

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



April 26, 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

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

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

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TODAY

Sunday, April 26, 2026

- Adult Catechism—12:15pm

UPCOMING

Friday, May 1

- First Friday
- Sacred Heart Devotion—5:30pm

Saturday, May 2

- First Saturday
- Holy Name Society—10am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, May 3

- Sunday Socials
- Spring Drama and Music Production

Saturday, May 9

- Girls' Sodality—10am
- Altar Boy Meeting—10am

Sunday, May 10

- Mother's Day
- May Crowning
- Mother's Day Novena of Masses begins

Thursday, May 14

- Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, May 15

- Pentecost Novena begins
- Last day of Friday Program

Sunday, May 17

- Last day of Sunday CCD

Tuesday, May 18

- Mother's Day Novena of Masses ends

Sunday, May 24

- Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 30

- Parish Men's Night

Thursday, June 4

- Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 7

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

Friday, June 12

- Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Graduation Mass

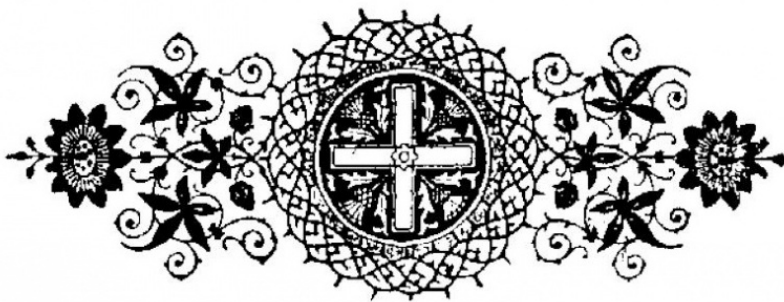
Sunday, June 14

- Father's Day
- Father's Day Novena of Masses begins

Thursday, June 18

- Corpus Christi Sung Mass—6:30pm

Sun. Apr. 26	Third Sunday after Easter, II <i>Pro Populo</i> Confraternity of St. Peter by Celine Gudelski George Graybill by Tony & Cathy Martin Sean T. Pendrak by Stephanie Margossian
Mon. Apr. 27	St. Peter Canisius, Doctor, III Confraternity of St. Peter by Sharon Kaercher
Tue. Apr. 28	St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor, III Aaron McCoy by Scott Martin
Wed. Apr. 29	St. Peter, Martyr, III Sr. Mary Catherine Rose Giacobbe by Bev O'Neill †Charles & Margaret O'Brien by Mary Ellen Turletes
Thu. Apr. 30	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, III Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
Fri. May 1	St. Joseph the Workman, Spouse of the BVM, Confessor, I Thomas Andrew Allen by Tom & Kristen Allen †Mr. & Mrs. Jesse & Mary Furtado by the Cunninghams
Sat. May 2	St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor, III Francis Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Sun. May 3	Fourth Sunday after Easter, II †Nancy Cargas by Caleb Cargas <i>Pro Populo</i> Luke Bunch by Jon Bunch Christian D. Flynn by Zachary & Maureen Flynn



IN THE BOOKSTORE—Browse for books, sacramentals, and devotional aids at bookstore.stlawrence.cc. Make your purchases online and pick them up in person. Parishioners, interested in providing art and sacramentals for sale in the bookstore, can reach Art and Nathan at bookstore@stlawrence.cc. All proceeds will support the parish.

The bookstore **needs volunteers** for Sunday mornings. Interested parishioners with knowledge, experience, or willingness to learn are encouraged to inquire and apply to contact@stlawrence.cc. Inventory management, opening and closing, and cashier skills are a plus.

Hours: Sunday, **8:45am to 1pm**

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

Advertising in the Bulletin

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Altar Linens Guild	
altarlinens@stlawrence.cc	Kelly Jones
Bookstore	
bookstore@stlawrence.cc	Art O'Dea
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Practice weekly— music@stlawrence.cc	Paul Thomas May
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CCD: Sunday Catechism, K-12	
Weekly— dre@stlawrence.cc	Dr. Phillip Cuccia
Confraternity of Christian Mothers	
Monthly— mothers@stlawrence.cc	Pamela Kole
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Friday Education Program	
K-12— fridayeducation@stlawrence.cc	Dawn Forbeck
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Girls Sodality	
Ages 9-14— girlsodality@stlawrence.cc	Rebecca Mack
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Altar Servers	altarboys@stlawrence.cc
Holy Name Society	
Monthly— holyname@stlawrence.cc	Frank J. Galushka
Knights of Columbus	
Monthly— knights@stlawrence.cc	Malakye Wilson
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Weekly— legionofmary@stlawrence.cc	Jerome Hall
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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
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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 is a second collection today for Catholic Home Missions.

PRIESTS AWAY—Frs. Smith, Cortes, and McCann are scheduled to be away from Apr. 27 through Apr. 30. Father David Lopez, FSSP, will be filling in.

MAY 3: MUSIC AND DRAMA PRODUCTION—St. Lawrence Friday Program presents its Spring Music and Drama Production, *The American Year*. Please join us for a light lunch and an afternoon of music, theater, and history with our students on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the Civic Club of Harrisburg (612 N Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17101). Doors open at 1230 pm, the blessing of food will take place at 12:45pm, and the performance begins at 1:30pm and concludes by mid-afternoon.

MAY 10: MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA—People enrolled in our Mother's Day Novena of Masses will have one Mass offered for them daily from May 10 through May 18. Mother's Day Novena cards are available at the entrance of the church. Please submit your cards no later than May 9. You may place your cards in the collection baskets, drop them off in the wall slots by the sacristy office, or on the first floor of the parish center. Any one enrolled after May 9 will be included in the novena from the time we receive them.

