

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 28, 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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UPCOMING

Monday, September 29

- High Mass for Saint Michael—6:30pm
- No Monday Night Basketball

Tuesday, September 30

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, October 1

- Month of the Rosary begins
- Public recitation of the Rosary—5:30pm

Thursday, October 2

- Public recitation of the Rosary—5:30pm

Friday, October 3

- First Friday
- Sacred Heart Devotion—5:30 to 7:30pm
- Public recitation of the Rosary—5:30pm

Saturday, October 4

- Public recitation of the Rosary—8:30am
- Holy Name Society—10:00am
- Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, October 5

- First day of Sunday catechism (CCD)—9:15am
- First day of adult catechism—12:15pm
- Sunday Socials organized by the Holy Name Society

Monday, October 6

- Monday Night Basketball returns!—7:00pm

Sunday, October 12

- Sunday Socials organized by the Young Adults Group

Tuesday, October 14

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Saturday, November 1

- All Saints Day

Sunday, November 2

- All Saints Day party
- Daylight Saving Time ends
- No coffee and doughnuts today
- No adult catechism today

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
- No adult catechism—12:15pm

Thursday, December 25

- Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

Thursday, January 1, 2026

- Feast of the Circumcision

Tuesday, January 6

- Feast of the Epiphany High Mass—6:30pm


January 7 to 14

- Priests visiting homes for Epiphany blessings

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Sep. 28 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, II Daniel & Emily Grist by Steven Grist <i>Pro Populo</i> †Ronald Grutza, Sr., by R.J. Grutza †James Rodgers by Bill O’Connell
Mon. Sep. 29 7:10am 6:30pm	The Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel, I †Joyce Dorso by Cecilia Nico The Confraternity of St. Peter by Mr. & Mrs. Miccolupi
Tue. Sep. 30 7:10am	St. Jerome, Priest, Confessor, & Doctor, III Gabriel Fonticoba by William & Stephanie Fonticoba
Wed. Oct. 1 7:10am 6:30pm	Feria, IV Frederick Scharf by Linda Boyd Confraternity of St. Peter by Darren Miller
Thu. Oct. 2 7:10am	Holy Guardian Angels, III †Mr. & Mrs. O’Connell, Jr., by Cecilia Nico
Fri. Oct. 3 7:10am 6:30pm	St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin, III Isabella Mack Girls Sodality
Sat. Oct. 4 9:00am	St. Francis of Assisi, Confessor, III †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Cecilia Nico
Sun. Oct. 5 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost, II Alexaner Fordyce Christina Stoner by Bev O’Neill <i>Pro Populo</i> †Walter John Knowles by John & Sharon Knowles

Banns of Marriage



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 Turtles, 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 second publication of the banns.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION—This week our second collection is for the Building Fund.

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.

By now, you should have received a letter from me with 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. **If you did not receive my letter, please let the office know and we will send you the information.**—Fr. James M. Smith, FSSP

MONDAY BASKETBALL RETURNS— Monday night basketball returns to the East Shore YMCA every Monday, Oct. 6, 7 to 8:30pm. Message “subscribe” to sports+subscribe@groups.stlawrence.cc for details and to RSVP. If you are not yet part of the parish email groups, send “subscribe” to main+subscribe@groups.stlawrence.cc.

OCT. 24: PRO-LIFE BANQUET (6 SEATS LEFT)—The St. Lawrence table at the annual Pro-Life Federation banquet has six seats remaining. Every year St. Lawrence purchases a table so that our parish publicly supports this important cause. The banquet is on Oct. 24 at 5:30pm at the Hershey Lodge, and the cost per seat is \$134 per person. Please email prolife@stlawrence.cc for seats. For more information, see paprolife.org/banquet. Special thanks to the pro-life committee of the parish for organizing our presence at the Pennsylvania March for Life last week. Approximately 75 parishioners came to demonstrate.

