

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



December 8, 2024

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; 8am to 4:00pm

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TODAY

Sunday, December 8

- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Sunday Socials organized by the Young Adult Group
- Sunday catechism (CCD)—9:15am
- Adult Catechism (in English)—12:15pm
- Adult Catechism (in Spanish)—12:15pm
- Harrisburg Historic Assoc. Candlelight Tour—1pm to 6pm

UPCOMING

Tuesday, December 10

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Saturday, December 14

- Altar Boys Meeting—10:00am
- Girls' Sodality—10:00am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- Young Adult Group Advent Recollection—5:30pm

Sunday, December 15

- Second Collection—Building Fund
- Young Adult Group Brunch—1:00pm
- Friday Program Drama Production—1:00pm

Tuesday, December 17

- Knights of Columbus—6:00pm
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, December 18

- St. Jude Devotion

Friday, December 20

- Altar Linens Guild—5:30pm

Saturday, December 21

- Sung Mass by Students of the Friday Program—9:00am
- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am
- Youth Group—5:30pm

Wednesday, December 25

- Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26

- St. Stephen Guild Promotions—12:15pm Mass

Saturday, December 28

- Parish Christmas Party—throughout the day

Wednesday, January 1

- *Veni Creator Spiritus* sung after before Masses—Plenary Indulgence
- Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord—Masses at 7:10am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm

Friday, January 3

- First Friday Devotions

Saturday, January 4

- First Saturday
- Installation of new officers of the Holy Name Society

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00am	The FSSP by the parish
10:30am	Augustine Miller by The Fair Family
6:00pm	†Dolly Clabaugh by Alan & Tina Busbey
Mon. Dec 9	Feria of Advent, III
7:10am	Frs. Killackey, Cortes & Smith ordination anniv. by E.K.K
Tue. Dec 10	Feria of Advent, III
7:10am	†Marie Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Wed. Dec 11	St. Damascus I, Pope & Confessor, III
7:10am	†Francis Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
6:30pm	Mary Zambito by Leo Rosenberg
Thu. Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe, III
7:10am	Karol Jones and Eileen Cox by Jerome Hall
Fri. Dec 13	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, III
7:10am	Reparation for sins against Our Blessed Mother
6:30pm	†Danny Hernandez by Celine Gudelski
Sat. Dec 14	Feria of Advent, III
9:00am	Patrick Kauffman by Fonticoba Family
Sun. Dec 15	Third Sunday of Advent, I
7:30am	Ali & Art O’Dea by Sister M. Catherine Rose Giacobbe
9:00am	Natalie Mimoso–Morales by Mike Mimoso
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	Doug & Carrie Miller by The Fair Family

Banns of Marriage



Brian Patrick Killackey and Elizabeth Chastain Foster

Be it known to all here present that Brian Patrick Killackey of the parish of St. Bernadette, in Silver Spring, Maryland, son of John and Margaret Killackey, of the parish of Our Lady of Fatima, in Pequannock, New Jersey; and Elizabeth Chastain Foster of the parish of St. Patrick, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, daughter of Brian and Maryann Foster, 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 first publication of the banns.

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Girls Sodality	
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Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc	Jerome Hall
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Monthly—prolife@stlawrence.cc	Kris Keck
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Ages 5-12, Monthly—sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc	Dan Miccolupi
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Grades K-12, Weekly—dre@stlawrence.cc	Dr. Phil Cuccia
Tuesday Adoration	
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Ages 18-35, Monthly—youngadults@stlawrence.cc	Fr. Cortes
Youth Group	
Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc	Joelle Riethmiller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: CANDLELIGHT TOUR—St. Lawrence hosts two of the 21 stops on the 51st Annual Historic Harrisburg Candlelight Tour, which is today from 1pm to 6pm. The insert in the bulletin shows how the church and the parish center are described in the tour booklet. This organization describes the purpose of the tour: “Showcasing 21 stops in all, this is an outstanding array of properties reflecting the wide range of urban living options that make Harrisburg such a great place in which to live and own real estate.” As always, we hope not only that the Lord would send new parishioners, but that some of our parishioners would move to the neighborhood and be close neighbors to the church and the priests here. This tour is a wonderful way to get a sense of the beauty and history of downtown Harrisburg. Tickets for the tour are available today at the Historic Harrisburg Resource Center at 1230 N. 3rd St. for \$25. Special thanks to the musicians who have volunteered to play music in both the church and the parish center to make the visitor experience more delightful and welcoming. We would be grateful to anyone who would like to be around this afternoon to give informal tours and simply to welcome visitors.

DEC. 9: DISPENSATION FOR HOLY DAY—Since the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday when it falls on a Sunday in most parishes, and since it is a Holy Day of obligation, the obligation is also moved to Monday according to a new interpretation of the law by the Holy See. Due to the late notice of this interpretation, however, Bp. Senior has granted a dispensation from this obligation to assist at Holy Mass this year. In the 1962 rubrics, however, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not moved, which we are celebrating here at St. Lawrence today.

DEC. 25: CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE—The schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be as follows.

Christmas Eve

7:10am	Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
8am	Sung Prime with the Martyrology
5pm	First Vespers of Christmas
9pm	Sung Matins of Christmas

Christmas Day

12midnight	Solemn Midnight Mass
8am	Mass of Christmas at Dawn
10:30am	Orchestral Mass in the Day
5pm	Second Vespers of Christmas

DEC. 28: CHRISTMAS PARTY—The annual parish Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 28, in the parish center. It will start after the 9am Mass with caroling in the Alma Magna (room 315 in the parish center), followed by food and live music throughout the day, and ending with Vespers at 5pm. Please RSVP via this link <https://bit.ly/slc-christmas-24> and sign up if you are bringing food to share or can volunteer to help. Email christmasparty@stlawrence.cc to contact organizers Kris and Ari Keck about this event.

