

# 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 31, 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.

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

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## TODAY

**Sunday, August 31**

- Blessing of candles and water in honor of St. Raymond

## UPCOMING

**Monday, September 1**

- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

**Tuesday, September 2**

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

**Friday, September 5**

- Sacred Heart Devotion—7:30pm

**Saturday, September 6**

- Holy Name Society—10:00am
- Inquiry Class—3:30pm

**Sunday, September 7**

- Sunday Socials organized by the Holy Name Society

**Monday, September 8**

- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

**Tuesday, September 9**

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

**Saturday, September 13**

- Altar Boy Meeting—10:00am
- Girls Sodality—10:00am
- Inquiry Class—3:30pm

**Sunday, September 14**

- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sunday Socials organized by Young Adults Group

**Monday, September 15**

- The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

**Tuesday, September 16**

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

**Wednesday, September 17**

- St. Jude Devotion—5:30pm

**Saturday, September 20**

- ProLife Rosary—10:00am
- Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- Youth Group Meeting—6:00pm

**Sunday, September 21**

- Sunday Socials organized by the Knights of Columbus
- Young Adult Group brunch

**Saturday, September 27**

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers meeting

**Sunday, October 5**

- First day of Sunday catechism (CCD)—9:15am

**Sunday, November 2**

- Daylight Saving Time ends

MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Aug. 31</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost, II</b>
7:30am	Liam Grist by Steven W. Grist
9:00am	Beata Lakatos by A Parishioner
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	†Richard Wuerz by Emily Wuerz
<b>Mon. Sep. 1</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:10am	†Gordon Collings by Darren Miller
<b>Tue. Sep. 2</b>	<b>St. Stephen of Hungary, King &amp; Confessor, III</b>
7:10am	Michael Zima by William and Stephanie Fonticoba
<b>Wed. Sep. 3</b>	<b>St. Pius X, Pope &amp; Confessor, III</b>
7:10am	†Michael Serpiello by the Jones Family
6:30pm	†Cletus Strauser by Cheryl Strauser
<b>Thu. Sep. 4</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:10am	Teresa Warlow by Mary Blair
<b>Fri. Sep. 5</b>	<b>St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop &amp; Confessor, III</b>
7:10am	†Jake Collins by Matt Michonski
6:30pm	†Christine Thomas by John E.Czarnomski
<b>Sat. Sep. 6</b>	<b>Saturday of Our Lady, IV</b>
9:00am	Girls Sodality
<b>Sun. Sep. 7</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost, II</b>
7:30am	†Tom Marshall
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:30am	†Michael Serpiello by Barbara Serpiello
6:00pm	†Frances G. Grutza by R.J. Grutza

Josiah David Kadar-Kallen and Rachel Colpetzer



Be it known to all here present that Josiah David Kadar-Kallen of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania son of Michael and Kimberlee Kadar-Kallen, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Rachel Leigh Margaret Colpetzer, of the parish of St. Patrick, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; daughter of Steve and Beth Colpetzer, of the parish of St. Patrick, in Carlisle, 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 first publication of the banns..

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FRATERNITY PROVINCIAL CONVOCATION**—Priests of Saint Lawrence will all be away on convocation from Monday, Sept. 1, through Friday, Sept. 5. Fr. Joseph Tuscan, O.F.M. Cap., will be filling in. The Mass schedule will remain as scheduled, however the divine office will be in private.

**TODAY: ST. RAYMOND BLESSINGS**—We will give the special blessing for water and candles to be used by pregnant mothers during birth in honor of St. Raymond Nonnatus, one of the founders of the Order of Our Lady of Ransom. St. Raymond, due to the circumstances of his birth, is known as the patron saint of expectant mothers and midwives. This water can be consumed throughout one's pregnancy and the candles lit during birth to invoke the saint's patronage and intercession for safe delivery.

One can see from the prayers used in these blessings (some of which follow) the beautiful faith that the Church places in her sacramentals.

O God, strength and salvation of all the faithful, who perfectly healed the mother-in-law of blessed Apostle Peter, when she was seized by a great fever at the prayer of Thy Son: deign to bless and sanctify this creature of water by Thy most holy Name, and by that of Thy Confessor Raymond, whom, despising the world, Thou didst call to the religious life of the Blessed Mother Mary: grant, we beseech Thee, that through his glorious merits and intercession, all who are afflicted with fevers may, by the use of this water—whether by washing, sprinkling, or drinking—be freed from every sickness of soul and body, and may be presented safe and sound to Thy Church, always giving thanks to Thee. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, by the merits of blessed Raymond, this creature of water, who by Thy glorious Body didst bless the waters of Jordan: and grant that all who taste of it, or touch it, may receive health of both body and soul. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

O Raymond, model of purity, chastity, and continence! Pray to the Mother of Mercy, that in this valley of misery she may defend us from wicked crime, and, once stripped of the mortal body, we may enjoy eternal rest.

**NOTE:** Though most appropriate for these blessings to be given on the feast of St. Raymond, pregnant women are encouraged to seek and use these sacramentals at any time of the year. Beeswax candles and water can be left in the sacristy with a note requesting the blessings in honor of St. Raymond.

**THIS WEEK: WELCOME TO FR. JOSEPH**—We are very grateful to Fr. Joseph Tuscan, O.F.M. Cap., for covering the parish this week. If you need to reach Father, you can contact the parish office during normal hours, or via email at [contact@stlawrence.cc](mailto:contact@stlawrence.cc), and ask to be put in touch with him.

**LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP**—Bishop Senior has written a letter regarding the Church's observance of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. A copy of his letter can be found by the bulletins. Spanish edition available.

**REGISTRATION FOR CCD**—Registration for CCD is open! We are still in need of aides, substitute teachers, and hall monitors.

To volunteer, email [dre@stlawrence.cc](mailto:dre@stlawrence.cc).

To register your children: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2526ccd>

**Kindergarten:** A nurturing environment that introduces young children to God: how to know, love, and serve Him.

**Grade 1:** Bible History

**Grade 2:** First Holy Communion (age 7 by Oct. 1)

**Grade 3:** Post Communion Class I

**Grade 4:** Post Communion Class II

**Grade 5:** Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Class I

**Grade 6:** Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Class II

**Grade 7:** Chief Doctrines of the Faith

**Grade 8:** Confirmation Preparation (age 13 by March 14)

**Grade 9:** Mass and the Sacraments

**Grade 10:** History of the Catholic Church

**Grade 11:** Catholic Morality

**Grade 12:** Apologetics

**Elective:** Beginner's Latin, available to those in Grades 7 to 12. No experience necessary.

**CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY**—A seating area with CCTV is available below the church for parents to follow the Mass while tending to children. Proceed down the stairwell in the back of the church to the cry room.

**SEPT. 4: 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, September 4 from 5:30pm–8:30pm. The choir needs a few more treble singers (soprano or alto) and tenors (higher singing men). 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).

**FROM THE DIOCESE**—The Catholic Charities Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families is in need of a few everyday essentials that make a big difference. Items needed include body lotion, conditioner, and towels. Your donations help us provide comfort and dignity to families during a difficult time. Every item brings hope and relief. Donations can be dropped off at 4800 Union Deposit Rd., or at 120 Willow Road, Suite C, Harrisburg. Thank you for your generosity and support!



## Notes on Today's Music

Processional Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, 923

Recessional Hymn: *O Sacrament Most Holy*, 903

Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo II, 772

Motet at Communion: *Benedicam Domine*, Rev. Giovanni Croce

The motet sung during communion is set by **Rev. Giovanni Croce**. The verse taken from Psalm 33:2 is translated: *I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth*. This text is sung by the schola as the gradual at Sunday's Mass. The short composition is based on a descending line motif that begins with the Tenor line and is echoed by each voice in a cascade until an arrival point in the middle of the piece. The voices then sing in pairs before the final cadence on the text...*his praise shall be ever in my mouth*.

**Rev. Giovanni Croce (c. 1558–1609)** was an Italian priest and composer of the late Renaissance from Venice and contemporary of Monteverdi and Andrea Gabrieli. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1585. He was appointed to the prestigious position of *maestro di cappella* at the famous St. Mark's cathedral from 1603 until his death.

**SEPT. 22: PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE**—The Pro-Life Group will be organizing a group of parishioners for the fifth annual Pennsylvania March for Life at the Capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, Sept. 22, 2025. Holy Mass will be at St. Lawrence at 9:30am, followed by breakfast in the Parish Center. Parishioners will then walk over to the capitol for the rally and march at 11am. Please register at <https://bit.ly/stlawrencepamarchforlife> and email [prolife@stlawrence.cc](mailto:prolife@stlawrence.cc) for questions.

**OCT. 24: PRO LIFE FEDERATION BANQUET**—The annual Pro Life Federation banquet will be on Oct. 24 at 5:30pm at the Hershey Lodge. As in previous years, St. Lawrence has purchased a table so that our parishioners can be represented at this event. The cost per seat is \$134 per person. Please email [prolife@stlawrence.cc](mailto:prolife@stlawrence.cc) to check the availability of seats at the table and for details to register. For more information, see [paprolife.org/banquet](http://paprolife.org/banquet).

**SATURDAYS AT 3:30PM: 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).

## Sunday Collections Week of August 24, 2025

Offertory	\$5,116.50
Vestments	198.00
Votives	48.25
Building Fund	837.00
Online Giving (August 18 - August 24)	<u>4,930.00</u>
	<b>\$11,129.75</b>

**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.

**PARKING GARAGE REFUNDS**—If you had a problem with the South Street Garage accepting your parking voucher last weekend, you can make a claim to get reimbursed at [www.myparkingrefund.com/refund\\_form.php](http://www.myparkingrefund.com/refund_form.php). This refund comes directly from the garage; the church is not charged. Even if you do not have your receipt if you provide the last four digits of your credit card and the date on which you parked a refund should be provided. The garage says you should hear back from them within seven business days of completing the form. Park Harrisburg has acknowledged they experienced “hiccups” with the system accepting vouchers last Saturday. They understand that the left gate is more reliable than the right to take the vouchers but are working to get them both to accept the vouchers. If you have any problems, please request the refund at the above link, and please also notify the office so we can stay on top of the issue.

**YMCA PARKING FOR GROUPS**—Thanks to the intercession of Sen. Patty Kim, and the generosity of the YMCA, we now have a free, convenient parking option for our groups that meet on Saturdays. For more information, please contact the organizers of your groups. These include: Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Guild of St. Stephen, Girls Sodality, Youth Group, Church Cleaners, and the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

**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.

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