

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 11, 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

CONFESIONS — 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

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

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TODAY

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026

- Preparation for Consecration begins
- Sunday Catechism (CCD)—9:15am
- No coffee and doughnut socials
- No adult catechism

UPCOMING

Tuesday, Jan. 13

- Knights of Columbus—6pm
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Friday, Jan. 16

- Marriage Preparation Class Begins

Saturday, Jan. 17

- Pro-life Rosary
- First Penance Interviews

Wednesday, Jan. 21

- St. Jude Devotion

Sunday, Feb. 1

- Septuagesima Sunday

Monday, Feb. 2

- Candlemas
- High Mass with candle blessing and procession—6:30pm

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Wednesday, Feb. 18

- Ash Wednesday

Saturday, Feb. 21

- Pro-life Rosary

Sunday, Feb. 22

- First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 8

- Daylight Saving Time begins

Saturday, March 14

- Confirmation—11am

Friday, April 3

- Good Friday

Sunday, April 5

- Easter Sunday

Thursday, May 14

- Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 24

- Pentecost Sunday

Thursday, June 4

- Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 7

- External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- First Holy Communion

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan. 11 **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, II**

7:30am *Pro Populo*
9:00am †Nicholas Turletes by Mary Ellen Turlettes
10:30am †Marianne P. Benner by Jacob Panckeri
6:00pm Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

Mon. Jan. 12 **Feria of Epiphany, IV**

7:10am Chuck & Chris Stoner by John Blair

Tue. Jan. 13 **Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord, II**

7:10am Confraternity of St. Peter

Wed. Jan. 14 **St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor, III**

7:10am Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace by Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham
6:30pm †Carolyn Victory by Daniel Slobodnik

Thu. Jan. 15 **St. Paul the First Hermit, Confessor, III**

7:10am The Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph by Anthony Jones

Fri. Jan. 16 **St. Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr, III**

7:10am Bernardo Vallefias by Darren Miller
6:30pm †Margaret Dennis by The Miccolupis

Sat. Jan. 17 **St. Anthony, Abbot, III**

9:00am Bridget Washington by Jamison & Kelly Jones

Sun. Jan. 18 **Second Sunday After Epiphany, II**

7:30am †Rev. John David Hoke by Andrew Oscilowski
9:00am Anielle Zambito by Charles & Mary Zambito
10:30am *Pro Populo*
6:00pm †John Byers by Jane Jurosky

NEW ITEMS IN THE BOOKSTORE—We are happy to announce that we will soon carry beeswax candles in the bookstore. Be sure to take advantage of our discounted price for Latin Mass Magazine. We also have limited copies of the 2026 FSSP Liturgical calendars, so be sure to stop by soon to purchase one. Remember that we are available online at bookstore. stlawrence.cc to browse our books, sacramentals, and devotional aids. You can also make your purchases online and pick them up in person. 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.

Hours: Sunday, 8:45am to 1pm

Location: Parish Center Basement, via steps down from State Street.

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

DISCOUNT: LATIN MASS MAGAZINE—Copies of the Latin Mass Magazine are now being discounted to \$2.25.

2026 FSSP CALENDARS—Copies of the 2026 FSSP Calendar are available for \$15.

Advertising in the Bulletin

advertising@stlawrence.cc Nathan Kreider

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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Rotates weekly—clean@stlawrence.cc Kristin Patterson

CCD: Sunday Catechism, K-12

Weekly—dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phillip Cuccia

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Monthly—mothers@stlawrence.cc Pamela Kole

Confraternity of St. Peter

csp@stlawrence.cc Joseph Cunningham

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Ages 9-14—girlssodality@stlawrence.cc Rebecca Mack

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Monthly—holyname@stlawrence.cc Frank J. Galushka

Knights of Columbus

Monthly—knights@stlawrence.cc Malakye Wilson

Legion of Mary

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Monthly—prolife@stlawrence.cc Kris Keck

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Grades K-12, Weekly—dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phil Cuccia

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Young Adult Group

Ages 18-35, Monthly—youngadults@stlawrence.cc Fr. Cortes

Youth Group

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION—There will be a second collection this week for Eastern Europe.

TODAY: ADULT CATECHISM—There will be no Adult Catechism today as Fr. Smith is to celebrate the High Mass at St. Joseph's in Lancaster this afternoon and will have to leave before class. Classes will resume next Sunday, Jan. 18.

TODAY: NO COFFEE AND DONUT SOCIAL—Coffee and Donut Socials will resume next Sunday, Jan. 18.

TODAY: CCD RESUMES—The Friday education program resumed Friday, Jan. 9., and CCD resumes today, Sunday, Jan. 11.