DEC. 29: OPENING OF JUBILEE YEAR—On Sunday, Dec. 29, at 3:00pm there will be a procession from St. Lawrence to the Cathedral of St. Patrick to mark the opening of the jubilee year. All parishioners are invited to participate.

JAN. 24: MARCH FOR LIFE—St. Lawrence is partnering with two parishes to attend the March for Life on Jan. 24, 2025. Sacred Heart in Hanover has seats free of charge, with departure at 8:30am, and return around 8pm. To reserve a seat, email mcsherrystownmarchforlife@gmail.com with your name, address, email, & phone. St. Margaret Mary in Harrisburg will also have seats available for \$35 for adults and \$15 for children, with departure at 7:30am & return around 7:30pm. Registration opened Dec 1.

JAN. 24: MARRIAGE PREPARATION—Our Marriage preparation classes will meet in the conference room of the parish center at 7:30pm for six Fridays, beginning Jan. 24. All couples planning to be married in the spring or summer must attend these classes unless other arrangements have been made with the pastor.

FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN—“Your library is open, all the time! Search and reserve books from the comfort of your home and collect them, or browse any time the parish center is open. Instruction leaflets are at the back of the church and in the Parish Center. Orientations will begin early in January on Sundays at 8:45am and 12:15pm. A sign up link will be available at the end of December. Lastly, don’t forget to apply for and then pick up your library card.”—Mrs. Sharon Knowles

VISIT OUR LOST & FOUND BINS—We have moved our Lost & Found area to the basement of the Parish Center. From State Street, go down the outdoor stairs to access the room. Directly inside the door are three bins. Items in the third bin are eventually to be donated, and parishioners are invited to help themselves to anything in this bin. (Please do not donate items to this bin, though.) Claim your lost items today before they are gone.

KOC ADVENT FUNDRAISING—The Mater Dei Community Knights of Columbus Council will be offering car magnets, Christmas tree ornaments, and Christmas cards throughout Advent and the Christmas Season. They will be available for a suggested donation at the entrance of the church after most Advent Masses, while supplies last.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POSTER CONTEST—The Knights are accepting submissions for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, which is open to youth from ages 5 to 18 (if not yet a high school graduate). Details about the contest, including the \$320 in cash prizes, can be found at: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2023posters>. Posters must be turned in to the parish office by Sunday, Dec 22.



Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *The Immaculate Conception*, 907
Recessional hymn: *Immaculate Mary*, 906
Kyriale: Mass IX, 731; Credo V, 784

Motet after Offertory: *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, G.P. Palestrina
Communion antiphon: *Ave Maris Stella*, Guillaume Dufay (c. 1397–1474)

During Advent and Christmastide until February 2 the proper Marian antiphon sung at compline and for other occasions is *Alma Redemptoris Mater*. **G.P. Palestrina** set this text three times and this Sunday the choir will sing one version set for double choir. This motet is one of Palestrina's most famous aside from *Sicut Cervus* and *Jesu Rex*. The motet begins with the incipit from the simple chant and the full choir continues from "*redemptoris...*" Unlike his other settings, this composition is entirely original in melody and has a mostly homophonic texture. This means that the choir moves mostly together rhythmically instead of as individual voices.

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.

HELP FOR STRUGGLING MARRIAGES—Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off-course. The program offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, & crises. Their next weekend for couples is Jan. 10 in Mechanicsburg. For more information, visit their website: helpourmarriage.com



Sunday Collections Week of December 1, 2024

Offertory	\$ 6,988.06
Vestments	176.00
Votives	39.00
Religious Retirement Fund	313.00
All Saints Day	15.00
All Souls Day	15.00
Christmas Flowers	1,045.00
Catechism	30.00
Young Adults Group	25.00
Basketball Tournament	80.00
Coffee Socials	44.00
Online Giving (Nov. 25 - Dec. 1)	<u>4,011.38</u>

Total: **\$12,781.44**

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN—Starting in January, we plan to make advertising available on the back of the bulletin. If you are interested, please email advertising@stlawrence.cc for more details.

PARISH BUSINESS DIRECTORY—If you would like to be included in our parish directory of trades, professions, and services, please signup here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-directory>. This directory exists for those who either would like to shop from other parishioners or would like to advertise their work to other parishioners. To access the link above, one must first be a member of the St. Lawrence email groups system. To join that group, send an email with your name in the message to this address: main+subscribe@groups.stlawrence.cc.

2025 SUNDAY SOCIALS SIGNUPS—We are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus who have helped us find a solution for organizing volunteers for the Sunday coffee and doughnut socials. Along with the Holy Name Society and the impressive Young Adults Group, we have successfully had Sunday socials for most of 2024. We commend each of these groups for their sacrifice and love for our community. Looking ahead, signup sheets are available for all of 2025. The three groups will continue to be responsible for their respective Sundays, and the signups for 2025 are now available. Other parishioners are always welcome to signup as well to help the three groups. You can access the signups here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2025socials>.

HELP NEEDED WITH SUNDAY GREETERS—Greeters are needed to welcome parishioners at the front of the church on a Sunday morning. If you are willing to help, please email Sharon Kaercher at greeters@stlawrence.cc

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.