

# 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 10, 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

|                                  |                         |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Rev. James Smith, FSSP</b>    | <i>Pastor</i>           | fr.smith@stlawrence.cc  |
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**Parish Office** contact@stlawrence.cc

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

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## TODAY

### Sunday, August 10

- Feast of Saint Lawrence
- Second Collection—Seminary Burse
- Parish Picnic

## UPCOMING

### Monday, August 11

- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

### Tuesday, August 12

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

### Friday, August 15

- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Holy Day of Obligation
- Low Masses at 7:10am and 12:15pm
- High Mass at 6:30pm
- Blessing of the Herbs

### Saturday, August 16

- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am
- Flower Guild meeting—10:00am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- 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
- Sunday Sports—1:00pm
- Young Adult Group Brunch—1:00pm

### Wednesday, August 20

- St. Jude Devotion

### Saturday, August 23

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10:00am

### Sunday, August 24

- Mandatory parent meeting for Friday program

### Saturday, August 30

- Basic Evangelization Training—10am to 3pm

### 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

### Saturday, September 13

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

### Monday, September 15

- Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, patroness of CCM

### Sunday, September 21

- Last day to register for Sunday CCD program

MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>Sun. Aug. 10</b><br>7:30am<br>9:00am<br>10:30am<br>6:00pm | <b>Parish: St. Lawrence, Martyr, I</b><br><i>Pro Populo</i><br>Juan Lakatos<br>Donald Rooney by Joe & Jeanette Sexton<br>Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter                     |
| <b>Mon. Aug. 11</b><br>7:10am                                | <b>Feria, IV</b><br>Stephen Jones by Anthony Jones  |
| <b>Tue. Aug. 12</b><br>7:10am                                | <b>St. Clare, Virgin, III</b><br>Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter by Rob & Pam Kole   |
| <b>Wed. Aug. 13</b><br>7:10am<br>6:30pm                      | <b>Feria, IV</b><br>†Michael A. Jurosky by Jane Jurosky<br>Altar Boys by Mary Blair   |
| <b>Thu. Aug. 14</b><br>7:10am                                | <b>Vigil of the Assumption, II</b><br>†Evelyn Wueschinski by Darren Miller  |
| <b>Fri. Aug. 15</b><br>7:10am<br>12:15pm<br>6:30pm           | <b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I</b><br>Dominic Sexton by Joe & Jeanette Sexton<br>Ana Lakatos<br>Juan Gonzales by Judith Boutin                               |
| <b>Sat. Aug. 16</b><br>9:00am                                | <b>St. Joachim, Father of the BVM, Confessor, II</b><br>Protection of the Unborn  |
| <b>Sun. Aug. 17</b><br>7:30am<br>9:00am<br>10:30am<br>6:00pm | <b>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost, II</b><br>†Helen F. Ladziak by John E. Czarnomski<br>†Howard Spenger by Matt Michonski<br>†Ronnie Shaffer<br>Stephen Duleni by Judith Boutin |

Banns of Marriage



James Joachim Hall and Claire Ansley Brissett

Be it known to all here present that James Joachim Hall of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania son of James and Laura Hall, of the parish of The Most Precious Blood, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Claire Ansley Brissett, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Zachary and Melanie Brissett, of the parish of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, in Kansas City, Kansas 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 first publication of the banns.

