

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



February 8, 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 *Pastor* fr.smith@stlawrence.cc

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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

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TODAY

Sunday, February 8, 2026

- Adult Catechism—12:15pm

UPCOMING

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, Feb. 14

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

Sunday, Feb. 15

- Quinquagesima Sunday

Tuesday, Feb. 17

- Fat Tuesday

Wednesday, Feb. 18

- Ash Wednesday

Saturday, Feb. 21

- Pro-life Rosary

Sunday, Feb. 22

- First Sunday of Lent

Wednesday, Feb. 25

- St. Jude Devotions

Friday, March 6

- First Friday Devotions

Sunday, March 8

- Daylight Saving Time begins

Saturday, March 14

- Confirmation—11am

Sunday, March 29

- Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2

- Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3

- Good Friday

Saturday, April 4

- Holy Saturday

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. Feb. 8	Sexagesima Sunday, II
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00am	†Rebecca May by John & Mary Blair
10:30am	Ava Riethmiller
6:00pm	Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
Mon. Feb. 9	St. Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Doctor III
7:10am	Edmund Washington by Samuel Jones
Tue. Feb. 10	St. Scholastica, Virgin, III
7:10am	†Marie Winand by Alan & Tina Busbey
Wed. Feb. 11	The Apparition of BVM Immaculate, III
7:10am	Anthony DiSanto by Ana Lakatos
6:30pm	Julia Tomalis by Elizabeth Tomalis
Thu. Feb. 12	7 Holy Founders of the Order of Servants of BVM, III
7:10am	†Carolyn Victory by Kevin Ritchie
Fri. Feb. 13	Feria, IV
7:10am	†Helen Kadar by the Well-Read Mom Group
6:30pm	Kristyn Usilton
Sat. Feb. 14	Saturday of Our Lady, IV
9:00am	†L.Cpl. Matthew Medlicott (USMC) by Darren Miller
Sun. Feb. 15	Quinquagesima, II
7:30am	Intentions of the Confraternity of St. Peter by The Joneses
9:00am	†Katherine Stover by Kevin and Kathleen Stover
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Isabella Mack by Anthony Jones

BOOKSTORE—We are happy to announce that we now carry real 100% beeswax candles in the bookstore. We have limited copies of the 2026 FSSP Liturgical calendars for \$15 each as well as the January and February editions of the Benedictus booklets, which are priced at \$7 per copy. 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.

REAL 100% BEESWAX CANDLES—Pricing is as follows:

	1 candle	2 candles	6 candles	12 candles
Tapers:	\$7	\$12	\$30	\$55
24-hr votive	\$9.50	\$17	\$40	\$70
10-hr votive	\$4.50	\$6	\$13	\$24

When purchased on the website or in the bookstore, the discount on bulk candles automatically applies.

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

Church Cleaning

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

Events Coordinators

events@stlawrence.cc Kris Keck

Flower Guild

flowers@stlawrence.cc Fr. McCann

Friday Education Program

K-12—fridayeducation@stlawrence.cc Dawn Forbeck

Greeters

greeters@stlawrence.cc Sharon Kaercher

Girls Sodality

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

Guild of St. Stephen

Altar Servers altarboys@stlawrence.cc

Holy Name Society

Monthly—holynamesociety@stlawrence.cc Frank J. Galushka

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

Parking Ambassador

parking@stlawrence.cc Dan O'Leary

Prayer Chain

prayers@stlawrence.cc Fr. Cortes

Pro-Life Group

Monthly—prolife@stlawrence.cc Kris Keck

Sunday CCD

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

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesdays tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc

Ushers

ushers@stlawrence.cc John Osuch

Wedding Coordinator

weddingcoordinator@stlawrence.cc Bridget Forbeck

Young Adult Group

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

Youth Group

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEB. 11: CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY—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 began on Sunday, Jan. 11, and ends tomorrow, 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*. The Act of Consecration will be publicly renewed by all members of the FSSP, along with the Faithful who would like to join us.



GLORIFY GOD WITH HUMBLE SERVICE—The St. Lawrence Church cleaners dedicate an hour of their time once a month to help keep the church clean, orderly, and welcoming. With the proper disposition, they can perform meritorious acts of devotion to God and service to our neighbors. If you are able to assist in this humble but vital service to the parish, please contact Kristin Patterson at clean@stlawrence.cc for more details.

