

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



August 30, 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, August 30, 2026

- Mandatory Friday Program Parent Meeting—10:10am

UPCOMING

Monday, August 31

- St. Raymond Nonnatus
- Blessing of candles and water for mothers giving birth

Tuesday, September 1

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Friday, September 4

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

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

- CCD Volunteers Meeting—10:10am

Monday, September 7

- Labor Day—Parking Holiday in Harrisburg

Friday, September 11

- Friday Education Program Begins

Saturday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 15

- Our Lady of Sorrows, patroness of CCM
- Knights of Columbus—6pm

Wednesday, September 16

- St. Jude Devotion

Sunday, September 20

- Mandatory CCD Parent Meeting—10:10am

Sunday, October 4

- Sunday CCD Program Begins

Saturday, October 17

- Parish Men's Night—5pm

Sunday, November 1

- All Saints Day
- Daylight Savings Time ends

Monday, November 2

- All Souls Day

Thursday, November 26

- Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 29

- First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 8

- Immaculate Conception

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Aug. 30 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II †Doris Then by Sister Catherine Rose Giacobbe, <i>Pro Populo</i> Livia Lakatos †Janeann Kakalecz by Aline Dymkowski
Mon. Aug. 31 7:10am	St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor, III Howard & Rosa Fonticoba
Tue. Sep. 1 7:10am	Feria, IV †Janeann Kakalecz by the Altar Linens Guild
Wed. Sep. 2 7:10am 6:30pm	St. Stephen King, Confessor, III Mary Margaret Grutza by Ron Grutza Eleanor & Joseph Michonski
Thu. Sep. 3 7:10am	St. Pius X, Pope & Confessor, III Fr. Smith's 9th Anniversary of Ordination
Fri. Sep. 4 7:10am 6:30pm	Feria, IV †Francis Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin Joe & Joyce Mackin by John E. Czarnomski
Sat. Sep. 5 9:00am	St. Laurence Justinian, Bishop, III †Dorothy J. Kelly by Kevin Kelly
Sun. Sep. 6 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Kadar-Kallen Family by Jamison & Kelly Jones †Angela M. Cherundolo by Sean T. Pendrak <i>Pro Populo</i> Anthony Jones by Isabella Mack

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Brian Alexander Ponce and Clara Catherine Forbeck



Be it known to all here present that Brian Alexander Ponce, son of Edgar and Lidia Ponce of the parish of St. Mary’s Immaculate Conception in York, Pennsylvania; and Clara Catherine Forbeck, daughter of Lance and Dawn Forbeck, of the Quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 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 third publication of the banns.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: FSSP SUPERIOR GENERAL VISIT—We are to receive Fr. John Berg, the superior general of the FSSP, today. He will celebrate a solemn Mass with the priests of the parish. Please be sure to show him a warm welcome!

TODAY: COFFEE AND DOUGHNUT SOCIAL—There will be coffee and doughnuts today to welcome Fr. Berg.

TOMORROW: ST. RAYMOND BLESSINGS—We will give the special blessing for water and candles to be used by pregnant mothers during birth in honor of St. Raymond Nonnatus, one of the founders of the Order of Our Lady of Ransom. St. Raymond, due to the circumstances of his birth, is known as the patron saint of expectant mothers and midwives. This water can be consumed throughout one's pregnancy and the candles lit during birth to invoke the saint's patronage and intercession for safe delivery.

One can see from the prayers used in these blessings (some of which follow) the beautiful faith that the Church places in her sacramentals.

O God, strength and salvation of all the faithful, who perfectly healed the mother-in-law of blessed Apostle Peter, when she was seized by a great fever at the prayer of Thy Son: deign to bless and sanctify this creature of water by Thy most holy Name, and by that of Thy Confessor Raymond, whom, despising the world, Thou didst call to the religious life of the Blessed Mother Mary: grant, we beseech Thee, that through his glorious merits and intercession, all who are afflicted with fevers may, by the use of this water—whether by washing, sprinkling, or drinking—be freed from every sickness of soul and body, and may be presented safe and sound to Thy Church, always giving thanks to Thee. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, by the merits of blessed Raymond, this creature of water, who by Thy glorious Body didst bless the waters of Jordan: and grant that all who taste of it, or touch it, may receive health of both body and soul. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

O Raymond, model of purity, chastity, and continence! Pray to the Mother of Mercy, that in this valley of misery she may defend us from wicked crime, and, once stripped of the mortal body, we may enjoy eternal rest.