TODAY: CONSECRATION PREPARATION—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 today, Sunday, Jan. 11, and end Monday, Feb. 9, with the public consecration occurring on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday, Feb. 11. Preparation consists of the daily recitation of a decade of the Rosary and the *Memorare*.

EPIPHANY BLESSINGS UNDERWAY—About half of those who signed up to receive Epiphany blessings should have received the blessing by now, and the remaining 50 to 60 blessings are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of this week. If you signed up and have not been contacted, please reach out to the office at contact@stlawrence.cc.

To see a map of the 12 routes that the priests are taking, visit bit.ly/epiphanytour2026. The 107 homes to be visited is nearly 20 percent more than the 90 homes visited last year. (To see last year's map, visit bit.ly/epiphanytour2025). We are very grateful for the nearly dozen men who volunteered to help the priests visit all of these homes.

When visiting the homes, the priest blesses each room (or at least, whichever rooms you would like him to bless) with Epiphany water and incense, and marks the front door (and other doors if requested) with chalk. Marking the front entrance of the home 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 recalls the visit of the Magi. The letters have two meanings: first, they represent the initials of the Magi; and second, they abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning, may Christ bless the house.

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) and will run for 8 consecutive Friday's. To register for the class, please email contact@stlawrence.cc.

JAN. 23: MARCH FOR LIFE—Sacred Heart Parish in Hanover still has a few bus seats available free of charge to the National March for Life on Friday, Jan 23, 2026. Mass is at 7:45am, with departure at 8:30, and return around 8pm. To reserve a seat, email mcsherrystownmarchforlife@gmail.com with your name, address, email, & phone number.

ARRIVED: 2026 FSSP CALENDARS—A limited number of FSSP liturgical calendars are now available in the bookstore. The calendars can be purchased online (and picked up on Sundays) at bit.ly/fsspcalendar2026. We apologize for the delay, and have discounted the calendars accordingly. They are available to purchase for \$15 instead of \$16.99.

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 using 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 of 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. 2: CANDLEMAS—All are encouraged to bring their own beeswax candles to be blessed at the High Mass at 10:30am on Feb. 2, the Feast of the Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary. The blessing of the candles will occur prior to the 6:30pm Mass. Please place your candles on the floor in front of the door that goes to the courtyard on the Epistle side of the church.

FEB. 3: BLESSING OF THE THROATS—On the Feast of St. Blaise, come to the church to receive the traditional blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaise, to be healed of any mid-winter throat ailments. The priests will give the blessing after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS OPEN FOR 2026—Parishioners are welcome to submit requests for Mass intentions for the coming year. Once we've received several months' worth of intentions, we will again suspend accepting intentions. Mass intentions should be requested by using the envelopes that can be found on the shelf of the bulletin stand in the Narthex. Each family is limited to four intentions per month.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, 810
 Recessional hymn: *Once in Royal David's City*, 818
 Credo III, 776

Kyriale: *Missa Quaeramus cum pastoribus*, Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553)
 Offertory motet: *O Admirabile Commercium*, Fabio Constantini
 Communion motet: *Alma Redemptoris Mater, a5*, Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548–1611)

O Admirabile Commercium, is a motet by **Fabio Constantini** and setting of the first Antiphon from Vespers on the Octave of Christmas. The translation is: *O admirable exchange: the creator of human-kind, taking on a living body was worthy to be born of a virgin, and, coming forth as a human without seed, has given us his deity in abundance.*

Fabio Constantini (c. 1575–1644) was an Italian music editor and composer. He sang under Palestrina at St Peter's, Rome (until 1610), and held posts as *maestro di cappella*, notably at Orvieto Cathedral (1610–14, 1618–22), Santa Casa, Loreto, Ancona and Ferrara Cathedral.

PARKING GARAGE CHANGES—The South Street Parking Garage transactions are now done electronically! parking garage, customers simply drive in and enter their license plate by scanning the QR code or using the link below. Call 717-238-0496 with any questions.
<https://bit.ly/SouthStreetGarage>



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.

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Sunday Collections Week of January 4, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	\$7,816.00	\$6,600.82
Building Fund	1,203.00	3,965.50
Solemnity of Mary	2,466.00	—
Christmas Offering	240.00	—
Vestments	—	160.50
Votives and Candles	13.00	—
Coffee Social	9.00	—
Friday Program/Catechism	—	62.50
Basketball Tournament	—	10.00
TOTAL:		\$ 22,546.32

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Higinbotham

United in Holy Matrimony

January 3, 2026



2026 Catholic Job Fair and Business Networking Event

- Vendor Show -
 - Professional Development -
 - Apprenticeship Information -
Saturday, January 31 10:00AM-2:00PM
 Saint Lawrence Parish Center
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