

# St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



September 21, 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, September 21**

- Sunday Socials organized by the Knights of Columbus

## UPCOMING

**Monday, September 22**

- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

**Tuesday, September 23**

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

**Saturday, September 27**

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10:00am
- Inquiry Class—3:30pm

**Monday, September 29**

- The Dedication of Saint Michael, Archangel
- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

**Tuesday, September 30**

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

**Friday, October 3**

- Sacred Heart Devotion—7:30pm

**Saturday, October 4**

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

**Sunday, October 5**

- Sunday Socials organized by the Holy Name Society

**Monday, October 6**

- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

**Tuesday, October 14**

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

**Saturday, November 1**

- All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation

**Sunday, November 2**

- All Saints Day Party
- Daylight Saving Time ends

**Monday, November 3 (transferred from Nov. 2)**

- All Souls Day

**Sunday, November 30**

- First Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, December 14**

- Music and Drama program at State Museum of Pennsylvania

**Thursday, December 25**

- Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

**Saturday, March 14**

- Confirmation

**Sunday, June 7**

- Feast of Corpus Christi
- First Holy Communion

MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Sep. 21</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost, II</b> <i>Pro Populo</i> †Loyal Joseph Harant by John & Cheryl Osuch †Anny Cordova by the Faber Family †Cletus Strauser by Cheryl Strauser
<b>Mon. Sep. 22</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Thomas of Villanova, Bishop &amp; Confessor, III</b> †Frances G. Grutza by R.J. Grutza
<b>Tue. Sep. 23</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Linus, Pope &amp; Martyr, III</b> †Angelina Lamana by Will & Pattie Gabig
<b>Wed. Sep. 24</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>Ember Wednesday, II</b> †Frances Grutza †Mr. & Mrs. O’Connell Jr. by Bill O’Connell
<b>Thu. Sep. 25</b> 7:10am	<b>Feria, IV</b> Girls Sodality by Macu
<b>Fri. Sep. 26</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>Ember Friday, II</b> †George Wildt, Sr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin †John Joseph Holmberg by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan
<b>Sat. Sep. 27</b> 9:00am	<b>Ember Saturday, II</b> Anatolia Kuofos by Daniel & Anastasia Jones
<b>Sun. Sep. 28</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, II</b> Daniel & Emily Grist by Steven Grist <i>Pro Populo</i> †Ronald Grutza, Sr. by R.J. Grutza †James Rodgers by Bill O’Connell

Matthew James O’Donnell and Julia Anne Rigothi

Be it known to all here present that Matthew James O’Donnell of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, son of John and Kathy Lynn O’Donnell, of the parish of St. Patrick in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and Julia Anne Rigothi, daughter of Mary Ellen Turletes, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Anthony Rigothi of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Fairfield Glade, Tennessee, 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

**FROM YOUR PASTOR: CAMPAIGN STUDY**—As you may know, the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP) purchased the Parish Center (112 State Street) in 2022 and offered our parish five years free use of the building while we make determine the benefit the building would have to our parish and the means of the parish to purchase it.

In light of the June 30, 2027, deadline to decide to complete the purchase of the building, now is the time to seek critical feedback from each parishioner. At my request, the parish’s finance council and planning committee have developed a plan to ensure that all our buildings continue to serve the mission entrusted to us.

We are studying the possibility of a capital campaign in order to buy the Parish Center by June 30, 2027. At the same time, we are considering several other projects as part of the possible campaign as well:

- Restore the church’s rose window, and maintain and improve the schoolhouse.
- Expand the living space for our priests and visitors.
- Eliminate our parish debt, allowing us to direct more funding to mission and ministry.
- Start a classical elementary school.

We want to hear from you before we make any decisions. Starting tomorrow, we will begin a comprehensive survey of our entire parish community. We want to know which projects you believe are the most important for the future of St. Lawrence. The survey, which is part of a process called a planning study, also will gauge support the possible capital fundraising campaign.

In the coming weeks, we will share more details about the study, the projects, and about the possibility of a major fundraising effort to pay for some of the projects. Each parish family will be asked to share their input. Your participation in the survey is essential for the success of this planning process.—Fr. James M. Smith, FSSP

**OCT. 18: BEHOLD FAMILY CONFERENCE**—Bp. Senior is hosting a conference at Holy Name of Jesus parish in Harrisburg, on Oct. 18. From the diocese: “Whether you are young or old, new to the faith, rooted in our Catholic traditions, or even feel yourself drifting away, BEHOLD! has something for you. Join Bishop Senior and our keynote, Bishop Frank Caggiano, along with our dynamic breakout speakers, and musical entertainment, The Scally Brothers, for a full day of faith, fellowship, and fun on Saturday, October 18th, at Holy Name of Jesus parish in Harrisburg. Register today at [hbgdiocese.org/behold](http://hbgdiocese.org/behold).”

**OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY**— In honor of the victory given by Our Lady at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, and seeking many more graces for ourselves, our families, our parish, and our nation, we will pray the Rosary publicly in the church from Oct. 1 until All Souls Day, which falls on Nov. 3 this year. On weekdays, we will meet at 5:30pm. We ask all parishioners to join us, in so far as circumstances allow, and we ask the men of the parish to volunteer to lead decades of the Rosary. Please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-rosary2025>

**TODAY: CCD REGISTRATION DEADLINE**—We are very proud to present our roster of teachers and aides for the 2025-2026 academic year of our Sunday catechism program, which meets from 9:15am to 10:15am every Sunday from Oct. 5 to May 17 with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmastide, and Eastertide. If you have not registered your students yet, there is still time. Registration closes at midnight tonight.

