

# St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



October 5, 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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<b>Mr. Paul Thomas May</b>	<i>Music Director</i>	music@stlawrence.cc

**Parish Office** contact@stlawrence.cc

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

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## TODAY

### Sunday, October 5

- Sunday Socials organized by the Holy Name Society
- First day of Sunday catechism (CCD)—9:15am
- Adult Catechism (in English)—12:15pm
- Sunday Sports—1:00pm at YMCA

## UPCOMING

### Monday, October 6

- Monday Night Basketball—7:00pm

### Tuesday, October 7

- Our Lady of the Rosary
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

### Saturday, October 11

- The Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Altar Boy Meeting—10:00am
- Girls Sodality—10:00am
- Inquiry Class—3:30pm

### Sunday, October 12

- Sunday Socials organized by Young Adults Group

### Wednesday October 15

- St. Jude Devotion—5:30pm

### Saturday, October 18

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

### Sunday, October 19

- Sunday Socials organized by the Knights of Columbus

### Tuesday, October 21

- Knights of Columbus—6:30pm

### Saturday, October 25

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

### Saturday, November 1

- All Saints Day

### Sunday, November 2

- All Saints Day Party
- No adult catechism today
- 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 the State Museum

### Thursday, December 25

- Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

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### Saturday, March 14

- Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Oct. 5</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost, II</b> Alexander Fordyce Christina Stoner by Bev O'Neill <i>Pro Populo</i> †Walter John Knowles by Mr. & Mrs. John Knowles
<b>Mon. Oct. 6</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Bruno, Confessor, III</b> †Frederick M. Boyd by Linda Boyd
<b>Tue. Oct. 7</b> 7:10am	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary, II</b> †Frank and Mary Palladino by John E. Czarnomski
<b>Wed. Oct. 8</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>St. Bridget of Sweden, Widow, III</b> ††Ronald Grutza, Sr. by R.J. Grutza †Eileen Ferguson
<b>Thu. Oct. 9</b> 7:10am	<b>St. John Leonardi, Confessor, III</b> †John J. MacDonald by Zachary & Maureen Flynn
<b>Fri. Oct. 10</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>St. Francis Borgia, Confessor, III</b> †Charles and Frances Krall by Charles F. Krall The Confraternity of St. Peter by Linda Boyd
<b>Sat. Oct. 11</b> 9:00am	<b>Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II</b> Protection of the Unborn
<b>Sun. Oct. 12</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, II</b> Ed & Suzanne Pitman by Mary Alice Howard Sophia Koufos by Daniel & Anastasia Jones <i>Pro Populo</i> †Vincent Strauser by Cheryl Strauser

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 third publication of the banns.

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<b>Youth Group</b> Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc .....	Joelle Riethmiller

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IMPORTANT PARISH SURVEY**—By now, you have probably heard about St. Lawrence’s planning study, which includes a comprehensive survey of the entire parish. This study will help gauge support for a proposed plan, which includes:

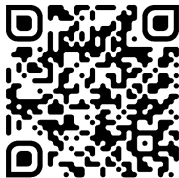
- Buying the Parish Center from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP).

In addition, we may potentially complete one or more of these projects:

- Restoring and maintaining the church and improve schoolhouse.
- Expanding the living space for priests and visitors.
- Eliminating our parish debt, allowing us to direct more funding to mission and ministry.
- Starting a classical elementary school.

Thank you to everyone who has already participated in the study. Your thoughts are extremely valuable during this planning process. If you haven’t yet responded, please do so. Your input will help us make an informed decision regarding our long-range plans. You can fill out the survey online here: [bit.ly/planning-study](https://bit.ly/planning-study)

We hope to have all surveys completed by Monday, Oct. 13. You can complete it online by going to scanning the QR code to the right.



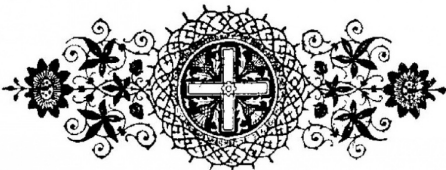
**FY25 FINANCIAL REPORT AVAILABLE**—Please find a copy of the latest financial report, which covers the period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. This report is especially important in context of the planning study currently undertaken for the future of the parish.

**CORRECTION TO FINANCIAL REPORT**—In the latest financial report, we spotted an error on page 2. Here is the correct version (addition in bold): “Currently, the Parish is responsible for four full-time personnel: three priests and one lay employee. The salaries for the three priests **and one full-time lay employee** in FY25 came to \$148,000.”

