

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



January 4, 2026

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	<i>Pastor</i>	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, January 4

- Sunday Socials organized by the Holy Name Society
- No Adult Catechism Today
- CCD on Christmas Break

UPCOMING

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

Friday, January 9, 2026

- Friday Education Program Resumes

Saturday, January 10, 2026

- Altar Boys Meeting—10am
- Girls Sodality—10am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, January 11, 2026

- Second Collection—Eastern Europe
- Sunday Catechism (CCD)—9:15am
- Adult Catechism—12:15pm

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

- St. Jude Devotion

Saturday, January 17, 2026

- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, February 1, 2026

- Candlemas
- Septuagesima Sunday

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

- Blessing of the Throats

Saturday, February 7, 2026

- First Saturday

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, March 8, 2026

- Daylight Saving Time begins

Saturday, March 14, 2026

- Confirmation

Sunday, June 7, 2026

- Feast of Corpus Christi
- First Holy Communion

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan. 4	Holy Name of Jesus, II
7:30am	Theresa Shibler by Lori Archer
9:00am	Special Intention by Christina Stoner
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Beata Lakatos by Ana Lakatos
Mon. Jan. 5	Feria of Christmas, Commemoration of St. Telesphorus, Pope and Martyr, IV
7:10am	†John J. Jankowski by John E. Czarnomski
Tue. Jan. 6	The Epiphany of the Lord, I
7:10am	Tony, Evelyn & Del Grist by Steven Grist
12:15pm	Washington Family
6:30pm	Maxwell Melching by Anthony Jones
Wed. Jan. 7	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7:10am	Anthony DiSanto by Ana Lakatos
6:30pm	Arceli Vallefas by Darren Miller
Thu. Jan. 8	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7:10am	Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace by The Cunningham Family
Fri. Jan. 9	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7:10am	†Dorothy Byers by Jane Jurosky
6:30pm	The Fraternity of St. Peter by Rob & Pam Kole
Sat. Jan. 10	Our Lady on Saturday, IV
9:00am	†Rebecca Ardis May by Jamison & Kelly Jones
Sun. Jan. 11	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, II
7:30am	†Carolyn Victory by Kevin Ritchie
9:00am	†Nicholas Turletes by Mary Ellen Turletes

PARISH BOOKSTORE NOW ONLINE—We are happy to announce that you can now go online at <https://bookstore.stlawrence.cc> to browse our products. You can also make your purchases online and pick them up in person. Thanks to everyone who has patronized the St. Lawrence Bookstore so far. If you’ve not yet visited us, please be sure to browse our books, sacramentals, and devotional aids during bookstore hours, or online at your convenience. Parishioners who make art and sacramentals and are interested in providing them for sale at the bookstore can reach Art and Nathan at bookstore@stlawrence.cc. All proceeds will support the parish.

- January 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

NEXT WEEK: 2026 FSSP CALENDARS—Calendars will be available in the bookstore next Sunday. We apologize for the delay, and they will be available at a discount due to the delay for \$15.

COMING SOON: BEESWAX CANDLES—The bookstore will soon have a variety of candles available for your purchase.

Advertising in the Bulletin	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. MCCANN VACATION—Father McCann is on vacation and is scheduled to return Jan. 5.

TODAY: COFFEE AND DONUTS SOCIAL—There will be coffee and donuts today, brought to us by the Holy Name Society.

TODAY: HOLY NAME SOCIETY INDUCTION—Immediately following the High Mass today, the induction of Catholic men ages 18 and older into the Holy Name Society will occur. As Fr. Smith will be occupied with the induction, there will be no adult catechism this week.

TODAY: SUNDAY SPORTS—Families—men and women, boys and girls—are all invited to the YMCA one block north of the church for Sunday Sports today at 1pm. Just tell the front desk that you are with the St. Lawrence group. Games are likely to be basketball and dodgeball in two different groupings.

TOMORROW: BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER—The blessing of Epiphany water will occur on Jan. 5 following Vespers. There is no need to bring water, as Travis Jones of Life Source Water Service will provide 50 gallons. Parishioners will be able to help themselves from the holy water dispenser in the Narthex.

JAN. 6-13: EPIPHANY BLESSINGS—Those who have signed up to receive Epiphany blessings will receive an email soon indicating when the priest will come to your home. The notifications are scheduled to be sent tomorrow.

When visiting your home, the priest will sprinkle and incense your house, and mark the front door (or doors) with chalk. This tradition commemorates the visitation of the three Magi to the Holy Family in Bethlehem. A priest visits the home, blessing each room (or at least, whichever rooms you would like him to bless) with Epiphany water and incense. The main entrance of the home is then marked with the initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, and a code of the current year (2026) connected with crosses: 20+C+M+B+26. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi; and second, they abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*; “May Christ bless the house.”

PARKING GARAGE CHANGES—The South Street Parking Garage is doing away with paper tickets. All transactions are now done electronically. To use the parking garage, customers simply drive in and enter their license plate by scanning the QR code or using the link below. Validation must be done before your vehicle exits the parking garage or you will be charged. The validation must be entered every time a parishioner parks at the garage, as each validation is only valid for 24 hours. This validation is free and no account is needed. If there is any issue using the parking garage or link, please call 717-238-0496 and advise the attendant that you are a St. Lawrence parishioner. If the validate button does not appear when using the QR code or Link, adjust the font size on your browser. Link to validate: <https://bit.ly/SouthStreetGarage>



JAN. 6: FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY—The Mass schedule for Tuesday, Jan. 6, will be: 7:10am, 12:15pm, and 6:30pm.

PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION TO MARY—The superior general of the FSSP, Fr. John Berg, has asked all of the priests, deacons, seminarians, and the Faithful to whom they minister, to make a 30-day preparation for the renewal of the Consecration of the FSSP to Our Lady Immaculate of Lourdes. The preparation will begin Sunday, Jan. 11, and end Monday, Feb. 10, with the public consecration occurring on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11. Preparation consists of the daily recitation of a decade of the Rosary and the *Memorae*.

JAN. 9 & 11: EDUCATION PROGRAMS RESUME—The Friday education program will resume on Friday, Jan. 9., and CCD resumes on Sunday, Jan. 11.



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.

JAN. 17: FIRST PENANCE INTERVIEWS—Father Smith will meet with all First Communicants for an initial interview before First Penance. The interviews will take place on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026 in the Parish Center. Please select an available time slot at the link below. First Penance will be Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 11am-12pm. First Holy Communion will be Sunday, June 7, 2026. <https://bit.ly/Feb2026interview>

NOVERITIS ANNOUNCEMENT—Each year at the Feast of the Epiphany, Mother Church publishes the dates of the most important upcoming feasts of the year, including the date of Easter. This can be done in the form of a chant known as the *Noveritis*, but we include the text and a summary below for your information: “Know, dearest brethren, by the gift of God’s mercy, as we have rejoiced for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, so also we announce to you joy for the Resurrection of the same Our Savior. On the first day of February will be Septuagesima Sunday. On the eighteenth of the same month, the day of Ashes, and the beginning of the fast of most holy Lent. On the fifth April, we will celebrate with joy the holy Easter of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. On the fourteenth of May will be the Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. On the twenty-fourth of the same month, the feast of Pentecost. On the fourth of June, the feast of the most holy Body of Christ. On the twenty-ninth of November, the first Sunday of the Advent of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to whom belong honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Feb. 1	Septuagesima Sunday
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday
Apr. 5	Easter Sunday
May 14	Ascension of the Lord
May 24	Pentecost Sunday
June 4	Corpus Christi
Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent

FEB. 1: CANDLEMAS—All are encouraged to bring their own beeswax candles to be blessed at the High Mass at 10:30am on Feb. 1, the Feast of the Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary. Please place your candles on the floor in front of the door that goes to the courtyard on the Epistle side of the church.

<div>Notes on Today's Music</div> <div>Processional hymn: <i>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</i>, 820 Recessional hymn: <i>Joy to the World</i>, 806 Credo III, 776</div> <div>Kyriale: <i>Missa Quaeramus cum pastoribus</i>, Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553) Motet after Offertory: <i>In Nomine Jesu</i>, Jacobus Gallus Motet at Communion: <i>Jesu Dulcis Memoria</i>, Cornelius Schmuck (1814–1903)</div> <div>Both choral selections focus on the feast celebrates this Sunday of the Holy Name. <i>Jesu, Dulcis Memoria</i> is a celebrated 12th century hymn attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux. The entire hymn has some 42 to 53 stanzas depending upon the manuscript and five verses were chosen for the Vespers hymn of this feast. <i>In Nomine Jesu</i> is a simple setting of the introit by Jacobus Gallus. The introit is shared with the Wednesday of Holy Week with some alterations to the text most notably the Holy Name present in the opening incipit.</div> <div>Jacobus Gallus (1550–1591), was a late-Renaissance composer of presumed Slovene ethnicity. Born in Carniola, which at the time was one of the Habsburg lands in the Holy Roman Empire, he lived and worked in Moravia and Bohemia during the last decade of his life. His output was both sacred and secular, and hugely prolific: over 500 works have been attributed to him.</div>		<div>Sunday Collections</div> <div>Week of December 28, 2025</div> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Cash</th><th>Online</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Sunday Offertory</td><td>\$4,906.00</td><td>\$4,968.83</td></tr><tr><td>Christmas Offertoring</td><td>\$8,923.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund</td><td>6,080.00</td><td>928.00</td></tr><tr><td>Vestments</td><td>—</td><td>148.00</td></tr><tr><td>Flowers, Christmas</td><td>70.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Soleminity of Mary</td><td>70.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Religious Retirement</td><td>50.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Votives</td><td>32.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Catechism</td><td>—</td><td>20.00</td></tr><tr><td>Basketball Tournament</td><td>10.00</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL:</td><td colspan="2">\$ 26,375.83</td></tr></tbody></table> <div>Congratulations to:</div> <div>Jared & Sarah Yutzky</div> <div>On the Baptism of Their Daughter</div> <div>Seraphina Hope Yutzky</div> <div>December 27, 2025</div>			Cash	Online	Sunday Offertory	\$4,906.00	\$4,968.83	Christmas Offertoring	\$8,923.00	—	Building Fund	6,080.00	928.00	Vestments	—	148.00	Flowers, Christmas	70.00	—	Soleminity of Mary	70.00	—	Religious Retirement	50.00	—	Votives	32.00	—	Catechism	—	20.00	Basketball Tournament	10.00	10.00	TOTAL:	\$ 26,375.83	
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<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>HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER VISITS—There are several homebound parishioners who are visited regularly by the priests and members of the Legion of Mary. If you would like to assist in this charitable work please contact the parish office.</div>	<div>JOHN MASON VIDEOGRAPHY LLC</div> <div>Beautiful wedding videos for couples. Stunning portraits for various occasions, including engagements, graduations, family photos, and more.</div> <div>For more info, contact (434) 209-5746 or JohnMasonVideography@gmail.com.</div>	<div>BAHRET RELIGIOUS GOODS</div> <div>at West Shore Farmers Market, Lemoyne 717-412-0306</div> <div>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>2026 Advertising Available</div> <div>Over 1/3 of spaces for 2026 have already been reserved by parishioners.</div> <div>Spaces are \$25/month to promote your business or organization. If interested, please contact advertising@stlawrence.cc.</div>																																				
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