

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

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TODAY

Sunday, November 23

- Adult Catechism—12:15pm

Monday, November 24

- Monday Night Basketball—7pm

Thursday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Day
- Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 28

- 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

Monday, December 8

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Holy Day Mass Times: 7:10am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm

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

Sunday, February 1, 2026

- Septuagesima Sunday

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, March 14, 2026

- Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon. Nov. 24	St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor, III,
7:10am	†Marie Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Tue. Nov. 25	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr, III
7:10am	†Helen Kadar by Philip & Lenora Cuccia
Wed. Nov. 26	St. Sylvester, Abbot, III
7:10am	†Darnelle Greeno by John & Cheryl Osuch
6:30pm	Fr. Smith by Elizabeth Faustina Mary Kadar-Kallen
Thu. Nov. 27	Feria, IV
7:10am	†Eileen Ferguson by Ed & Suzanne Pitman
Fri. Nov. 28	Feria, IV
7:10am	†Rebecca May by the CCM
6:30pm	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Nov. 29	Saturday of Our Lady, IV
9:00am	Eve Healy
Sun. Nov. 30	First Sunday of Advent, I
7:30am	Philipa Jones by Daniel & Anastasia Jones
9:00am	Daniel, Emily, and Colby Grist by Steven Grist
10:30am	The Fair Family
6:00pm	Owen Clifford

Banns of Marriage

Sebastian Maleszewski and Ashlie Elizabeth Bedford



Be it known to all here present that Sebastian Maleszewski of the Quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome Deacon and Martyr in Harrisburg, Pa.; son of Roman and Ursula Maleszewski, of the parish of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lebanon, Pa.; and Ashlie Elizabeth Bedford, of the parish of St. Joan of Arc in Hershey, PA.; daughter of Patrick and Melodie Bedford, 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—I previously announced that St. Lawrence’s finance council voted unanimously to proceed with a capital campaign after receiving overwhelmingly positive results of our recent planning study. However, in order to proceed, permission from the bishop is required. On Wednesday, Marvin Smith, chairman of the parish planning committee, and I presented our formal request proceed with the capital campaign to Bp. Senior and his College of Consultors. I am happy to report that we were notified the same day that the bishop approved our request to begin a capital campaign, which will begin this week with the help of the Steier Group, the firm that conducted the planning study over the last few months.

We anticipate spending the remainder of the year finalizing our campaign goals and completing preparations for the campaign’s public phase launch in early 2026. In the coming weeks, I will distribute a full summary of the planning study results to the entire parish. Thank you again to all who participated in the study. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance as we plan for the future of St. Lawrence.—Fr. Smith

SECOND COLLECTION—There is a second collection this week for the Diocesan Matthew 25 Collection.

FR. SMITH TRAVEL—Father Smith will be away from the parish Nov. 25 to Dec. 1 for routine medical checkups and vacation.

NO COFFEE AND DOUGHNUT SOCIAL TODAY

DEC. 6: RORATE MASS—In honor of Our Lady, we will celebrate a Rorate Mass on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at 6:30am. The Rorate Mass is held in darkness illuminated by candlelight before the sun rises, symbolizing 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 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.”

DEC. 6: CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS—Fr. Smith will meet with all Confirmation students for Mid-Term interview on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at the Parish Center Conference Room. Parents of Confirmation students: if you have not done so, please sign up with this link to secure an interview slot: <https://bit.ly/SatDec6Interview>. Key dates for Confirmation:

- Confirmation on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 11am
- Rehearsal for sponsors and confirmandi on March 13, 2026 at 7:30pm.
- Confirmation Final Interview on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026
- Confirmation End of Course Final Review on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

DEC. 27: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY—Mark your calendars. RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/slc-christmas-25>

DEC. 13: PARISH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT—We will be holding our 4th Annual Parish Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec 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 4, 2025. We are asking for \$10 per player to offset gym rental costs. Please register at <https://bit.ly/2025bballtournament>

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.

DEC. 14: ADVENT PROGRAM—All parishioners are invited on Gaudete Sunday, December 14, 2025, to the Friday Program Advent Music and Drama Production featuring excerpts from Prudentius’ Hymn, *In Martyris Laurentii*. This event will be in the 385-seat auditorium of the State Museum of Pennsylvania from 12pm to 3 pm. We ask attendees to bring a food item, e.g. cold sandwich trays, salads, desert, etc. View more information/RSVP: <https://bit.ly/SLFP2025>

KNIGHTS ADVENT FUNDRAISING—The Mater Dei Community Council will offer 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>. Submit entries to the parish office by Sunday, Dec 14.

URGENT: 2025 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN—The 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign goal for St. Lawrence is \$21,419.78. So far, \$14,175.20 has been contributed. Total remaining to be collected by the end of 2025 is \$7,244.58. We are grateful for your continued support.

Congratulations to:

Gabriel and Hailey Bollinger

On the Baptism of their Son

Harrison Francis Bollinger

November 8, 2025

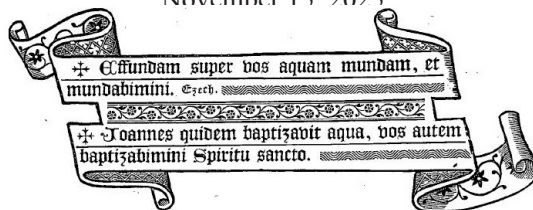
and

Collin and Abigail Forbeck

On the Baptism of their Son

Beaon Anthony Forbeck

November 15, 2025



Notes on Today's Music Processional hymn: <i>O God, Almighty Father</i>, 877 Recessional hymn: <i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>, 881 Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo IV, 780 Communion Antiphon: <i>Amen, Dico Vobis</i>, John Mason In 1935 Karl Ott published the <i>Offertoriale</i>, which is a book that provides verses for the offertory chants of Sundays and Feasts throughout the year which are not otherwise provided in <i>schola</i> chant scores. When the verses are used, the offertory resembles the form of a responsory where a marked section is repeated rather than singing the entire antiphon from the beginning. This type of chant is most often used in the Office of <i>Matins</i> following the lessons. For this Sunday's offertory, which is from Psalm 130, the respond is: <i>Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.</i> Additional verse 1: <i>Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.</i> Additional verse 2: <i>If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?</i> 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. THANK YOU—Thank you to the organizers of the Nov. 15 Parish Men's Night. Our night of prayer and sharing could not have happened without your generous contributions.		Sunday Collections Week of November 16, 2025 <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Cash</th><th>Online</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$10,947.00</td><td>\$4,166.69</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund/Purchase</td><td>1,140.00</td><td>1,363.00</td></tr><tr><td>Seminary Burse</td><td>3,160.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Vestments</td><td>25.00</td><td>118.00</td></tr><tr><td>Flowers</td><td>60.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Military Archdiocese</td><td>41.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Votives</td><td>27.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Friday Program/Catechism</td><td>—</td><td>30.00</td></tr><tr><td>All Saints</td><td>20.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Capital Campaign</td><td>—</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Bookstand</td><td>25.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Coffee/Social</td><td>21.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL:</td><td colspan="2">\$ 21,143.69</td></tr></tbody></table> 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. 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.			Cash	Online	Offertory	\$10,947.00	\$4,166.69	Building Fund/Purchase	1,140.00	1,363.00	Seminary Burse	3,160.00	—	Vestments	25.00	118.00	Flowers	60.00	—	Military Archdiocese	41.00	—	Votives	27.00	—	Friday Program/Catechism	—	30.00	All Saints	20.00	—	Capital Campaign	—	—	Bookstand	25.00	—	Coffee/Social	21.00	—	TOTAL:	\$ 21,143.69	
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