

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



September 20, 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, September 20, 2026

- Mandatory CCD Parent Meeting—10:10am

UPCOMING

Saturday, September 26

- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Tuesday, September 29

- Knights of Columbus—6pm
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Friday, October 2

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

Saturday, October 3

- First Saturday Devotion
- Holy Name Society—10am

Sunday, October 4

- Sunday CCD Program Begins

Saturday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 17

- Parish Men's Night—5pm

Wednesday, October 21

- St. Jude Devotion

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

Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25

- Christmas Day

Friday, January 1

- Octave of the Nativity our Lord

Tuesday, January 5

- Vigil of the Epiphany
- Blessing of Epiphany Water

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Sep. 20 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, II †Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin FSSP by Rose Koufos Damien Jones by Daniel & Anastasia Jones Caroline Pitman by John & Mary Blair
Mon. Sep. 21 7:10am	St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, II Anthony Fonticoba & Jason & Theresa Wicht
Tue. Sep. 22 7:10am	St. Thomas of Villanova, Bishop, III Antonio & Monica DeCarlo by Phillip & Lenora Cuccia
Wed. Sep. 23 7:10am 6:30pm	Ember Wednesday of September, II †Sr. Phyllis Simmons, R.S.M. by Kevin Kelly Marlin Duncan & Family by Kevin Ritchie
Thu. Sep. 24 7:10am	Feria, IV Rosalina Cuccia by Phillip & Lenora Cuccia
Fri. Sep. 25 7:10am 6:30pm	Ember Friday of September, II Conversion of Sinners by the Cunningham Family † Robert Allen by the Allen Family
Sat. Sep. 26 9:00am	Ember Saturday of September, II CCM by Kimberlee Hershey
Sun. Sep. 27 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Caroline Pitman by the Barry Family John & Karen Grist by Steven Grist <i>Pro Populo</i> Anthony Jones by Isabella Mack

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

David Graham Feerrar and Maria Faustina Schmidt



Be it known to all here present that David Graham Feerrar, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania son of Ted and Lisa Feerrar; and Maria Faustina Schmidt, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jim and Jean Schmidt, of the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, 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: CCD PARENT MEETING—There is a mandatory meeting today for parents with children enrolled in the Sunday CCD program. The meeting begins at 10:10am in the Aula Magna.

TODAY: SUNDAY SOCIAL—There are coffee and donuts today, organized by the Knights of Columbus.

FR. SMITH ON PILGRIMAGE—Fr. Smith is accompanying the Confraternity of Christian Mothers on a pilgrimage to France. He is to return on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

TOMORROW: 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. Register at: bit.ly/PAMarchForLife-2026.

ST. LAWRENCE CHOIR SEEKS MEMBERS—The St. Lawrence Choir serves as the primary ensemble for Sung Masses at our parish and sings for all Sundays and 1st Class Feasts throughout the year. The choir is particularly seeking Tenors, men that can sing in a higher register, though all applicants will be considered. Applicants must have prior singing experience, be able to attend Thursday evening rehearsals, and be at least 18 years of age. If interested, please email the director of music, Paul Thomas May at: music@stlawrence.cc for further information or to schedule an audition time.

OCT 17: 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. For sign-ups, visit: bit.ly/stlawrencemen-snight

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.

WELCOME TO FR. ORLOWSKI, FSSP—We are very happy to announce that Fr. Joseph Orłowski, FSSP, has been assigned to the Fraternity's house here in Harrisburg, and you will see him around periodically helping in the parish. Father is not assigned to the parish, but he will be in residence here, serving the Fraternity more broadly as a supply priest, a priest who provides coverage to the Fraternity's several parishes in the region. Father will be here at St. Lawrence when he is not filling in at other places, and we are very happy to have him here. Due to the space constraints at our current rectory, Father will be living in the apartment next door to the rectory, the use of which has been very generously donated to us. Please give Father a very warm welcome!

SUNDAY CCD CLASSES—CCD Classes start Oct. 4. This year, text books will be signed out from the library for non-sacramental classes with the exception of the 11th and 12th grade classes, which books will be purchased from the parish bookstore. Books for sacramental classes (2nd and 8th) will be issued. The following CCD Books will need to be checked out of the library for your students: 1st Grade: *My Father and Mother on Earth and in Heaven*; 3rd Grade: *The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism No. 1*; 4th Grade: *The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism No. 1 and No. 2*; 5th Grade: *Know Your Mass*; 6th Grade: *The Latin Mass Explained*; 7th Grade: *Chief Truths of the Faith*; 9th Grade: *The Means of Grace*; 10th Grade: *A Short History of the Catholic Church*; Latin: *Lingua Latina*. The 11th Grade books to be purchased from the bookstore are *Catholic Morality* and *Catholic Apologetics* and for the 12th Grade, *The Last Four Things*.

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

FIRST COMMUNION/FIRST PENANCE DATES—Please mark your calendars for with the following dates for your First Communion/First Penance student(s). The First Penance mid-term interview will be Saturday, Jan. 16; the final interview will be Feb. 27; the First Penance Rehearsal will be Sunday, Mar. 7, during the CCD Class, and First Penance will be Saturday, Mar. 20, from 11:00am to 12:00 noon. The First Communion final interview will be Saturday, May 8. First Communion Rehearsal will be Saturday, May 29, at 11:00am and First Communion will be Sunday, May 30.