A CALL TO SERVE—Ushers help safeguard the reverence and good order of the Mass through quiet, disciplined service. Able-bodied men willing to assist are asked to consider this important role. Please email ushers@stlawrence.cc with questions.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS—In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, the traditional Blessing of the Throats will be offered following each Mass. Parishioners are invited to remain after Mass to receive this blessing, which will continue until the next Mass begins. This special blessing asks for St. Blaise's intercession for protection from illnesses of the throat and for good health throughout the year.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS—The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Fish Fry events in the church social hall each Friday evening during Lent, with an expanded menu including child portions and non-fried options. More details will follow.

TODAY: PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY—Traditionally, the ashes for Ash Wednesday are burned from the palms used during the prior year's Palm Sunday. Starting today, we will begin collecting last year's palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday. Please place your palms in the basket near the entrance of the church.

REGISTRATION AT ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH—The Pastor and Assistant Pastors have the special grace to guide those who are parishioners and are hence assigned to their care. The Mass offered for the people every Sunday, *Pro Populo*, is offered for those who are registered members. Anyone seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony here must be registered and active parishioners for 6 months. You can register online via our website using this link: <https://bit.ly/-stlawrenceregistration>

2026 MASS INTENTIONS—As our Parish family continues to grow, the Mass intention calendar is quickly filling up! To accommodate everyone's requests, we ask that going forward, each family submit no more than four Mass intentions per month. This will enable everyone an opportunity to have their Masses said throughout the year. Thank you!

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.

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.

PENANCE DURING LENT

Days of Complete Abstinence

1962: Applied at age 7; Complete abstinence for all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday, and the Vigil of Christmas

Current Practice (in the U.S.): Applies at age 14—Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, and obliges abstinence from flesh meat

Days of Partial Abstinence

1962: Partial abstinence: all days of Lent, Ember days of Wednesday & Saturday, and Vigils of Pentecost & the Assumption (meat and soup, or gravy made from meat permitted once per day at the principal meal)

Current Practice: Not applicable

Dispensation from Days of Abstinence

1962: Dispensed on Holy Days of Obligation

Current Practice: Dispensed on Solemnities

Ages for Laws of Fast

1962: Applied for ages 21 to 59, inclusive days of Lent from Ash Wednesday inclusive of Ember Days, and Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost, and the Assumption

Current Practice: Applies for ages 18 to 59—Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and on specified days of penance

Laws of Fast (defined)

1962: One full meal permitted, & two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal

Current Practice: Same

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *O God Of Loveliness*, 930
 Recessional hymn: *O Thou the Martyrs' Glorious King*, 872
 Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo III, 776

Antiphon after Offertory: *Ubi Caritas*, Chant
 Communion Antiphon: *Introibo Ad*, Heinrich Isaac

The communion antiphon is another set by **Heinrich Isaac** from his *Choralis Constantinus*. The antiphon's text is taken from Psalm 42(43):4, "And I will go in to the altar of God: to God who giveth joy to my youth." In this short antiphon he ornaments the Gregorian melody and uses it as the musical foundation in the Soprano and Tenor voices. The schola sings the Gregorian antiphon first and between each iteration of the antiphon, verses from Psalm 42(43) are sung.

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.

PARKING GARAGE VALIDATION—The South Street Parking Garage 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. 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 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. Please email our Parish office with questions at: contact@stlawrence.cc

Sunday Collections Week of February 1, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	\$10,093.52	\$5,610.23
Building Fund	250.00	1,526.50
Propagation of Faith	1,463.52	—
Vestments	—	615.50
Seminary Burse	260.00	—
Easter Flowers	60.00	—
Votives	49.00	—
CCM	35.00	—
Poor Missions	20.00	—
Friday Program/Catechism	—	42.50
Benedictus	5.00	—
TOTAL:		\$56,030.77

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Generation to Generations: A campaign for St. Lawrence

We launched the public phase of our capital campaign last Sunday, Feb. 1, and plan to provide regular updates on our progress. As of Saturday, Feb. 7, here is our status:

Pledged:	\$587,214.00
Received:	\$71,311.00
St. Lawrence Goal:	\$1,500,000.00

We urge each parishioner to pray daily to the Divine Infant of Prague, seeking our Lord's blessing on this capital campaign. If you have not received package in the mail yet, with full details about the campaign, please contact the parish office. To give, visit www.generationtogeneratedations.com.

PARISH CAREER CONNECTIONS—If you are looking for a job or looking to hire, join St. Lawrence's new employment networking group by visiting Career Connections here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-careers>. We are happy that parishioners would like to work together to connect quality employees with quality employment

ADVERTISING SPACES AVAILABLE

There are 1-2 spaces available most months this year to advertise your business or organization in the bulletin.

Spaces are reserved for parishioners and available for \$25/month. Contact advertising@stlawrence.cc for more info.

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