NOTE: Though most appropriate for these blessings to be given on the feast of St. Raymond, pregnant women are encouraged to seek and use these sacramentals at any time of the year. Beeswax candles and water can be left in the sacristy with a note requesting the blessings in honor of St. Raymond.

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.

EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS—Registration closes today (Aug.30) for the Friday Program. Registration for the Friday Program and Sunday CCD classes are at: bit.ly/Educationprograms26. Friday classes start Sept. 11. The Sunday CCD program mandatory parent meeting is Sept. 20 at 10:10am in the Aula Magna, and registration for CCD closes Sept. 19. For sacramental classes, copies of Baptism Certificates are DUE at the parent meeting. This year, text books will be signed out from the library for non-sacramental classes with the exception of the Friday Program high school theology class and the CCD 11th and 12th grade classes, which books will be purchased from the parish bookstore.

CCD CLASS SCHEDULE—This year, classes go from 9:15 to 10:15am. CCD Classes meet every Sunday from Oct. 4, 2026 to May 16, 2027 with the exceptions of Nov. 29 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 27 (Christmas), Jan. 3 (New Year's), Mar.21 (Palm Sunday), and Mar. 28 (Easter Sunday).

CCD VOLUNTEERS MEETING—The CCD Teachers, Aides, Substitutes, and Hall Monitors will have a meeting on Sunday September 6 at 10:00 (or as soon as the 9:00 Mass is out) in the Augla Magna.

FROM THE BISHOP—Bishop Senior has released a letter detailing his pastoral vision for the Diocese of Harrisburg. Booklets can be found in the back of the Church.

PART-TIME SECRETARY NEEDED—We are seeking a reliable and hardworking person to assist in the parish office three days per week, including on Saturdays, to support ongoing administrative tasks. If you are interested in this position, please email the parish office at contact@stlawrence.cc.

SEPT. 19: PRO-LIFE BANQUET: 9 SEATS LEFT—The St. Lawrence table at the annual Pro-Life Federation banquet has nine seats remaining. Every year St. Lawrence purchases a table so that our parish publicly supports this important cause. The banquet is on Sept. 19 at 5:30pm at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, and the cost per seat is \$134 per person. Please email prolife@stlawrence.cc for seats. For more information, see paprolife.org/banquet.

SEPT. 21: MARCH FOR LIFE—The ProLife Group is organizing a group of parishioners for the sixth annual Pennsylvania March for Life at the Capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, Sept. 21, 2026. Holy Mass will be at St. Lawrence at 9:30am, followed by breakfast in the Parish Center. Following breakfast, the group will then walk over to the capitol for the rally and march at 11am. Email prolife@stlawrence.cc for questions and register at: bit.ly/PAMarchForLife-2026.

JAN. 2: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT THE FORUM—We are happy to announce that students in our Friday education program will have the chance to perform in our parish's first Christmas pageant, which will be performed on the big stage at the Forum, part of the state capitol complex. This will also be the same day as our parish Christmas party, which will be in the morning and mid-day. The pageant will begin at 2pm. To make sure your children have a chance to participate, be sure they are signed up for the Friday program by this week's deadline. For more information, see below.