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| <b>Advertising in the Bulletin</b><br>advertising@stlawrence.cc ..... Nathan Kreider                         |
| <b>Altar Linens Guild</b><br>altarlinens@stlawrence.cc ..... Kelly Jones                                     |
| <b>Choir &amp; Choristers</b><br><i>Practice weekly</i> —music@stlawrence.cc ..... Paul Thomas May           |
| <b>Church Cleaning</b><br><i>Rotates weekly</i> —clean@stlawrence.cc ..... Kristin Patterson                 |
| <b>CCD: Sunday Catechism, K-12</b><br><i>Weekly</i> —dre@stlawrence.cc ..... Dr. Phillip Cuccia              |
| <b>Confraternity of Christian Mothers</b><br><i>Monthly</i> —mothers@stlawrence.cc ..... Stephanie Fonticoba |
| <b>Confraternity of St. Peter</b><br>csp@stlawrence.cc ..... Joseph Cunningham                               |
| <b>Events Coordinators</b><br>events@stlawrence.cc ..... Kris Keck   |
| <b>Flower Guild</b><br>flowers@stlawrence.cc ..... Fr. McCann  |
| <b>Friday Education Program</b><br><i>K-12</i> —fridayeducation@stlawrence.cc ..... Dawn Forbeck             |
| <b>Greeters</b><br>greeters@stlawrence.cc ..... Sharon Kaercher  |
| <b>Girls Sodality</b><br><i>Ages 9 -14</i> —girlssodality@stlawrence.cc ..... Rebecca Mack                   |
| <b>Holy Name Society</b><br><i>Monthly</i> —holyname@stlawrence.cc ..... Jamison Jones                       |
| <b>Knights of the Altar</b><br><i>Altar Servers</i> —altarboys@stlawrence.cc ..... Ed Pitman                 |
| <b>Knights of Columbus</b><br><i>Monthly</i> —knights@stlawrence.cc ..... Cory Ringer                        |
| <b>Legion of Mary</b><br><i>Weekly</i> —legionofmary@stlawrence.cc ..... Jerome Hall                         |
| <b>Library</b><br>library@stlawrence.cc ..... Sharon Knowles   |
| <b>Meal Train</b><br>mealtrain@stlawrence.cc ..... Elizabeth Firoozmand                                      |
| <b>Parking Ambassador</b><br>parking@stlawrence.cc ..... Dan O’Leary   |
| <b>Prayer Chain</b><br>prayers@stlawrence.cc ..... Fr. Cortes  |
| <b>Pro-Life Group</b><br><i>Monthly</i> —prolife@stlawrence.cc ..... Kris Keck                               |
| <b>Sunday CCD</b><br><i>Grades K-12, Weekly</i> —dre@stlawrence.cc ..... Dr. Phil Cuccia                     |
| <b>Tuesday Adoration</b><br><i>Tuesdays</i> —tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc ..... Amanda Healy               |
| <b>Ushers</b><br>ushers@stlawrence.cc ..... John Osuch   |
| <b>Wedding Coordinator</b><br>weddingcoordinator@stlawrence.cc ..... Bridget Forbeck                         |
| <b>Young Adult Group</b><br><i>Ages 18-35, Monthly</i> —youngadults@stlawrence.cc .. Fr. Cortes              |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION**—This week there is a second collection for the Seminary Burse.

**FR. SMITH VACATION**—Father Smith will be away on vacation for the next two weeks.

**OFFICE CLOSED**—Due to staff vacation, the parish office will be closed this week, and will reopen on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

**TODAY: CONFESSION SHORTENED**—Due to our patronal feast day, Confessions will end today by 10am.

**HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**—Please note that this Friday, Aug. 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because this Holy Day falls on a Friday, the obligation of abstaining from meat would traditionally be lifted, and is also lifted in the current law. Masses will be held at 7:10am, 12:15pm and 6:30pm.



**YOUTH GROUP MEETING**—There will not be a youth group gathering on August 16. Parents of existing members, new members, and those who will have a student eligible at 13 during this academic year are asked to attend the annual meeting Sunday, August 17 at 10:10AM in the Aula Magna. Information will be shared regarding the monthly gatherings and parent signatures are required to update permissions and waivers for the 2025-2026 membership year. Thank you!

**AUG. 30: EVANGELIZATION TRAINING**—We invite you to learn to share the Gospel with St. Lawrence's Legion of Mary. We have invited St. Paul's Street Evangelization to provide training on how to share Christ in the midst of the city. The training will take place during Harrisburg's Labor Day festival, sending thousands of people walking past our doors. The schedule for Saturday, Aug. 30, will be:

- 8am: **Adoration**
- 9am: **Mass**
- 10am to 3pm: **Training**
- 3pm to 4:30pm: **Optional live lab**

Light snacks and lunch provided. Please register: [bit.ly/stlawrence-stpauls](https://bit.ly/stlawrence-stpauls)

There is no cost to attend this training, but the parish is paying \$426.37 of travel costs to bring the trainer here, and we are grateful for a family for housing the trainer to save costs. We are expected to make a donation to St. Paul's for their time (they charge nothing to provide this training), so please consider making a donation for that. Please contact Fr. Smith if you can help at [pastor@stlawrence.cc](mailto:pastor@stlawrence.cc).

