

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



March 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

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

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TODAY

Sunday, March 8, 2026

- Adult Catechism—12:15pm

UPCOMING

Saturday, March 14

- Confirmation—11am Solemn Pontifical Mass

Sunday, March 15

- Commitment Sunday
- Sunday Sports—1pm

Monday, March 16

- Legion of Mary—6pm

Tuesday, March 17

- St. Patrick—6:30pm High Mass

Thursday, March 19

- St. Joseph—6:30pm High Mass

Saturday, March 28

- Faith Bee Oral Competition—1:30pm

Sunday, March 29

- Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2

- Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3

- Good Friday
- First Friday

Saturday, April 4

- Holy Saturday
- First Saturday

Sunday, April 5

- Easter Sunday
- Parish Easter Party

Wednesday, April 15

- Diocesan Faith Bee

Thursday, May 14

- Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 24

- Pentecost Sunday

Thursday, June 4

- *Corpus Christi*

Sunday, June 7

- External Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*
- First Holy Communion

Friday, June 12

- Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 13

- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, June 14

- Father's Day Novena begins

Sun. Mar. 8	Third Sunday of Lent, I
7:30am	Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter by the Parish
9:00am	Healing of Trudy Stoner by Charles & Christina Stoner
10:30am	Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin
6:00pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Mar. 9	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	†Rebecca May by John Blair
Tue. Mar. 10	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	Anthony Jones
Wed. Mar. 11	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	The Jones Family by Anthony Jones
6:30pm	Tom Allen by Tom & Kristen Allen
Thu. Mar. 12	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	†Francisca Ramos Robles by Colby & Cindy Myers
Fri. Mar. 13	Feria of Lent, III
7:10am	†Pope Francis by Jamison & Kelly Jones
6:30pm	†Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham by the Cunningham Family
Sat. Mar. 14	Feria of Lent, III
9:00am	†Paul R. Miccolupi by The Miccolupi Family
11:00am	<i>Confirmandi</i>
Sun. Mar. 15	Fourth Sunday of Lent, I
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00am	†James Devansky by John E. Czarnomski
10:30am	†Thomas Walker by Anne-Marie Walker
6:00pm	Anthony Jones

Banns of Marriage

**Nathan Alexander Kreider and Stephanie Ann Guingona
Pagdanganan**



Be it known to all here present that Nathan Kreider of the Quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome Deacon and Martyr in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, son of Todd and Lisa Kreider; and Stephanie Ann Pagdanganan, daughter of Roderick and Lucette Pagdanganan of the parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Muntinlupa, Manila, Philippines; 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

CONFIRMATION MASS—The confirmation Mass on Saturday, March 14 at 11am will be a Sung Mass.

CONFIRMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We are in need of volunteers to assist with the reception following this Saturday's Confirmation. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/confirmationvolunteer>.

NO ALTAR BOYS OR GIRLS SODALITY—Please note that there will be no altar boy meeting or girls sodality this month as there are Confirmations at St. Lawrence on our usual day. Meetings should resume next month.

FAITH BEE TEST RESULTS—The St. Lawrence Catholic Faith Bee test results are in. The top ten scorers will be moving on to the oral competition on Saturday, March 28, at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. The parish winner will represent St. Lawrence at the Diocesan Catholic Faith Bee on Wednesday, Apr. 15, at 1pm in Harrisburg. For more information, parents may contact the DRE at dre@stlawrence.cc.

EASTER PARTY: APRIL 5—The St. Lawrence Easter celebration will be on Easter Sunday, Apr. 5, following the 10:30am orchestral Mass. Everyone is invited to the Civic Club, located at 612 N. Front Street. At 1pm there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 noon and under and at 1:30pm there will be a blessing of Easter baskets. Potluck lunch will be on the second floor, so please bring a dish to share. RSVP for the party and sign up to bring food or volunteer using this link: <https://bit.ly/easterparty-2026>. Volunteers are needed for many tasks, including filling and hiding Easter eggs, manning the food and drink tables, and helping with setup and cleanup. We look forward to celebrating Easter together!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—The Stations of the Cross are each Wednesday and Friday of Lent at 5:30pm.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS—The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Fish Fry events in the church social hall each Friday evening at 6:15pm during Lent. Pre-ordering will be available at <https://bit.ly/stlawrencefishfry>

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

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES—The St. Lawrence Friday Program is recruiting teachers and teaching assistants for our 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested in sharing the Catholic Faith as an educator, please reach out! We welcome experienced educators or those willing to learn. To inquire, email Dawn Forbeck at fridayeducation@stlawrence.cc.