If you are interested in joining our fantastic team, which also includes hall monitors and substitutes—yes, it takes dozens of people to organize our CCD program—or if you have any questions, please contact Dr. Phillip Cuccia, our director of religious education at [dre@stlawrence.cc](mailto:dre@stlawrence.cc). Go here to register: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2526ccd>

Our roster (with teachers’ names in bold):

- Kindergarten with **Mary Zambito** and Katie Moreton
- Grade 1: Bible History with **Mary Ann Schleihau** and Sean Carroll
- Grade 2: First Holy Communion with **Kateri Kadar-Kallan** and Lydia Miccolupi
- Grade 3: Post Communion 1 with **Eric Anton** and Ruthann Billow
- Grade 4: Post Communion 2 with **Monica Kole** and Marie Smith
- Grade 5: Holy Mass 1 with **Brian Smith** and Mikaela Benner
- Grade 6: Holy Mass 2 with **Claire Brissett** and Stan Yukica
- Grade 7: Theoretical & Practical Doctrine with **Abigail Skelton** and Bobby Ribic
- Grade 8: Mass and the Sacraments with **Greg Carney** and Meredith McCarrick
- Grade 9: History of the Church with **Phillip Cuccia** and Colten Blacke
- Grade 10: Preparation for Confirmation with **Daniel Jones** and Kevin Stafford
- Grades 11 and 12: Catholic Morality and Apologetics (each subject will be covered for approximately half of the year) with **Jerome Hall** and **Jim Fair**
- Beginner’s Latin (Elective for grades 7-12) with **Pam Kole** and Jessica Rosenberg

**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 parishioiners 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).

**TOMORROW: MARCH FOR LIFE**—[*The link for signing up for the potluck for Pennsylvania March for Life has been update. We apologize that the previous link did not work.*] Prolife Group is organizing a group of parishioners for the fifth annual Pennsylvania March for Life at the Capitol in Harrisburg tomorrow, 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. Email [prolife@stlawrence.cc](mailto:prolife@stlawrence.cc) for questions and register at [bit.ly/stlawrence-pamarchforlife](http://bit.ly/stlawrence-pamarchforlife)

<div>Notes on Today's Music</div> <div>Processional hymn: <i>Most Ancient of All Mysteries</i>, 884 Recessional hymn: <i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>, 931 Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo IV, 780</div> <div>Marian Antiphon: <i>Salve Regina</i>, Rev. Francesco Soriano (c.1548–1621) Communion Antiphon: <i>Panis Quem Ego</i>, Heinrich Isaac</div> <div>The communion antiphon is set by <b>Heinrich Isaac</b> with the text taken from John 6:52: <i>The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world</i>. Isaac composes pieces of the melody in both the Tenor and Soprano voices in a quasi-canon in the same way as many of his communion settings. <i>Panis Quem Ego</i> has one of the clearest quotations of the source melody in the Soprano voice with very little ornamentation.</div> <div><b>Heinrich Isaac (c.1450–1517)</b> 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 <i>Choralis Constantinus</i> which contains nearly 400 Gregorian chant based motets of propers for the Mass.</div>		<div>Sunday Collections</div> <div>Week of September 14, 2025</div> <div><table><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$5833.00</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund</td><td>\$20.00</td></tr><tr><td>Votives</td><td>\$107.00</td></tr><tr><td>Bookstand</td><td>\$75.00</td></tr><tr><td>Coffee Social</td><td>\$52.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online Giving (September 8 - September 14)</td><td><u>\$4753.00</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$10,840.00</td></tr></table></div>		Offertory	\$5833.00	Building Fund	\$20.00	Votives	\$107.00	Bookstand	\$75.00	Coffee Social	\$52.00	Online Giving (September 8 - September 14)	<u>\$4753.00</u>		\$10,840.00
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<div>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: <a href="mailto:contact@stlawrence.cc">contact@stlawrence.cc</a>.</div> <div>FREE SAT. &amp; 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.</div>		<div>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!</div> <div>ARE YOU PREGNANT?—At the parish office, we love to hear about pregnancies! Please let us know so that we can begin planning your child’s baptism. Also, be sure to avail yourself of the sacramentals of the church, such as candles and water blessed in honor St. Raymond Nonnatus, a sacramentals that help women in delivery.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>AUDIO SPECIALIST NEEDED— If you have experience with editing audio files, along with a love of sacred music, email <a href="mailto:music@stlawrence.cc">music@stlawrence.cc</a>. 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.</div>															
<div>ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN</div> <div>1 space is available in the bulletin for the remainder of the year for \$25/month to promote your business. To place an ad in the bulletin, please email <a href="mailto:advertising@stlawrence.cc">advertising@stlawrence.cc</a>.</div> <div>All ads are from your parishioners!</div>	<div>BAHRET RELIGIOUS GOODS</div> <div>at West Shore Farmers Market, Lemoyne 717-412-0306</div> <div>For all your religious needs! We carry rosaries, scapulars, veils, statues, jewelry, greeting cards, missals, bibles &amp; other books, holy water fonts, First Communion and Confirmation items, and much more! <a href="mailto:contactus@bahretreligiousgoods.com">contactus@bahretreligiousgoods.com</a>.</div>	<div>2026 SPACE NOW AVAILABLE</div> <div>Ad space in the bulletin for 2026 is now available. If you would like to reserve space to promote your business for \$25 per month, please email <a href="mailto:advertising@stlawrence.cc">advertising@stlawrence.cc</a>.</div> <div>Ad space is limited to parishioners.</div>															
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