

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



May 17, 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, May 17, 2026

- Sunday Socials
- Last day for CCD classes
- Adult Catechism—12:15pm
- Sunday Sports—1pm

UPCOMING

Tuesday, May 19

- Mother's Day novena ends
- Knights of Columbus—6pm
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, May 20

- St. Jude Devotion

Sunday, May 24

- Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 30

- Parish Men's Night

Sunday, May 31

- Trinity Sunday

Thursday, June 4

- Corpus Christi

Friday, June 5

- First Friday

Saturday, June 6

- First Saturday
- Holy Name Society—10am

Sunday, June 7

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

Friday, June 12

- Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Graduation Mass

Saturday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 21

- Father's Day
- Father's Day novena begins

Monday, June 29

- Father's Day novena ends

Monday, July 6

- Chant Camp begins

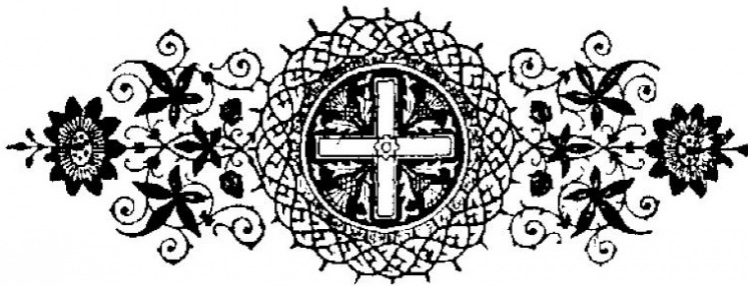
Wednesday, July 16

- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Solemn Mass—6:30pm
- Brown Scapular enrollment

Monday, July 20

- Acolyte Boot Camp begins

Sun. May 17	Sunday after the Ascension, II
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00am	†John Niedzwiecki by Charles Krall
10:30am	Mother's Day Novena
6:00pm	†Jesse & Margaret Bewley by Caleb Cargas
Mon. May 18	St. Venantius, Martyr, III
7:10am	Mother's Day Novena
Tue. May 19	St. Peter Celestine, Pope & Confessor, III
7:10am	†Dermot McDonald by Regina Lakatos and A. DiSanto
Wed. May 20	St. Bernardine of Siena, Confessor, III
7:10am	Natalia Fonticoba; Eric & Catherine Zeager by Fonticobas
6:30pm	St. Jude Intentions
Thu. May 21	Feria, IV
7:10am	Confraternity of St. Peter by Miccolupis
Fri. May 22	Feria, IV
7:10am	†William & Edna Devansky by John E. Czarnomski
6:30pm	†Ferenc Lakatos
Sat. May 23	Vigil of Pentecost, I
9:00am	CCM by Jeanette Sexton
Sun. May 24	Pentecost Sunday, I
7:30am	Charles Stoner by Beverly O'Neill
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:30am	†Beverly Clements by Kimberly Clements
6:00pm	†George Kelly by Kevin Kelly



IN THE BOOKSTORE—Browse for books, sacramentals, and devotional aids on our website at bookstore.stlawrence.cc. You can even 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 or 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	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— girlsodality@stlawrence.cc Rebecca Mack
Guild of St. Stephen	Altar Servers altarboys@stlawrence.cc
Holy Name Society	Monthly— holyname@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
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— yg@stlawrence.cc Joelle Riethmiller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION—There is a second collection today for the Building Fund.

FR. CORTES ON RETREAT— Fr. Cortes will be away this week for his retreat. He will return on Friday, May 22.

SUNDAY SPORTS—There will be Sunday Sports at Wormleysburg Park today, from 1pm to 2:30pm.

TOMORROW—The Mothers Day novena of Masses will conclude tomorrow. The priests have celebrated a Mass each day for all of the living and deceased enrolled. Fathers Day will be on June 21, and a novena of Masses will begin then as well. Materials for enrolling fathers in the next novena will be available starting June 7.

ST. JUDE MASS INTENTIONS— Each month, as part of our devotion to St. Jude on the third Wednesday, we offer Holy Mass at 6:30 pm for the prayer intentions shared with us. Please pray for your fellow parishioners and their intentions. If you would like us to pray for your intentions, please send your intentions to: prayers@stlawrence.cc

Please pray for: Christopher, Sr. Catherine, Stan, Lisa, Zayne, Tammy, Camilla, George, Richard, +Barbara, +Michael, Stanley, Janeann, Celine, Cheryl, Annalaura, +David, Ronna, Jay, Angel, Christina, Marian, and +Mario.

Please also pray for: the conversion and reconciliation of the family members of a parishioner; the spiritual and physical well-being of certain parishioner; a parishioner, who is struggling with severe depression; the son of a parishioner, who is experiencing work-related difficulties; the brother of a parishioner, who is battling an alcohol addiction; the friend of a parishioner, who is recovering from an injury; the husband of a friend who is having respiratory issues; a parishioner whose business is stalling; and the son of a parishioner.

