

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 30, 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.

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

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TODAY

Sunday, November 30

- No Adult Catechism today—12:15pm

UPCOMING

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
- Confirmation Interviews

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

Sunday, June 7

- Feast of Corpus Christi

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon. Dec. 1	Feria of Advent, III
7:10am	†Fr. Walter McGovern
Tue. Dec. 2	St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr, III
7:10am	†Frances Grutza by John Czarnomski
Wed. Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier, Confessor, III
7:10am	†Beatrice Faber
6:30pm	Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace by Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham
Thu. Dec. 4	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III
7:10am	John Grist & Tony Grist by Steven Grist
Fri. Dec. 5	Sacred Heart of Jesus, III
7:10am	James McNinney by Jerome Hall
6:30pm	†Frances Mackin, Sr., by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Sat. Dec. 6	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor, III
9:00am	†Steven Fundock by John & Cheryl Osuch
Sun. Dec. 7	Second Sunday of Advent, I
7:30am	Isabella Vargas by William and Stephanie Fonticoba
9:00am	Mark Wildt, Sr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Susan Grist & Rachel Grist by Steven Grist

Banns of Marriage

Sebastian Maleszewski and Ashlie Elizabeth Bedford



Be it known to all here present that Sebastian Maleszewski, son of Roman and Ursula Maleszewski, of the Quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome Deacon and Martyr in Harrisburg, 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 second publication of the banns.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION—There is a second collection this week for the Building Fund.

FR. SMITH VACATION—Father Smith is on vacation and is scheduled to return Dec. 1. Father will offer the *Pro populo* Mass today while he is away.

NO COFFEE AND DOUGHNUT SOCIAL TODAY—The socials will resume next Sunday.

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 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.

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

HOLY DAY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of obligation, which means that it should be treated as a Sunday, with the obligation to assist at Mass as well. The Mass schedule will be: 7:10am, 12:15pm, and 6:30pm. At each Mass, we will recite the prayer consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary, concluding our 33-day preparation for consecration according to the the method of St. Louis de Montfort.

DEC. 14: ADVENT MUSIC PRODUCTION—All parishioners are welcome to join us on Gaudete Sunday, December 14, 2025, for the SLFP Advent Music and Drama Production featuring excerpts from Prudentius’ Hymn, “In Martyris Laurentii.” This event goes from 12pm to 3 pm, and will take place at the 385-seat auditorium at the State Museum of Pennsylvania. We politely ask that attendees bring a food item such as: cold sandwich trays, salads, desert, etc. View more information and RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/SLFP2025>.

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.

2025 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN—The 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign goal for St. Lawrence is \$21,420. So far, \$14,265 has been contributed. Total remaining to be collected by the end of 2025 is \$7,155. We are grateful for your continued support.

DEC. 25: HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—Make your plans for Christmas now. The schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows. (Note: There will be No 6:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve.)

Christmas Eve	
7:10am	Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
8am	Sung Prime with the Martyrology
5pm	First Vespers of Christmas
9pm	Sung Matins of Christmas
Christmas Day	
12midnight	Solemn Midnight Mass
8am	Mass of Christmas at Dawn
10:30am	Solemn Orchestral Mass in the Day
5pm	Second Vespers of Christmas

DEC. 27: CHRISTMAS PARTY—The annual parish Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 27, starting after the 9am Mass, with caroling in the Alma Magna (Room 315 in the Parish Center) and ending with Vespers at 5pm. Please RSVP via this link <https://bit.ly/slc-christmas-25> and sign up if you are bringing food to share or can help. Please contact christmasparty@stlawrence.cc for questions.

THANK YOU—Thank you for making this year’s Thanksgiving food drive for the Silence of Mary Home a success! Due to the generous donations of St Lawrence parishioners, the Holy Name Society was able to deliver 126 bags of groceries to this organization to distribute to those in need. The founder of the Silence of Mary Home was extremely grateful for the donations. May God richly reward you for your participation in this corporal work of mercy!

Congratulations to:
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew O’Donnell
United in Holy Matrimony
November 22, 2025



Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *The Almighty King of All Men Born*, 802
 Recessional hymn: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, 801
 Credo III, 776; Kyriele XVII, 762

Offertory antiphon: *Ad Te Levavi*, Reverend Franz Xaver Witt (1834–1888)

Communion antiphon: *Dominus Dabit*, Heinrich Isaac

The offertory this Sunday will be sung as a choral setting by Reverend Franz Xaver Witt with a verse taken from the *Offertoriale* which—as mentioned last week—provides an elongation of the offertory antiphon by composing music for the verses which follow from the prescribed text.

Similarly, the communion antiphon will be sung chorally set to music by **Heinrich Isaac**. This setting differs from Isaac's normative style as he sets all the voices to sing collectively for the whole antiphon with no rhythmic variations or independent melodies.

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 *Choralis Constantinus* which contains nearly 400 Gregorian chant based motets of propers for the Mass.

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.

Sunday Collections Week of November 23, 2025

	Cash	Online
Offertory	\$7,609.00	\$5,194.19
Building Fund	440.00	1,133.00
Vestments	20.00	173.00
Diocesan Matthew 25	911.00	—
Seminary Burse	45.00	—
Flowers	20.00	—
Military Archdiocese	10.00	—
Votives	28.25	—
Friday Program/Catechism	—	40.00
Bookstand	20.00	—
TOTAL:		\$ 15,643.44

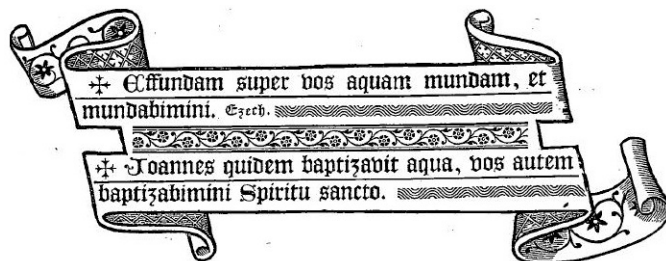
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Dominic and Kathleen Rodriguez

On the Baptism of their Son

Charles Edmund Rodriguez

November 22, 2025



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