# St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



# November 9, 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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# **TODAY**

#### Sunday, November 9

· No Adult Catechism

# **UPCOMING**

#### Monday, November 10

Monday Night Basketball—7pm

#### Tuesday, November 11

- All Souls Novena of Masses ends
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

#### Saturday, November 15

- Pro-life Meeting—10am
- Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- Parish Men's Night—5pm

#### Sunday, November 16

- Sunday Socials organized by the Knights of Columbus
- Adult Catechism—12:15pm

#### Thursday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Day
- Parish Office Closed

# Sunday, November 30

· First Sunday of Advent

#### Tuesday, December 2

• Anniversary of the founding of the Mater Dei Community

#### Saturday, December 6

Rorate Mass—6:30am

#### Sunday, December 14

• Music and Drama program at the State Museum

#### Wednesday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

#### Thursday, December 25

- Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
- Holy Day Mass Times: Midnight, 8am, 10:30am
- · Parish Office Closed

#### Wednesday, December 31

Te Deum after Vespers—Plenary Indulgence

#### Thursday, January 1, 2026

- Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord
- Holy Day Mass Times: 7:10am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm
- Veni Creator Spiritus before Masses—Plenary Indulgence

#### Monday, January 5, 2026

- Vigil of the Epiphany
- Blessing of Epiphany Water

#### Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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

#### January 7 to 14, 2026

Priests visiting homes for Epiphany blessings

#### **February 1, 2026**

Septuagesima Sunday

# MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov. 9 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Dedication of the Archbasilica of Most Holy Savior, II Patrick Jones by Daniel & Anastasia Jones Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter †Members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers †All Souls Novena
<b>Mon. Nov. 10</b> 7:10am	St. Andrew Avellino, Confessor, III †All Souls Novena
<b>Tue. Nov. 11</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Martin of Tours,</b> Bishop & Confessor, III †All Souls Novena
<b>Wed. Nov. 12</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>St. Martin I</b> , <i>Pope &amp; Martyr, III</i> Sebastian Fonticoba (and godparents) by the Fonticobas Kadar-Kallen Family
<b>Thu. Nov. 13</b> 7:10am	USA: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin, III Cuccia Family
Fri. Nov. 14 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>St. Josaphat,</b> <i>Bishop &amp; Martyr, III</i> Gabriella Rose Gabig by her Parents Mack Family

**Sat. Nov. 15 St. Albert the Great**, *Bishop, Confessor*, & *Doctor, III* 9:00am Patterson Family

Sun. Nov. 16 Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost, II

7:30am †Dr. William & Margaret Baurys by Mr. & Mrs. Knowles 9:00am †Bishop Richard N. Williamson by John E. Czarnomski 10:30am *Pro Populo* 6:00pm Frost Family

#### **Banns of Marriage**

### Dominic Jeffrey Higinbotham and Elizabeth Ann Dattoli



Be it known to all here present that Dominic Jeffrey Higinbotham, son of David and Danette Higinbotham, of St. John University Parish in Morgantown, W.Va,; and Elizabeth Ann Dattoli, daughter of Joseph and Ann Dattoli, of the Quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome Deacon and Martyr in Harrisburg, Pa. 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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**Youth Group** 

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FR. SMITH VACATION**—Father Smith is on vacation, scheduled to return on Nov. 13. Father will offer the *Pro populo* Mass today while he is away.

**NO COFFEE AND DOUGHNUT SOCIALS**—There will be no coffee and doughnut socials today. We will resume Nov. 16.

**SECOND COLLECTION**—There will be a second collection today for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA (AMS).

**INDULGENCES AVAILABLE THIS WEEK**—The Church offers us special opportunities from Nov. 3 to Nov. 11 to gain plenary indulgences for the Holy Souls. You can still gain one indulgence per day from now until Nov. 11, only applicable to the Souls in Purgatory, by visiting a cemetery and praying, even just mentally, for the Holy Souls. The usual conditions for plenary indulgences apply.

**NOV. 15: PARISH MEN'S NIGHT**—Join other men of the parish for a night of prayer, spiritual instruction, camaraderie, and the grilling of burgers, brats, and beverages in the church courtyard after Vespers. The evening will begin with Vespers at 5pm, after which they will move to the courtyard for dinner, a bonfire, and a talk. RSVP here: https://bit.ly/mensnight-nov15

PREPARE FOR MARIAN CONSECRATION—We invite all parishioners to participate in a *Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary* according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. While there are several ways of doing this, we will use a simple method proposed in *Preparation for Total Consecration According to St. Louis de Montfort* published by Montfort Publications. We will have the consecration on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, which is the patronal feast of the United States. Therefore, those wishing to participate should begin their 33-day preparation this Wednesday, November 5. Though this preparation will be done by individuals and families privately, we will recite this consecration publicly as a parish after the Masses on Dec. 8. *Preparation for Total Consecration* booklets will be available at the entrance of the church.

