

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 16, 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

Rev. James Smith, FSSP *Pastor* fr.smith@stlawrence.cc

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Mr. Paul Thomas May *Music Director* music@stlawrence.cc

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

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TODAY

Sunday, November 16

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

UPCOMING

Thursday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Day
- Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 28

- Parish Office Closed

Sunday, November 30

- First Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 1

- Monday Night Basketball—7pm

Tuesday, December 2

- Anniversary of the Founding of the Mater Dei Community

Saturday, December 6

- Rorate Mass—6:30am

Saturday, December 13

- Parish Basketball Tournament—1pm

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

Saturday, December 27

- Parish Christmas Party

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

Saturday, March 14, 2026

- Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov. 16	Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost, II
7:30am	†Dr. William & Margaret Baurys by Mr. & Mrs. Knowles
9:00am	Isabella Mack
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Frost Family
Mon. Nov. 17	St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop & Confessor, III
7:10am	John Zalesky by Zalesky Family
Tue. Nov. 18	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul, III
7:10am	†Helen Kadar by Phillip & Lenora Cuccia
Wed. Nov. 19	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow, III
7:10am	Magdalena Carrizo
6:30pm	St. Jude Intentions
Thu. Nov. 20	St. Felix of Valois, Confessor, III
7:10am	†Katherin Louise Stover by John E. Czarnomski
Fri. Nov. 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, III
7:10am	Legion of Mary Members by Legion of Mary
6:30pm	Rachel Colpetzer by Kadar-Kallen Family
Sat. Nov. 22	St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, III
9:00am	†Michael Fagan, O.P.P. by John E. Czarnomski
Sun. Nov. 23	Twenty-fourth and Last Sunday After Pentecost, II
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00am	†Charles and Mary Laczkoskie
10:30am	†Mike Rossi by Mary Alice Howard
6:00pm	†Catherine Neason by Bill O’Connell

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 third publication of the banns.

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Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc	Joelle Riethmiller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM YOUR PASTOR—A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who took part in St. Lawrence's recent campaign planning study. Your strong response and thoughtful feedback are invaluable as our parish leadership prayerfully discerns the future for our community.

The Steier Group—the Catholic development consulting firm that conducted the study—recently shared its findings and recommendations with our planning committee and finance council. After careful review of the very positive results, the finance council voted unanimously to advise Fr. Smith to move forward with a capital campaign. This was an important step, as the diocese requires evidence of parish support before it would approve a request from the pastor to move forward with a capital campaign. The strong support for a capital campaign, as shown in the study, as well as from the leadership team of the parish, will be presented by me to the diocese this week as part of a request to move forward with the capital campaign.

As the next steps unfold, we will continue to keep you informed and will also provide a full summary of the study results. In the meantime, we ask for your prayers that the Holy Spirit may guide us as invest in St. Lawrence's future. Thank you once again for your participation, trust, and ongoing support.—Fr. Smith

ST. JUDE DEVOTIONS—Each month, as part of our devotion to St. Jude on the third Wednesday, we offer Holy Mass at 6:30 pm for the prayer intentions shared with us. This month's intentions include the following, which have been published in our weekly prayer intention email from November 5th to November 14th. Please pray for your fellow parishioners and their intentions. If you would like us to pray for your intentions, please send your intentions to: prayers@stlawrence.cc
Please pray for: Christopher, Sr. Catherine, Stan, Lisa, Zayne, Tammy, George, Richard, William, Doris, Brandon, Christopher, +Laronda, and Carol.

Please also pray for: the conversion and reconciliation of the family members of a parishioner; the spiritual and physical well-being of certain parishioner; a parishioner, who is struggling with severe depression; the son of a parishioner, who is experiencing work-related difficulties; the brother of a parishioner, who is battling an alcohol addiction; the special intentions of a certain parishioner; the family member of a parishioner, who is battling addiction; the increase of faith for the family member of a parishioner; the friend of a parishioner, who is struggling; and the cousin of a parishioner, who is discerning.

CONSECRATION PREPARATION CONTINUES—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*. We will have the consecration on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, which is the patronal feast of the United States. Though 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 are available at the entrance of the church. Even if you did not begin preparing with the rest of us on Nov. 5, there is still spiritual benefit in starting now.

FR. CORTES VACATION—Father Cortes is on vacation, scheduled to return on Nov. 17.

SECOND COLLECTION—There is a second collection today for the Seminary Burse.