ONLINE GIVING—Our new electronic online giving platform is ParishSoft, which will be more convenient for you and will save our parish time and money. For those having difficulty closing their Vanco accounts, contact our parish office via contact@stlawrence.cc or phone at (717) 889-4217. For those not currently giving online, please consider giving online with ParishSOFT to support our parish.

REGISTER: 2026-2027 FRIDAY PROGRAM—As of Friday, registration for next year's Friday Program is open so register quickly to secure a place. This year, registration will be done through ParishSoft. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/fridayprogram26>. Next year's program will include the following exciting additions:

- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** We will offer 12 spots for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds to help them draw near to God, developing an understanding of Him through guided hands-on exploration of our Sacred Liturgy, Tradition, Bible stories, and work.

We will join other FSSP parishes (here is an example: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-cgs>) in implementing this highly regarded system of teaching children the wonder of the liturgy and about God.

- **Christmas Pageant:** Our drama program for the first semester will culminate in a special performance during Christmas break, allowing the children of the parish to incorporate music, acting, costumes, and sets to commemorate the Our Lord's Nativity in a Christmas pageant, a tradition that goes back to medieval times.

MAY 30: PARISH MEN'S NIGHT—Please join us for a night of prayer, spiritual instruction, camaraderie, the grilling of burgers, brats, and beverages in the church courtyard after Vespers. The evening will begin with Vespers at 5pm, after which we will move to the courtyard for dinner and a talk by one of the priests. Please visit the following link for sign-ups: <https://bit.ly/MensNightMay2026>.

LUSTRAL WATER—The Holy Water font in the narthex contains water blessed during the Easter Vigil which is special because it is only available during Eastertide. This water is one of three Holy Waters the Church makes available during the year. The others are Epiphany water and normal Holy Water.

FOOD DONATIONS—Every week throughout the year, the Holy Name Society collects and delivers non-perishable food items and toiletries to the Silence of Mary Home in Harrisburg. This Catholic organization then distributes these items to the needy in the Harrisburg community. Their website (thesilenceofmary.org) provides a "wish list" regarding much needed items. Donations can be placed in the basket in the narthex of St. Lawrence next to the Sacred Heart statue. May God reward your generosity!

USHERS NEEDED—Ushers help safeguard the reverence and good order of the Mass through quiet, friendly service. Able-bodied men willing to assist are asked to consider this important role. Since the church is often approaching capacity, we ask ushers to help families find seating together, which means that sometimes ushers might ask people already seated to help make room for others. We would be very grateful for all parishioners to assist the ushers in this way if requested. Please contact our head usher, Mr. John Osuch, if interested, via email at ushers@stlawrence.cc with questions.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Seeking accurate, detailed workers to help in our parish library. After training, you can volunteer according to your own schedule. Please email the librarian at library@stlawrence.cc. Library orientation/training will occur in May or June.

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.

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.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*, 844
 Recessional hymn: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*, 848
 Kyriale: Mass I, 696; Credo I, 768

Hymn at the offertory: *Exsultemus et laetemur hodie*, Chant
 Hymn at communion: *Ad cœnam agni providi*, Rev. Thomás Luis de Victoria

Ad Cœnam Agni Providi by **Rev. Thomás Luis de Victoria** is a setting of the Vespers hymn during Eastertide dating back to the 500s. An English version of this hymn will be sung at the recession for Sunday. Victoria composed the even verses of this hymn alternating with the ancient chant melody for the odd verses—a technique he often employed for other hymns. In verse six, Victoria only composed for the Tenor, Alto, and Soprano voices as the text describes Christ rising from the grave and opening paradise so our ears hear only high tones. In the final verse, the Holy Trinity is invoked and the music changes to groups of three, while all voices sing the text in rhythm together making for a very effective three-in-one quality in musical form. This final verse in its entirety is shared with *Rex gloriose martyrum*, his setting for Martyr's feasts.

Rev. Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548–1611), along with Palestrina and de Lassus, is one of the greatest composers of the 16th C., famous for its ethereal polyphony. Ordained a priest at age 27, he lived in Rome for years, and assisted St. Philip Neri as chaplain of *San Girolamo della Carità*.

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, sacramentals that help women in delivery.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARTY—A party celebrating this year's First Holy Communion class will be on Jun. 7 following Mass. Please visit the following link for sign-ups: <https://bit.ly/FirstCommunionParty2026>.

Sunday Collections Week of April 19, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	\$5,449.00	\$3,776.35
Building Fund	3,244.00	782.00
Easter	110.00	—
Vestments	40.00	43.00
Seminary Burse	60.00	—
Flowers	30.00	—
Good Friday/Holy Land	30.00	—
Friday Program/Catechism	—	30.00
Advertising	—	25.00
Mother's Day Novena	15.00	—
Catholic Home Mission	20.00	—
Sunday Social	10.00	—
TOTAL:		\$13,664.35

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Generation to Generations: A campaign for St. Lawrence

Please stay tuned for the next update regarding our Capital Campaign progress.

We urge each parishioner to pray daily to the Divine Infant of Prague, seeking our Lord's blessing on this capital campaign. 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>



AD SPACE AVAILABLE

About 2/3 of the ad spaces in the bulletin have already been reserved for 2026. Spaces are \$25/month for parishioners to promote their business or organization. To place an ad in the bulletin, please contact advertising@stlawrence.cc

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