Notes on Today's Music Processional hymn: <i>O God, Almighty Father</i>, 877 Recessional hymn: <i>Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All</i>, 899 Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo II, 772 Hymn after Offertory: <i>Ave Maria, Virgo Serena</i>, Chant Sequence Communion Antiphon: <i>Primum quaerite</i>, Heinrich Isaac The chant sequence <i>Ave Maria, Virgo Serena</i> is taken from the Cantus Selecti which is a compilation of chants released in 1957 by the Solesmes Abbey. This chant highlights major events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It also inspired three major compositions in the late 1400s, most notably a setting by Josquin des Prez. The sequence was originally composed for the feast of the Annunciation. The communion antiphon <i>Primum quaerite</i> is a setting by Heinrich Isaac. The text of the antiphon is: <i>Seek first the kingdom of God, and all things shall be added unto you, says the Lord</i>. This passage taken from St. Matthew's Gospel 6:33. Isaac's setting uses a stylized version of the Gregorian melody in the Soprano voice. 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 <i>Choralis Constantinus</i> which contains nearly 400 Gregorian chant based motets of propers for the Mass.		Sunday Collections Week of August 23, 2026 <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Cash</th><th>Online</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$6,151.00</td><td>\$7,557.38</td></tr><tr><td>Assumption of BVM</td><td>579.00</td><td>120.00</td></tr><tr><td>Friday Program/Catechism</td><td>—</td><td>1,005.00</td></tr><tr><td>Vestments</td><td>—</td><td>117.00</td></tr><tr><td>Immaculate Conception</td><td>—</td><td>30.00</td></tr><tr><td>Seminary Burse</td><td>10.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Votives and Candles</td><td>6.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>CCM</td><td>—</td><td>20.00</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday Social</td><td>—</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Advertising</td><td>—</td><td>10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Bookstore</td><td>—</td><td>188.12</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL:</td><td colspan="2">\$15,803.50</td></tr></tbody></table> Weekly Budget Report <table><tbody><tr><td rowspan="2">General Income</td><td>Week of Aug. 23</td><td>Income To-Date</td></tr><tr><td>For FY27</td><td>\$15,803.50 \$113,686.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Weekly Budget</td><td>Budget To-Date</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$14,096.00</td><td>\$112,768.00</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Building Fund</td><td>Week of Aug. 23</td><td>Income To-Date</td></tr><tr><td>For FY27</td><td>\$3,407.00 \$14,691.92</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Weekly Budget</td><td>Budget To-Date</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$2,308.00</td><td>\$18,464.00</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC)</td><td>Week of Aug. 23</td><td>Income To-Date</td></tr><tr><td>For CY26</td><td>\$0.00 \$6,301.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Weekly Budget</td><td>Budget To-Date</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$453.00</td><td>\$15,405.00</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Capital Campaign</td><td>Week of Aug. 23</td><td>FY27 Received To-Date</td></tr><tr><td>Generation to</td><td>\$14,947.00 \$49,002.00</td></tr><tr><td>Generations</td><td>Weekly Budget</td><td>FY27 Budget To-Date</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$12,757.00</td><td>\$102,054.00</td></tr></tbody></table>			Cash	Online	Offertory	\$6,151.00	\$7,557.38	Assumption of BVM	579.00	120.00	Friday Program/Catechism	—	1,005.00	Vestments	—	117.00	Immaculate Conception	—	30.00	Seminary Burse	10.00	—	Votives and Candles	6.00	—	CCM	—	20.00	Sunday Social	—	10.00	Advertising	—	10.00	Bookstore	—	188.12	TOTAL:	\$15,803.50		General Income	Week of Aug. 23	Income To-Date	For FY27	\$15,803.50 \$113,686.00		Weekly Budget	Budget To-Date		\$14,096.00	\$112,768.00	Building Fund	Week of Aug. 23	Income To-Date	For FY27	\$3,407.00 \$14,691.92		Weekly Budget	Budget To-Date		\$2,308.00	\$18,464.00	Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC)	Week of Aug. 23	Income To-Date	For CY26	\$0.00 \$6,301.00		Weekly Budget	Budget To-Date		\$453.00	\$15,405.00	Capital Campaign	Week of Aug. 23	FY27 Received To-Date	Generation to	\$14,947.00 \$49,002.00	Generations	Weekly Budget	FY27 Budget To-Date		\$12,757.00	\$102,054.00
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