LETTER FROM BISHOP SENIOR—Bishop Senior has prepared a message regarding World Day of the Poor. A copy of this letter can be found by the bulletins.

PARISH BUSINESS DIRECTORY—If you would like to be included in our parish directory of trades, professions, and services, please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-directory>. This directory exists for those who either would like to shop from other parishioners or would like to advertise their work to other parishioners. To access the link above, one must first be a member of the St. Lawrence email groups system. To join that group, send an email with your name in the message to this address: main+subscribe@groups.stlawrence.cc

DEC. 6: RORATE MASS—In honor of Our Lady, we will celebrate a Rorate Mass on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6:30am. The Rorate Mass is held in darkness illuminated by candlelight before the sun rises and symbolizes the longing for the Light of the world, who is given to us through Our Lady. The church eventually gets brighter as the sun rises. After the conclusion of the Mass, the priest intones an antiphon three times, with each invocation at a higher tone just as he does for the Easter Vigil alleluia. The antiphon says: "Behold, the Lord comes and all his saints with him and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia."

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY—Mark your calendars. This year's Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 27th 2025. More information to come.

PARISH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT—We will be holding our 4th Annual Parish Basketball Tournament on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the East Shore Harrisburg YMCA from 1pm to 5pm. The tournament is open to men 14 and older. If you would like to play, please sign up by Thursday, December 4th. We are asking for \$10 per player to help offset gym rental costs. Please register at <https://bit.ly/2025bballtourney>

KNIGHTS ADVENT FUNDRAISING—The Mater Dei Community Council will again be offering fundraising items during Advent, including Second Edition Youth Artwork Christmas Cards which feature the artwork of our parish's previous Poster Contest winners. Details about this year's Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, including the \$320 in cash prizes, can be found at: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2023posters>. Entries must be turned in to the parish office by Sunday, Dec 14.

TUESDAY ADORATION CONTINUES—Thank you to Helena Jones who has graciously volunteered to coordinate Tuesday Adoration. Thanks to her effort, and that of the adorers, Tuesday adoration will continue.

Notes on Today's Music		Sunday Collections Week of November 9, 2025																																											
Processional hymn: <i>Hearken, Shepherd of the Sheep</i>, 873 Recessional hymn: <i>The King of Love, My Shepherd Is</i>, 874 Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo IV, 780 Hymn after Offertory: <i>Languentibus in Purgatorio</i>, chant Communion Antiphon: <i>Amen, Dico Vobis</i>, Heinrich Isaac The hymn <i>Languentibus in Purgatorio</i> is an excerpt from a fifty stanza poem—each ending with <i>O Mary</i>—attributed to Dom Juan IV de Langoueznou, abbot of the Benedictine monastery of Landevenec in the mid-fourteenth century. The chant sung at Mass only has seven verses from the greater work. Here is the first verse translated to English: <i>The suffering souls in Purgatory, Who are being purified in excessive heat, And are tormented by severe punishment, Assist them, in your compassion, O Mary!</i> This Sunday's setting of <i>Amen, Dico Vobis</i> by Heinrich Isaac makes use of the original Gregorian melody in the soprano voice with very little variation. Heinrich Isaac (c.1450–1517) 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.		<table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Cash</th><th>Online</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$4,477.00</td><td>\$4,393.17</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund</td><td>80.00</td><td>1,488.00</td></tr><tr><td>Military Archdiocese Collection</td><td>1,308.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Seminary Burse</td><td>40.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Vestments</td><td>20.00</td><td>232.00</td></tr><tr><td>Flowers</td><td>20.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Friday Program/Catechism</td><td>100.00</td><td>85.00</td></tr><tr><td>All Saints</td><td>80.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>All Souls</td><td>225.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Capital Campaign</td><td>40.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Bookstand</td><td>34.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Votives</td><td>68.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL:</td><td colspan="2">\$ 12,690.17</td></tr></tbody></table>			Cash	Online	Offertory	\$4,477.00	\$4,393.17	Building Fund	80.00	1,488.00	Military Archdiocese Collection	1,308.00	—	Seminary Burse	40.00	—	Vestments	20.00	232.00	Flowers	20.00	—	Friday Program/Catechism	100.00	85.00	All Saints	80.00	—	All Souls	225.00	—	Capital Campaign	40.00	—	Bookstand	34.00	—	Votives	68.00	—	TOTAL:	\$ 12,690.17	
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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. 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.		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. 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 THANK YOU—We have received a message of thanks from His Excellency Bishop Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, for the contributions to the National Collection for the AMS last week.																																											
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