MASS FOR DECEASED CCM MEMBERS—From the General Statutes of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers: No. XI: "Within the seven days following All Souls' Day a Holy Mass should be offered for all the departed members." As such, the 10:30 am Sunday Mass on Nov. 9 will be for the deceased members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

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 Pople 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 whenver 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

**TUESDAY ADORATION CONTINUES**—Thanks to the dedication of volunteers who have stepped up, Tuesday adoration will continue.

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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE—The Holy Name Society of St. Lawrence is collecting food donations for the annual Thanksgiving food drive for the Silence of Mary Home in Harrisburg, Pa. There will be empty grocery bags with an attached wish list for Thanksgiving related meal items located in the vestibule of the church. Please take a bag (or two), fill it with food items and return it to St. Lawrence Church on either Sunday, Nov. 9, or Sunday, Nov. 16. When returning your donations, please place them (if you have a fob) inside the basement door of the parish center (basement entrance facing 112 State Street) or in the Narthex. May God reward your generosity!

THE SANTA RUN 5K AND 1 MILE WALK—The Santa Run 5K & 1 Mile Walk at Bishop McDevitt High School is back: mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 13. Santa shirts and hats, courtesy of Mid Penn Bank, will be given to all participants. A collection of wish list items will be taken to fill Santa's Sleigh and give to the Penn State Children's Hospital again this year. Register to participate by Dec. 5 at this link: https://charity.pledgeit.org/2025Santa5K

Congratulations to:

#### Christopher and Carla Thomas

On the Baptism of their Son

**Jude Christopher Kolbe Thomas** 

November 1, 2025

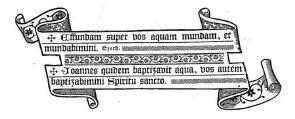
and

#### Robert and Mariane Oscilowski

On the Baptism of their Daughter

Emma Marie Oscilowski

November 1, 2025



#### **Notes on Today's Music**

Processional hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, 927 Recessional hymn: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*, 931 Credo IV, 780

Kyriale: Missa O quam gloriosum est regnum, Tomás Luis de Victoria

Offertory Motet: *O quam metuendus est*, Tomás Luis de Victoria Communion Motet: *Locus Iste*, Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

November 9th the Church marks the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior, for which the proper texts are taken from the Dedication of a Church. The motet *O quam metuendus est* by **Tomás Luis de Victoria** is a setting of the Magnificat antiphon for the dedication of a church. The text is taken from the description of Jacob's Ladder in Genesis: "How awe-inspiring is this place! Surely this can be nothing else but the house of God and the gate of heaven."

**Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548–1611)**, along with Palestrina and de Lassus, is one of the greatest composers of the 16th C., famous for its ethereal polyphony. Ordained a priest at age 27, he lived in Rome for years, and assisted St. Philip Neri as chaplain of *San Girolamo della Carità*.

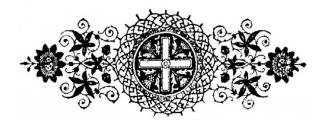
FREE SAT. & SUN. GARAGE PARKING—Our South Street Garage parking vouchers are valid both on Saturdays and Sundays. We now are offering self-service for obtaining vouchers. A sign-out sheet and vouchers are available at the back of the church and also on the table outside the parish office door. The South Street garage is available on Saturdays 7:30am - 8pm and on Sundays 7am - 2pm.

**KEEP US UPDATED**—Has your contact information changed? If you've moved, or your email address or phone number have changed, please call and let the parish staff know. If you've registered at ParishSOFT, you can also go there to update your information.

# Sunday Collections Week of November 2, 2025s

Offertory	\$8,858.00
Online Giving (October 27 - November 2)	4,959.67
Building Fund	1,340.00
Votives	81.00
All Souls	2,697.50
World Mission Day	20.00
All Saints Day	302.50
Bookstand	130.00

\$18,388.67



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.

LOST AND FOUND MISSALS—There are several missals that have been sitting in the Lost and Found bins in the basement of the Parish Center. If you have misplaced your missal or any other personal item, please check there. From State Street, go down the outdoor stairs to access the room. You will find the bins directly inside.

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