MAY 24: PLENARY INDULGENCE—A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly assist at the recitation or solemn singing of the *Veni Creator Spiritus*, either on the first day of the year to implore divine assistance for the course of the whole year, or on the solemnity of Pentecost (*Handbook of Indulgences*). *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Come, Creator Spirit) is a traditional hymn ascribed to Rabanus Maurus, a German monk, teacher, and archbishop. This ancient hymn has been used in the liturgy since the eleventh century.

MAY 24: LIBRARY ORIENTATION—Library orientations will take place on Sunday, May 24, Pentecost Sunday, after each Mass. Please sign up here, bit.ly/stlawrence-orientation, or send the librarian an email at library@stlawrence.cc. We look forward to seeing you and answering all your questions.

PENTECOST NOVENA—The Pentecost novena began on Friday, May 15, the day after the feast of the Ascension, and continues to Saturday, May 23, leading up to the Sunday of Pentecost, the feast of the sending of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles and Our Lady. We will sing the *Veni Creator* each day after Mass, along with the versicle, response, and prayer.

TODAY: CHANT CAMP REGISTRATION—Registration opens for Chant Camp 2026 for parishioners today, May 17, and May 31 for non-parishioners. The camp runs from Monday, July 6, to Friday, July 10. Each day includes instruction on sacred music and praying the Divine Office, leading up to the students singing a late morning High Mass followed by a pizza party at the park. We are also looking for volunteers to help the camp run smoothly. Please email music@stlawrence.cc if you would like to assist.

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>.

REGISTER: 2026-2027 FRIDAY PROGRAM—The 2025-2026 Friday program ended Friday, and the Sunday CCD program will end today. Registration for both next year's Friday Program and Sunday CCD is open now, so register quickly to secure a place. This year, registration will be done through ParishSoft. For registration instructions (for both programs), visit: <https://bit.ly/fridayprogram26>.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARTY—To sign up for the First Holy Communion party on Sunday, June 7, visit the link bit.ly/FirstCommunionParty2026.

SHEEN BEATIFICATION PILGRIMAGE—The Knights of Columbus are organizing a pilgrimage to Peoria, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo. Sept. 21-25. Parishioners interested in attending the September beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen can visit bit.ly/Sheen2026, for more information.

EASTER DUTY—Catholics have the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once each year during the Easter season. In the U.S., this period begins the first Sunday of Lent and goes through Trinity Sunday, which this year will be May 31, 2026.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

St. Lawrence thrives on the works of its parishioners who contribute not only financially to the parish, but more importantly through their prayers and dedicated service to God and neighbor. We encourage everyone in the parish to consider volunteering for one or more of the following.

- **Adoration.** Helena Jones, tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc
- **Altar linens.** Kelly Jones, altarlinens@stlawrence.cc
- **Bookstore.** Art O'Dea, bookstore@stlawrence.cc
- **Chant camp.** Paul Thomas May, music@stlawrence.cc
- **Church cleaning.** Kristin Patterson, clean@stlawrence.cc
- **Education: Sunday CCD.** Dr. Phillip Cuccia, dre@stlawrence.cc
- **Education: Friday Homeschool Program.** Dawn Forbeck, fridayeducation@stlawrence.cc
- **Library.** Sharon Knowles, librarian@stlawrence.cc
- **Ushers.** John Osuch, ushers@stlawrence.cc

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise*, 852
 Recessional hymn: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*, 936
 Kyriale: Mass I, 696; Creed I, 768

Offertory Antiphon: *Ascendit Deus*, Christoph Dalitz (b.1967)
 Hymn after Offertory: *Salva Festa Dies*, Chant
 Communion hymn: *Jesu nostra redemptio*, Rev. Tomás Luis de Victoria

The hymn after the communion antiphon this week is another setting from **Rev. Tomás Luis de Victoria**. The text is from an older form of the Vespers hymn during Ascensiontide. As with the Easter hymn setting, the Gregorian melody is sung for the odd verses and the even are through composed. For *Jesu nostra redemptio*, the Gregorian melody is the *cantus firmus*; in verse two the Soprano voice sings the tune in a very elongated fashion which spans the entire choral verse, likewise the tenors do the same in the fourth verse. Those who sing the Divine Office regularly will recognize that the Gregorian melody is the same as the current Ascensiontide Vespers hymn, *Salútis humanæ Sátor* as well as the Vespers Hymn for the Transfiguration, *Quicumque Christum quæritis*.

Reverend 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*.

LAST CALL—If you have misplaced any items, be sure to visit the Lost and Found bins in the basement of the Parish Center. Please make the time to see if any of the items might belong to you, as the bins are overflowing. Non-claimed items will be given to a donation center at the end of this week.

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



Sunday Collections Week of May 10, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	\$7,782.00	\$5,570.22
Building Fund	24.00	1,404.00
Vestments	20.00	28.00
Seminary Burse	2,585.00	—
Mother's Day Novena	1,508.00	20.00
Friday Program/Catechism	—	250.00
CCM	10.00	—
Flowers	10.00	—
Pennsylvanians for Human Life	333.00	—
TOTAL:		\$ 19,544.22

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS—If you are approaching your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, please let the priests know a few months in advance so they can organize a special Mass for you.

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.

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.

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