**MOTHERS, JOIN THE CONFRATERNITY** — The next Confraternity of Christian Mothers Solemn Reception Mass will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 after the 9am Mass. All women in the parish, married, single, with or without children, are invited to join The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM), under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows. Those who belong to the Confraternity gather on fourth Saturdays to pray, discuss, and encourage one another as mothers. Most importantly, they and their children share in the spiritual graces dispensed by the Church through membership. There are very few membership obligations in exchange for abundant graces and benefits. For more information about the Confraternity, please visit the Archconfraternity website at <https://www.christianmothers.org>. If you wish to become a member and register to be included in the Solemn Reception Mass in October, please contact our CCM president, Mrs. Pam Kole at [mothers@stlawrence.cc](mailto:mothers@stlawrence.cc)

**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 are praying the Rosary publicly in the church 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>

**JOIN THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY**—Please consider joining the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary to benefit from united prayers of members around the world. When Pope Leo XIII in 1898 codified the rules of the Confraternity, he wrote: “Wherefore, without any subscription or payment whatever, it admits persons of every condition of life amongst its members, and binds them to one another by no other bond than the recitation of the Rosary of Mary. The result is, that while each one contributes a little towards the common treasure, all receive a great deal from it. For whenever a person fulfills his obligation of reciting the Rosary according to the rules of the Confraternity, he includes in his intention all its members, and they in turn render to him the same service many times over.” To join, visit: <https://bit.ly/enroll-rosary-confraternity>



**THIS WEEK’S ROSARY SCHEDULE**—Join us Monday through Friday at 5:30pm throughout the month to pray the Rosary publicly in our church.

- Monday, Oct. 6—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct6>  
*Three spots available.*
- Tuesday, Oct. 7—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct7>  
*Four spots available.*
- Wednesday, Oct. 8—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct8>  
*Three spots available.*
- Thursday, Oct. 9—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct9>  
*Four spots available.*
- Friday, Oct. 10—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct10>  
*Four spots available.*
- Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8:15am—<https://bit.ly/rosary-oct11>  
*Four spots available.*

**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](mailto:prolife@stlawrence.cc) for seats. For more information, see [prolife.org/banquet](http://prolife.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.



<div>Notes on Today's Music</div> <div>Processional hymn: <i>O Sanctissima</i>, 915 Recessional hymn: <i>Daily, Daily, Sing of Mary</i>, 912 Kyriale: Mass IX, 731; Credo IV, 780  Hymn at the offertory: <i>Te gestiéntem gáudiis</i>, Chant Motet during communion: <i>Ave Maria</i>, a5, G.P. Palestrina (1525–1585)  There are four hymns which were assigned for the Divine Office on the Feast of the Holy Rosary by Pope Leo XIII in 1888. Originally composed by <b>Rev. Augustine Thomas Ricchini, OP</b> for the Dominican breviary, the subject of all four hymns are the fifteen mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The first three hymns deal with each set of Mysteries: the Joyous, the Sorrowful, and the Glorious. The fourth hymn which will be sung at Sunday's Mass, <i>Te gestiéntem gáudiis</i>, is a short summary of the first three hymns. The melody for these hymns is also used for many different texts on feasts of the Blessed Virgin; one of the most famous texts being <i>Maria Mater Gratiae</i>.  <b>Rev. Augustine Thomas Ricchini, OP (1695-1779)</b> was a native of Cremona, Italy, he held several ecclesiastical offices and was a friend of Pope Benedict XIV. Father first held the office of the Secretary of the Congregation of the Index, and then was the Master of the Sacred Palace. He was also an adviser to the Master General of the Dominicans from 1759 to 1778.</div>		<div>Sunday Collections Week of September 28, 2025</div> <table><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$4,446.81</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund</td><td>5,746.00</td></tr><tr><td>Votives</td><td>59.00</td></tr><tr><td>Book Stand</td><td>76.00</td></tr><tr><td>Confraternity of Christian Mothers</td><td>112.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online Giving (September 22 - September 28)</td><td><u>6,086.00</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$16,525.81</td></tr></table>		Offertory	\$4,446.81	Building Fund	5,746.00	Votives	59.00	Book Stand	76.00	Confraternity of Christian Mothers	112.00	Online Giving (September 22 - September 28)	<u>6,086.00</u>		\$16,525.81
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<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.  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>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, as sacramentals help women in delivery.  MONDAY BASKETBALL RETURNS AT YMCA— 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.  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</div>															
<div>Keck Health - Camp Hill Primary Care Our mission is to provide excellent care for acute/chronic issues to patients of all ages. Flat affordable subscription between patient and provider - no additional copays for visits. Discounted labs, provider access, same/next day appts, house calls &amp; in-office procedures. Contact Mr. Kris Keck (Nurse Practitioner) at kris@keckhealth.org or at 717-648-1269.</div>	<div>BAHRET RELIGIOUS GOODS at West Shore Farmers Market, Lemoyne 717-412-0306  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! contactus@bahretreligiousgoods.com.</div>	<div>Catherine Dattoli, Salon MJM Salon MJM is a full service salon offering a variety of services, such as haircuts, all color services, updos and more!  Book with Catherine and receive 10% off your first appointment. Book your appt: call 717-335-2323 or message @hair.by.catherine on Instagram.</div>															
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