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 signup here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-rosary2025>

THIS WEEK’S ROSARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 5:30pm—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct1>

- First Mystery: Available
- Second Mystery: Joe Webb
- Third Mystery: Available
- Fourth Mystery: Available
- Fifth Mystery: Father

Thursday, Oct. 2 at 5:30pm—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct2>

- First Mystery: Available
- Second Mystery: Available
- Third Mystery: Available
- Fourth Mystery: Available
- Fifth Mystery: Father

Friday, Oct. 3 at 5:30pm—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct3>

- First Mystery: Jerome Hall
- Second Mystery: Available
- Third Mystery: Available
- Fourth Mystery: Available
- Fifth Mystery: Father

Saturday, Oct. 4 at 8:30pm—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct4>

- First Mystery: Available
- Second Mystery: Available
- Third Mystery: Available
- Fourth Mystery: Available
- Fifth Mystery: Father

2025 PARISH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — Mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Parish Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the East Shore YMCA. Registration will open soon, so start organizing your team!

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. John Kearney

United in Holy Matrimony

September 13, 2025



<div>Notes on Today's Music</div> <div>Processional hymn: <i>Jesus, Meek And Lowly</i>, 833 Recessional hymn: <i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>, 887 Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo IV, 780</div> <div>Offertory Antiphon: <i>Domine in Auxilium</i>, G.P. Palestrina Communion Hymn: <i>Stabat Mater</i>, Chant Sequence</div> <div>This Sunday's Offertory is taken from G.P. Palestrina's <i>Offertoria totius anni</i>, which contains 68 five-voice choral settings of Offertory Antiphons for Sundays and major feasts. In this motet, he uses a minor key mixed with a raised third to create a complex combination of minor and major feelings in the same work. Palestrina restates the same music as at the beginning because the text repeats itself: <i>Deign, O Lord, to rescue me; let all be put to shame and confusion who seek to snatch away my life. Deign, O Lord, to rescue me.</i> —Psalm 39:14-15</div> <div>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.</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>LOST AND FOUND MISSALS —There are several missals that have been sitting in the lost and found. If you have misplaced your missal or bible please check our lost and found bins located in the basement of the Parish Center. From State Street, go down the outdoor stairs to access the room. Directly inside the door are the lost and found bins.</div> <div>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.</div>		<div>Sunday Collections Week of September 21, 2025</div> <table><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$5,701.00</td></tr><tr><td>Vestments</td><td>1,045.00</td></tr><tr><td>Benedictus</td><td>30.00</td></tr><tr><td>Votives</td><td>20.00</td></tr><tr><td>Seminary Burse</td><td>33.00</td></tr><tr><td>Flowers</td><td>15.00</td></tr><tr><td>Confraternity of Christian Mothers</td><td>186.00</td></tr><tr><td>Assumption</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online Giving (September 15 - September 21)</td><td><u>6,625.00</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$13,632.00</td></tr></table> <div>Congratulations to:</div> <div>Owen Clifford</div> <div>and</div> <div>David Feerar</div> <div>on their reception into</div> <div>the Catholic Church</div> <div>September 13, 2025</div> <div>PERU TRIP REPORT—Aidan Mack expresses his gratitude for the generous support from parishioners who supported his mission trip there this summer. He writes: “Thank you for the contributions to my mission trip to Peru....It was a very humbling experience to go on the mission. During my time there, [we] built six houses, visited the sick, assisted in the distribution of Communion, assisted in the blessing of homes, and helped with clothes drives. The children of Piura were fun to be around, and taught me what it looks like to be joyful even when you have next to nothing. This was very humbling. Again, I am grateful to you for your contribution, and for the opportunity to go on this mission trip. Please keep me in your prayers.”</div>		Offertory	\$5,701.00	Vestments	1,045.00	Benedictus	30.00	Votives	20.00	Seminary Burse	33.00	Flowers	15.00	Confraternity of Christian Mothers	186.00	Assumption	10.00	Online Giving (September 15 - September 21)	<u>6,625.00</u>		\$13,632.00
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<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 advertising@stlawrence.cc.</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 & other books, holy water fonts, First Communion and Confirmation items, and much more! contactus@bahretreligiousgoods.com.</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 advertising@stlawrence.cc.</div> <div>Ad space is limited to parishioners.</div>																					
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