MAR. 13: CONFIRMATION DATE—The Confirmation date has been confirmed by the Diocese. Please mark your calendars. The Confirmation Mid-Term is Saturday, Dec. 5, the Final is Saturday, Feb. 13; and the end of the course final is Saturday, May 22 (post Confirmation). Confirmation itself will be Saturday, Mar. 13. The Confirmation rehearsal will be Friday, Mar. 12, at 7:30pm in the Church. The confirmandi and the sponsors are required to be at the rehearsal.

FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN—"This is a good opportunity to remind everyone how your outstanding Theological Library works! Books and other items can be borrowed for three weeks plus two renewals. Your library account allows you to do this yourself once your account is set up. Beyond this lending period, I give four courtesies. The first one is that I renew all overdue items every Tuesday for those who don't do this themselves. The second courtesy is that I allow an extension to the lending period once or twice, which means you have had the item for around three months. The third is that all fines are waived. The fourth courtesy is Plan B. If the system fails you, you can write down what you want to borrow and leave it on my desk! Plan B is below the checkout screen. I am available all the time at library@stlawrence.cc. There are instruction leaflets for the library at the back of the church, in the hallway of the parish center and in the main library." "You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me." C.S. Lewis.

Notes on Today's Music Processional hymn: <i>The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady</i>, 917 Recessional hymn: <i>Remember Me Before the Lord</i>, 918 Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo IV, 780 Hymn at Offertory: <i>Stabat Mater</i>, Chant Sequence Motet at Communion: <i>Ave Maris Stella</i>, Rev. Guillaume Dufay The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the feast itself was this past Friday. During the Mass the sequence <i>Stabat Mater</i> is said prior to the Gospel. This sequence is often used as a devotional hymn for praying the stations of the cross and is sung to a simple tune. The chant sung today, which is the proper chant, is more ornate and the melody changes every two verses. The Vespers hymn for many feasts of the Blessed Virgin is <i>Ave Maris Stella</i>, which dates to the 9th-century and sung today is a setting by Reverend Tomás Luis de Victoria. As is common for his hymn settings, he composed alternating verses and retained a ornamented version of the melody as the foundation for the polyphony. 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 <i>San Girolamo della Carità</i>. PARKING GARAGE VALIDATION—South Street Parking Garage: Drive in and enter your license plate by scanning the QR code or using the link below. Call (717) 238-0496 with any questions or visit: bit.ly/SouthStreetGarage 		Sunday Collections Week of September 13, 2026 <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Cash</th><th>Online</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$7,445.61</td><td>\$5,238.12</td></tr><tr><td>Peter’s Pence</td><td>781.36</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Friday Program/Catechism</td><td>—</td><td>475.00</td></tr><tr><td>Advertising</td><td>—</td><td>100.00</td></tr><tr><td>Vestments</td><td>40.00</td><td>7.00</td></tr><tr><td>Votives and Candles</td><td>30.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Flowers</td><td>30.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>CCM</td><td>20.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Bookstore</td><td>—</td><td>157.64</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL:</td><td colspan="2">\$ 14,324.73</td></tr></tbody></table> Weekly Budget Report <table><tbody><tr><td rowspan="2">General Income</td><td>Week of Sep. 13</td><td>Income To-Date</td></tr><tr><td>For FY27</td><td>\$14,324.73</td><td>\$159,294.00</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2"></td><td>Weekly Budget</td><td>Budget To-Date</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$14,096.00</td><td>\$155,056.00</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Building Fund</td><td>Week of Sep. 13</td><td>Income To-Date</td></tr><tr><td>For FY27</td><td>\$406.00</td><td>\$18,686.67</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2"></td><td>Weekly Budget</td><td>Budget To-Date</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$2,308.00</td><td>\$25,388.00</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC)</td><td>Week of Sep. 13</td><td>Income To-Date</td></tr><tr><td>For CY26</td><td>\$50</td><td>\$6,626.00</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2"></td><td>Weekly Budget</td><td>Budget To-Date</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$453.00</td><td>\$16,764.00</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Capital Campaign</td><td>Week of Sep. 13</td><td>FY27 Received To-Date</td></tr><tr><td>Generation to</td><td>\$3,439.00</td><td>\$114,564.00</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Generations</td><td>Weekly Budget</td><td>Budget To-Date</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$12,757.00</td><td>\$140,324.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total Received</td><td>Pledged To-Date</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$813,717.00</td><td>\$2,181,693.00</td></tr></tbody></table>			Cash	Online	Offertory	\$7,445.61	\$5,238.12	Peter’s Pence	781.36	—	Friday Program/Catechism	—	475.00	Advertising	—	100.00	Vestments	40.00	7.00	Votives and Candles	30.00	—	Flowers	30.00	—	CCM	20.00	—	Bookstore	—	157.64	TOTAL:	\$ 14,324.73		General Income	Week of Sep. 13	Income To-Date	For FY27	\$14,324.73	\$159,294.00		Weekly Budget	Budget To-Date		\$14,096.00	\$155,056.00	Building Fund	Week of Sep. 13	Income To-Date	For FY27	\$406.00	\$18,686.67		Weekly Budget	Budget To-Date		\$2,308.00	\$25,388.00	Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC)	Week of Sep. 13	Income To-Date	For CY26	\$50	\$6,626.00		Weekly Budget	Budget To-Date		\$453.00	\$16,764.00	Capital Campaign	Week of Sep. 13	FY27 Received To-Date	Generation to	\$3,439.00	\$114,564.00	Generations	Weekly Budget	Budget To-Date		\$12,757.00	\$140,324.00		Total Received	Pledged To-Date		\$813,717.00	\$2,181,693.00
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