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.

FROM YOUR PASTOR: CAMPAIGN UPDATE—In recent weeks, 142 St. Lawrence households have prayerfully responded to the *Generation to Generations* Capital Campaign. Thanks to their generosity, the campaign continues to build steady momentum with \$1,478,587 in pledges as of Saturday, March 7. As we surpass our St. Lawrence goal, our attention now turns to the St. Thomas goal and eliminating the remaining parish debt by paying off the church mortgage.

This early progress is a meaningful sign of the devotion many families have for the future of our parish. At the same time, many households are still discerning their response, and the coming days will be important as we approach Commitment Sunday on March 15.

As you consider your commitment, remember the words of St. Paul:

“Every one as he hath determined in his heart, not with sadness, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:7).

Each household is encouraged to reflect prayerfully on how they might participate in this effort and consider a gift that reflects both gratitude for God's blessings and hope for the future of St. Lawrence.

Pledge cards will be distributed by volunteers as parishioners exit Mass today. Next Sunday, parishioners are asked to bring their completed pledge cards to Mass and place them in the collection basket located in the rear of the church. We ask every household to return a card, even if you have already made a gift or are not able to participate at this time. Your response will help the parish better assess and plan for the remaining campaign goals.

To make an online pledge today, visit generationtogeneratedations.com or use the following link: <https://bit.ly/generationtogeneratedations>.

MAR. 19: TRADITIONAL ST. JOSEPH TABLE—On Thursday, Mar. 19, after the 6:30pm High Mass, we will have our annual St. Joseph's Bread Table. The tradition of the St. Joseph Table, *la tavola di San Giuseppe*, has its origin in Sicily. Legends from the Middle Ages attributed the end of a devastating drought to a prayer devotion that the Sicilian people made to St. Joseph. Please bring your bread to the front door of our Parish Center before Mass and someone will assist you. After Mass, all are invited to come and celebrate Good St. Joseph's patronage and intercession on the 3rd Floor in the Aula Magna room.

IN THE BOOKSTORE—We are available online at bookstore.stlawrence.cc where you can 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

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Jesus, Meek And Lowly*, 833
 Recessional hymn: *The Glory of These Forty Days*, 831
 Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo VI, 788

Offertory Antiphon: *Justitiæ Domine*, G.P. Palestrina
 Chant after Offertory: *Exaudi Nos Domine*, Antiphon from Cantus Selecti
 Communion Hymn: *Attende Domine*, Chant arr. Catuí Côrte-Real Suarez

Part of **G.P. Palestrina's** prolific compositional output includes the publication, *Offertoria totius anni*, which contains 68 five-voice choral settings of Offertory Antiphons for Sundays and major feasts. The translation for this week is: *The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart his judgments sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb. For thy servant keeps them.* —Psalm 18:9,11-12 In this setting, Palestrina uses melodies and harmonies centered in a major key, giving the motet a bright color and conveying the joyful nature of the Psalm.

G.P. Palestrina (c. 1525–1594) is highly regarded for his contributions of Sacred Polyphony and development of counterpoint in the late 16th Century. In the post-Tridentine period he earned the reputation of the ideal Catholic composer for his success in reconciling the functional and aesthetic aims of Catholic church music. Palestrina wrote over 105 Masses and 250 sacred motets in addition to many other works.

INQUIRY CLASS—If you are not Catholic and are interested in Catholicism, or if you know of anyone 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.

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: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-careers>. We are happy that parishioners want to work together to connect quality employees with quality employment.

Sunday Collections Week of March 1, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	\$8,766.66	\$4,217.38
Building Fund	805.00	812.00
Easter Flowers	865.00	—
Seminary Burse	200.00	—
Votives	138.00	—
Vestments	20.00	138.00
Poor Missions	50.00	—
CCM	20.00	—
Sunday Social	12.00	—
Friday Program/Catechism	—	30.00
TOTAL:		\$ 16,074.04

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Generation to Generations: A campaign for St. Lawrence

As of Saturday, Mar. 7, here is our status:

Pledged:	\$1,495,217
Remainder to reach first goal:	\$4,783
St. Lawrence Goal:	\$1,500,000

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.generationtogenerated.com.

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



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