://bit.ly/parishpicnic2025kickball)

- * 3-on-3 men’s basketball:

<https://bit.ly/parishpicnic2025basketball>

LATIN LUNCH—As an elective part of the Friday Program, students who have had some Latin in the past are invited to enroll in an after-school spoken-Latin lunch, in which all participants agree to speak only Latin, but are guided with a cheatsheet and the possibilty to ask questions in Latin, such as, “How do you say...”

BLESSING OF HERBS ON THE ASSUMPTION—

According to tradition, after Our Lady’s Assumption into heaven, flowers were found growing out of the sarcophagus in which Mary had been laid, and a sweet odor rose out of the tomb, confirming the Apostles’ faith in Our Lady’s Assumption. In honor of this tradition, the Church instituted the custom of blessing wild herbs and flowers on the feast of the Assumption. The blessing originated in Germany, and is first attested in the 10th century; one version of it or another is found in a great many of the liturgical books which contain blessings of this sort. If you would like to have your herbs blessed, there will be a table near the front of the church, and one of the priests will bless the herbs after each of the Masses.

PARISH OFFICE EMPLOYMENT—Please contact the office if you are interested in employment, at contact@stlawrence.cc.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Thy Grace, O Holy Ghost, Impart*, 885
 Recessional hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, 927
 Kyriale: Mass IV, 710; Credo II, 772

Hymn after Offertory: *Memento Rerum Conditor*, Chant
 Communion Antiphon: *Gustate et Videte*, Heinrich Isaac

Memento Rerum Conditor is the hymn sung during Compline of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The tune is sung to many texts—*Te Gestientem* (feast of the Rosary), *Nunc Sancte Nobis* (at Terce), *Rerum Tenax Vigor* (None)—prescribed for feasts of Our Lady.

The communion antiphon is a setting by **Heinrich Isaac**. The text of the antiphon is from Psalm 33:9: *O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him*. This short composition, as in last week's setting, the Soprano and Tenor voices have ornamented versions of the Gregorian melody.

Heinrich Isaac (c.1450–1517) was a Renaissance composer from the South Netherlandish region. His output was rivaled only by Orlandus Lassus in number and variety of composition. Most notable of his collections is *Choralis Constantinus* which contains nearly 400 Gregorian chant based motets of propers for the Mass.

FREE SAT. & SUN. GARAGE PARKING—Our South Street Garage parking vouchers are valid both on Saturdays and Sundays. We now are offering self-service for obtaining vouchers. A sign-out sheet and vouchers are available at the back of the church and also on the table outside the parish office door. The South Street garage is available on Saturdays 7:30am - 8pm and on Sundays 7am-2pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025 CLOSED—We are unable to accept any new Mass intentions until further notice. Our dates are filled for the remainder of the year, and we are not yet accepting intentions for 2026. Any new requests will be returned. If there is no return address, the money will be placed in the candle donation box.

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.

Sunday Collections Week of July 27, 2025

Offertory	\$10,745.50
Online Giving (July 21 - July 27)	3,739.00
Bookstand	30.00
Catechism	30.00
Flowers	20.00
Votives	27.25
Young Adult Group	72.00
Vestments	<u>212.00</u>

\$14,875.75



Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. John Tuman

United in Holy Matrimony

at St. Lawrence, Harrisburg, Penn.

July 26, 2025

and

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Russell

United in Holy Matrimony

at St. Lawrence, Harrisburg, Penn.

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