

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



December 14, 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

Rev. Cidrian Cortes, FSSP *Assistant Pastor* fr.cortes@stlawrence.cc

Rev. Ronald McCann, FSSP *Assistant Pastor* fr.mccann@stlawrence.cc

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

Parish Office contact@stlawrence.cc

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

(717) 889-4217 • Dial x9 for Sacramental Emergency

TODAY

Sunday, December 14

- No Sunday Social
- Parish Bookstore Opening—8:45am
- Adult Catechism—12:15pm
- Music and Drama Program at the State Museum

UPCOMING

Wednesday, December 24

- First O Antiphon at Vespers—5pm

Wednesday, December 24

- Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord
- Mass of the Vigil of Christmas—7:10am
- Sung Prime with the Martyrology—8am
- First Vespers of Christmas—5pm
- Sung Matins of Christmas—9pm

Thursday, December 25

- Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
- Solemn Midnight Mass—12midnight
- Mass of Christmas at Dawn—8am
- Solemn Orchestral Mass in the Day—10:30am
- Second Vespers of Christmas—5pm
- 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

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

- Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 22, 2026

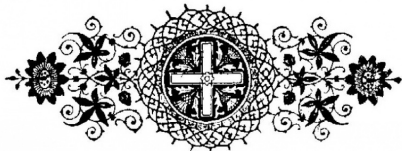
- First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 14, 2026

- Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec. 14 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Third Sunday of Advent, I <i>Pro Populo</i> Nora Stetson by Steven Grist Patrick Kauffman by William & Stephanie Fonticoba Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter by Parish
Mon. Dec. 15 7:10am	Feria of Advent, III †All Souls by Parish
Tue. Dec. 16 7:10am	St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr, III †Helen Kadar by Ed & Suzanne Pitman
Wed. Dec. 17 7:10am 6:30pm	Ember Wednesday of Advent, II †Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin †Anthony Ciucci by Andrew Oscilowski
Thu. Dec. 18 7:10am	Greater Feria of Advent, II †Jose Luis Fabio by Daniel Slobodnik
Fri. Dec. 19 7:10am 6:30pm	Ember Friday of Advent, II †Albert and Lucy Ziarkowski by John Czarnomski Washington Family
Sat. Dec. 20 9:00am	Ember Saturday of Advent, II Alice & Durwood Dunbar by Todd & Karin Caine
Sun. Dec. 21 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent, I †Mary Frances Trudeau by John & Sharon Knowles <i>Pro Populo</i> †Eileen Ferguson Lexi & Jacob Pintar by Charles & Mary Zambito



TODAY: BOOKSTORE GRAND OPENING—We are happy to announce that the grand opening of the St. Lawrence Parish Bookstore is today! The bookstore provides parishioners an opportunity to buy books, sacramentals, and devotional aides to strengthen your faith. We are very grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers, especially Art O’Dea and Nathan Kreider who have worked for months preparing the behind-the-scenes of the bookstore and planning for its future. We especially look forward to cooperating with parishioners who make art and sacramentals to provide them for sale in the bookstore. Those interested can contact Art and Nathan. They can be reached by emailing bookstore@stlawrence.cc. All proceeds will support the parish.

December hours: Every Sunday, **8:45am to 1pm**
Location: Parish Center basement, via State Street entrance.

- Biographies
 - Children’s saints books
 - New and used books
- Theology
 - Hand missals
 - Scapulars

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Altar Linens Guild altarlinens@stlawrence.cc Kelly Jones
Bookstore bookstore@stlawrence.cc Art O’Dea
Choir & Choristers Practice weekly— music@stlawrence.cc Paul Thomas May
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CCD: Sunday Catechism, K-12 Weekly— dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phillip Cuccia
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Confraternity of St. Peter csp@stlawrence.cc Joseph Cunningham
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Knights of Columbus Monthly— knights@stlawrence.cc Malakye Wilson
Legion of Mary Weekly— legionofmary@stlawrence.cc Jerome Hall
Library library@stlawrence.cc Sharon Knowles
Meal Train mealtrain@stlawrence.cc Elizabeth Firoozmand
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Youth Group Ages 13-18, Monthly— yg@stlawrence.cc Joelle Riethmiller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

ST. JUDE DEVOTIONS— Each month, as part of our devotion to St. Jude on the third Wednesday, we offer Holy Mass at 6:30pm for the prayer intentions shared with us.

Please pray for: Christopher, Sr. Catherine, Stan, Lisa, Zayne, Tammy, Camilla, George, Richard, Peter, Bill, Collette, Amora, Christian, Dorothy, Rocco, James, Darlene, Brian, and Fr. Murphy.

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; and the brother of a parishioner, who is battling an alcohol addiction.

TODAY: ADVENT MUSIC PRODUCTION—All parishioners are welcome to join us 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 CHRISTMAS CARDS—The Mater Dei Community Council will again be offering Christmas Cards during Advent, including Second Edition Youth Artwork Christmas Cards which feature the artwork of parish 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.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER VISITS—There are several homebound parishioners who are visited regularly by the priests and members of the Legion of Mary. If you are a parishioner, and would like to assist in this charitable work please contact the parish office at contact@stlawrence.cc

FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN—“The latest edition of Memento is out and has a wonderful article concerning the Latin Mass by Father Gerard Quirke, FSSP. We have the three books he recommends in the Liturgical section of the library (yellow dot). *Treasure and Tradition - The Ultimate Guide to the Latin Mass* by Lisa Bergman (reserve this book now here: bit.ly/library-treasuretradition), *The Mass in Slow Motion* by Monsignor Ronald Knox (bit.ly/library-massslowmotion) and, especially, *This is the Mass* by French writer and historian-Henri Daniel-Rops (bit.ly/library-thisisthemass). The latter is an example of how valuable our collection is. At time of this writing, all three are on the shelf!”