**TODAY: PARISH PICNIC**—Don't forget that the parish is celebrating the Feast of St. Lawrence with its annual picnic at Roof Park in New Cumberland today! This year, lunch will start earlier to allow people from the earlier Masses to begin earlier, with "brunch" starting at 10am. (One of the priests will bless the food then.) "Lunch" will start after the 10:30am Solemn High Mass.

**TODAY: FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE**—Today is the day of our patronal feast, so all four Masses today are 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.)

**CHOIR AUDITIONS**—The Saint Lawrence Choir serves as the primary ensemble for all Sung Masses at our parish. Members are called to all Sundays and 1st Class Feasts from September until *Corpus Christi*. Those interested in joining the choir must have prior singing experience and be able to attend Thursday evening rehearsals. Auditions will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4 from 5:30pm–8:30pm. The choir needs a few more treble singers (soprano or alto) and tenors. For more information, to sign up for an audition, or to schedule a time other than stated above, email the Director of Music, Paul Thomas May at [music@stlawrence.cc](mailto:music@stlawrence.cc).

**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!

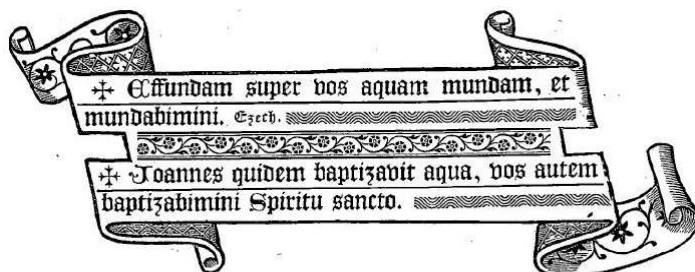
Congratulations to:

**Sean and Nicole McIntyre**

on the Baptism of their daughter

**Ruth Anne McIntyre**

August 2, 2025



## Notes on Today's Music

Processional Hymn: *O Thou, the Martyrs's Glorious King*, 872  
 Recessional Hymn: *From All Thy Saints In Warfare* (music found in back of church)

Credo: II, 772; *Et Incarnatus* excerpted from Josquin des Prez  
*Missa Pange Lingua*

Kyriale: *Missa Beatus Laurentius*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Motet after Offertory: *Beatus Laurentius*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Motet after Communion: *Deus Tuorum Militum*, Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548–1611)

For the occasion of the solemnity of our patron's feast, the choir will sing *Missa Beatus Laurentius* by **Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina**, which is a polyphonic setting of the ordinary text of the Mass. *Beatus Laurentius* is the fifth antiphon from Vespers for the feast. Both the Mass and motet are composed using a *cantus firmus*, where one voice is singing the original Gregorian melody in long notes while the musical ideas are developed in the other four voices. Palestrina used the themes created in the motet and altered them to fit the various texts for the Ordinary of the Mass, giving the composition the designation of a "Parody Mass." The five voice choir splits into six for the final movement where two tenor voices singing in canon—meaning the same tune but a few measures apart—using the Gregorian melody to the text of *Agnus Dei*.

**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.

**BLESSING OF HERBS ON THE ASSUMPTION**—In accordance with 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 to in the 10th century. 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.

## Sunday Collections Week of August 3, 2025

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| Offertory                          | \$7,292.18         |
| Online Giving (July 28 - August 3) | 5,141.50           |
| Votives                            | 75.00              |
| Bookstand                          | 149.00             |
| Coffee Social                      | 5.00               |
| Vestments                          | 2,000.00           |
| Baptism                            | <u>300.00</u>      |
|                                    | <b>\$14,962.68</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](mailto:contact@stlawrence.cc).

**FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN:** "I am very happy to see that so many parishioners are using the library! Here is part of a list of books taken out recently."

- *My First Prayers*
- *The Joy of Children*
- *Humility of Heart*
- *Great Wives and Mothers*
- *Latin Made Simple*
- *Edith Stein*
- *Suffering with Christ*
- *The Secret of Confession*
- *The Case of the Haunted Chapel*

"Quite a variety! The library stock is intended to educate rather than entertain or a combination of both. Please see the church website for books about St John Henry Newman who is to become a Doctor of the Church. Don't forget to apply for your library card!"

**FRIDAY PROGRAM ELECTIVE: 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 possibility to ask questions in Latin, such as, "How do you say..."

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