

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 29, 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; 8:00am to 4:00pm

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TODAY

Sunday, December 29

- No Sunday Socials
- No CCD Classes (Christmas break)
- Adult Catechism (in English)—12:15pm
- Adult Catechism (in Spanish)—12:15pm
- Jubilee Year Procession—3:00pm

UPCOMING

Tuesday, December 31

- *Te Deum* sung after Masses and after Vespers

Wednesday, January 1

- Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord
- Holy Day Mass Times: 7:10am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm
- *Veni Creator Spiritus* before Masses—Plenary Indulgence
- Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 3

- First Friday Devotions
- No Friday Education Program (Christmas break)
- Young Adult Group Dinner—8:00pm

Saturday, January 4

- First Saturday
- Holy Name Society—10:00am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, January 5

- Sunday Socials organized by the Holy Name Society
- Holy Name Society Induction Ceremony
- CCD classes resume
- Sunday Sports—1:00pm
- Blessing of Epiphany Water—4:00pm

Monday, January 6

- Feast of the Epiphany High Mass—6:30pm

Tuesday, January 7

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Wednesday, January 8

- Young Adult Group Spiritual Conference—7:30pm

Friday, January 10

- Friday Education Program Resumes

Saturday, January 11

- Altar Boys Meeting—10:00am
- Girls' Sodality—10:00am

Wednesday, January 15

- St. Jude Devotion

Saturday, January 18

- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am
- Youth Group—5:30pm

Tuesday, January 21

- Knights of Columbus—6:00pm

Saturday, January 25

- First Communion Class Interviews

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec. 29 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, II <i>Pro Populo</i> Ed & Susan Pitman by Sister M. Catherine Rose Giacobbe Emma Riethmiller by Lenora Cuccia †Margaret & Delford Grist by Steven W. Grist
Mon. Dec. 30 7:10am	6th Day in the Octave of Christmas, II †Joseph MacDonald by Zachary and Maureen Flynn
Tue. Dec. 31 7:10am	7th Day in the Octave of Christmas, II Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Belanger by Ian & Rachel Gabig
Wed. Jan. 1 7:10am 12:15pm 6:30pm	Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, I Confraternity of St. Peter Intentions by Kader-Kallen family Matthew Morales by Mike Mimoso Legion of Mary members by Legion of Mary
Thu. Jan. 2 7:10am	Feria in Christmastide, IV †Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Jan. 3 7:10am 6:30pm	Feria in Christmastide, IV †Martin Wildt Jr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin Dorothy Staudenmier by Jerome Hall
Sat. Jan. 4 9:00am	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Widow, III Perseverance for those suffering chronic illness by Stoners
Sun. Jan. 5 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus, II Isabella Mack CCM by Charles & Chris Stoner <i>Pro Populo</i> †Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin

Banns of Marriage



Gabriel Scott Bollinger and Hailey Elizabeth Rogers

Be it known to all here present that Gabriel Scott Bollinger of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg Pennsylvania, son of Terrence and Margaret Bollinger, of the parish of St. Catherine Labouré, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Hailey Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of Christopher and Amy Rogers, of the parish of Queen of the Miraculous Medal, in Jackson, Michigan, 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.

Altar Linens Guild altarlinens@stlawrence.cc	Kelly Jones
Choir & Choristers <i>Practice weekly</i> —music@stlawrence.cc	Paul Thomas May
Church Cleaning <i>Rotates weekly</i> —clean@stlawrence.cc	Kristin Patterson
Confraternity of Christian Mothers <i>Monthly</i> —mothers@stlawrence.cc	Stephanie Fonticoba
Events Coordinators events@stlawrence.cc	Kris Keck
Flower Guild flowers@stlawrence.cc	Fr. Barry
Friday Religious Education Program <i>Grades K-12, Weekly</i> —dre@stlawrence.cc	Dr. Phil Cuccia
Greeters <i>Sunday morning Masses</i> —greeters@stlawrence.cc	Sharon Kaercher
Girls Sodality <i>Ages 9 -14</i> —girlssodality@stlawrence.cc	Rebecca Mack
Holy Name Society <i>Monthly</i> —holyname@stlawrence.cc	Jamison Jones
Knights of the Altar <i>Altar Servers</i> —altarboys@stlawrence.cc	Ed Pitman
Knights of Columbus <i>Monthly</i> —knights@stlawrence.cc	Cory Ringer
The Legion of Mary <i>Weekly</i> —legionofmary@stlawrence.cc	Jerome Hall
Library library@stlawrence.cc	Sharon Knowles
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Pro-Life Group <i>Monthly</i> —prolife@stlawrence.cc	Kris Keck
St. Tarcisius <i>Ages 5-12, Monthly</i> —sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc	Dan Miccolupi
Sunday CCD <i>Grades K-12, Weekly</i> —dre@stlawrence.cc	Dr. Phil Cuccia
Tuesday Adoration <i>Tuesdays</i> —tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc	Amanda Healy
Ushers ushers@stlawrence.cc	John Osuch
Young Adult Group <i>Ages 18-35, Monthly</i> —youngadults@stlawrence.cc	Fr. Cortes
Youth Group <i>Ages 13-18, Monthly</i> —yg@stlawrence.cc	Joelle Riethmiller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: OPENING OF JUBILEE YEAR—Today, 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.

DEC. 31: PLENARY INDULGENCE—A plenary indulgence is granted to all those who publicly recite the *Te Deum* on Dec. 31. It is an ancient custom of the Church to sing the *Te Deum*, a hymn of thanksgiving, on New Year's Eve, to thank God for all of the blessings received over the course of the preceeding year. We will recite the *Te Deum* after all the Masses.