DEC. 25: CHRISTMAS 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 or on New Year’s Eve both of which fall on Wednesday this year.)

Christmas Eve	
7:10am	Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
8am	Sung Prime with 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 Aula 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.

DEC. 31 SUNG *TE DEUM* BY FRANZ LISZT—In gratitude for 2025, the choir will sing Austrian composer Franz Liszt’s setting of the *Te Deum* scored for choir, brass, organ, and timpani. Liszt uses the original plainchant as the inspiration for his composition supported by organ throughout with interpolations from the brass ensemble between verses. This setting of the great hymn of thanksgiving will be prayed following the 6:30pm Mass.

JAN. 1: OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY—The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord is a Holy Day, that brings with it the obligation to assist at Mass. The Mass schedule will be: 7:10am, 12:15pm, and 6:30pm.

PARKING GARAGE CHANGES—The South Street Parking Garage is doing away with paper tickets. As of Friday, December 12, all transactions are now done virtually. To use the parking garage customers are to drive in and scan the QR code at the reader. Customers will then use the link below to validate their license plate number. To validate, simply enter your license plate number. The validation is free and no account is needed. If there is any issue using the parking garage or new link please call 717-238-0496 to speak to an attendant. Link to validate: <https://bit.ly/SouthStreetGarage>



JAN. 16: MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS—Couples planning to be married at St. Lawrence in 2026 need to complete a catechism class with the priests. The next class will begin Jan. 16, at 7:30pm, meeting in the Parish Center conference room (room 215). To register for the class, please email contact@stlawrence.cc.

<div>Notes on Today's Music</div> <div>Processional hymn: <i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>, 798 Recessional hymn: <i>On Jordan's Bank</i>, 800 Credo III, 776; Kyriale XVII, 762</div> <div>Offertory Antiphon: <i>Ostende nobis Domine</i>, Nicholas Lemme (b. 1978) Communion motet: <i>Veni Redemptor Gentium</i>, Cristóbal de Morales</div> <div>The hymn <i>Veni, redemptor gentium</i> was composed by St. Ambrose of Milan and two stanzas were set to music by Cristóbal de Morales. Only partial manuscripts remain for Morales's setting and the score sung today was reconstructed by the chair of Boston College's Music Department, Dr. Michael Noone. Some religious orders use the hymn during Christmastide while many areas in Germany traditionally sing it during Advent. The English-poetic translation of this hymn is this Sunday's processional hymn, <i>Savior of the Nations Come</i>.</div> <div>Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553) was an organist and composer regarded as the first Spanish composer of international renown. He sang and composed for the Papal choir in Rome for which he wrote many Mass settings. His compositions consist almost entirely of sacred vocal motets.</div> <div>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>2025 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN—The 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign goal for St. Lawrence is \$21,420. So far, \$14,630 has been contributed. Total remaining to be collected by the end of 2025 is \$6,780. We are grateful for your support.</div>		<div>Sunday Collections Week of December 7, 2025</div> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Cash</th><th>Online</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$ 5,556.25</td><td>\$ 5,153.71</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund</td><td>630.00</td><td>1,790.50</td></tr><tr><td>Christmas Flowers</td><td>635.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Vestments</td><td>30.00</td><td>235.50</td></tr><tr><td>Votives</td><td>139.75</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Catechism</td><td>—</td><td>117.50</td></tr><tr><td>Bookstand</td><td>52.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Seminary Burse</td><td>35.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Advertising</td><td>—</td><td>25.00</td></tr><tr><td>Social</td><td>18.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL:</td><td colspan="2">\$ 14,418.21</td></tr></tbody></table> <div>Congratulations to: Daniel and Theresa Beckers On the Baptism of their Son, Simeon John Beckers December 8, 2025 and James and Carolyn McGrain On the Baptism of their Son, Patrick Boniface McGrain December 6, 2025 and Michael and Amanda Neiderer On the Baptism of their Son, Levi Francis Neiderer December 6, 2025</div>			Cash	Online	Offertory	\$ 5,556.25	\$ 5,153.71	Building Fund	630.00	1,790.50	Christmas Flowers	635.00	—	Vestments	30.00	235.50	Votives	139.75	—	Catechism	—	117.50	Bookstand	52.00	—	Seminary Burse	35.00	—	Advertising	—	25.00	Social	18.00	—	TOTAL:	\$ 14,418.21	
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<div>Keck Health + HSA = Smarter Care Good news! Starting January 1 2026, many patients may be able to use HSA funds to pay for their Keck Health Direct Primary Care (DPC) monthly subscription. Check with your HSA admin or tax professional. Contact nurse practitioner Kris Keck at kris@keckhealth.org or 717-648-1269 to learn more about DPC at Keck Health.</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 & 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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