JAN. 1: HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE—The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord will be celebrated this Wednesday at 7:10am, 12:15pm, and 6:30pm.

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PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION RECIPIENTS—If you are the parent of a First Communion Recipient this year in the Friday Program or the Sunday CCD program, please ensure that you sign up your student for the initial First Penance Interview with Fr. Smith on Saturday, January 25. Time slots are 10 minutes each. The link is: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-penance>.



HELP NEEDED WITH ALTAR LINENS—We are in critical need of more help with the altar linens guild, especially those with experience ironing. If you are willing to invest four hours per month on this sacred work, email altarlinens@stlawrence.cc.

HELP NEEDED WITH FIRST-AID KITS—We are in need of a person to regularly inventory our nine first-aid kits, which are located in each of the bathrooms throughout the parish campus. Using a checklist, this person would review each kit monthly and prepare a restock list. If you could help, please email contact@stlawrence.cc.

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.

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 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. 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>

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS—Please note the Parish Office will be closed beginning noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31, through Wednesday, Jan. 1.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOME BLESSINGS—On Epiphany and during its octave the priests of Saint Lawrence will offer house blessings to the faithful. We are in need of volunteers to handle both electronic scheduling and drivers to transport the priests to the different houses during the octave. Drivers will not have to provide their own vehicle.

SIGNUP FOR EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS—We are happy to offer again the possibility of having your home blessed with Epiphany water, incense, and chalk. To request this blessing during the time of Epiphany (on the days of Jan. 6 - 13), please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-epiphany> or by scanning the QR Code.



When visiting your home, the priest will sprinkle and incense your house, and mark the front door (or doors) with chalk. This tradition commemorates the visitation of the three Magi to the Holy Family in Bethlehem. A priest visits the home, blessing each room (or at least, whichever rooms you would like him to bless) with Epiphany water and incense. The main entrance of the home is then marked with the initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, and a code of the current year (2025) connected with crosses: 20+C+M+B+25. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi; and second, they abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*; "May Christ bless the house."

Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless the home, and that He abide with all those who dwell therein throughout the year. The Epiphany home blessing is a treasured Catholic tradition throughout the world, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset; asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there. Practicing traditions such as the Epiphany home blessing helps us live our Faith more concretely and serves as an outward sign of our dedication to the Lord. Our homes are the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God. This blessing encourages all of us to dedicate our life at home to God. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. This beautiful tradition serves as a reminder of the welcoming that the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*, 807
 Recessional hymn: *Angels We Have Heard On High*, 812
 Credo V, 784

Kyriale: *Mass for 3 Voices*, William Byrd
 Offertory hymn: *Crudele Herodes*, Chant
 Communion hymn: *Puer Natus in Bethlehem*, Chant

The *Mass for 3 Voices* is one of **William Byrd's** three settings of the Ordinary of the Latin Mass were published in undated editions, without title-pages, sometime between 1592 and 1595. Though the standard choral arrangement for composition is four voices, Byrd's setting manages to convey a full texture even with one fewer voice.

William Byrd (c. 1543–1623) became Catholic in the 1570s and he composed much music for the church against government ordinances. In 1605 the first volume of the *Gradualia*, which are settings of the propers of the Mass, was banned in England under penalty of imprisonment along with all of his Catholic music. By the time of his death he was seen favorably as a composer by both Anglican and Catholic alike.

BOOKSTORE BARISTI NEEDED—Once or twice a month, we would like to sell espresso and other treats after some of the Sunday Masses in the room at the front of the parish center tucked just below State Street, in what we plan to become the parish bookstore. If you have experience as a barista, and would like to serve your fellow parishioners in this way once or twice a month, email espresso@stlawrence.cc.

BOOKSTORE CLERKS NEEDED—In cooperation with Bahret's Religious Goods and its proprietor, parishioner Sharon Kaercher, who is also our head greeter, we plan to sell hand missals, bibles, rosaries, and other items requested by parishioners in a small bookstore tucked just below State Street in the parish center. Initially it would be open just a couple of hours per week or per month, depending upon the availability of volunteers. If you are interested in this type of work, please email bookstore@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.

ROSARY ON SUNDAYS—Thanks to the helpful feedback received, we will continue to recite the holy rosary before the three Sunday morning Masses. In this way, the parish as a whole will recite all 15 traditional mysteries of the rosary each Sunday. Before the 7:30am Mass, we will recite the joyful mysteries; before the 9:00am Mass, the sorrowful mysteries; and before the 10:30am Mass, the glorious mysteries. We ask the men of the parish to volunteer to lead various decades.

Sunday Collections Week of December 22, 2024

Offertory	\$10,200.00
Vestments	181.00
Votives	13.00
Christmas Offering	55.00
Immaculate Conception	65.00
Christmas Flowers	35.00
Catechism	60.00
Young Adults Group	25.00
Book Stand	358.00
Used Furniture Sale	40.00
Online Giving (Dec. 16 - Dec. 22)	<u>4,394.75</u>

Total: **\$15,426.75**

URGENT: 2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN—This year the Diocesan Annual Campaign goal for St. Lawrence is \$19,473. So far, \$15,743.20 has been contributed. We are grateful for your continued support. The total remaining to be collected by the end of this year is \$3,729.80.

FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN—Library membership explanation: "The church pays an amount to the software company every year and it is based on the number of members. This is why we are using the Head of the Family as the account holder instead of assigning a card, with a different bar code, to each parishioner. Look for orientation sign ups in January."

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.

Congratulations to:

Joseph and Julia Halecky

on the Baptism of their daughter

Victoria Marie Halecky

December 21, 2024

and

Brian and Naomi Whittaker

on the Baptism of their son

Theodore Maximilian Whittaker

December 27, 2024

