

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



April 13, 2025

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, April 13

- Palm Sunday
- No Sunday Socials
- No Sunday CCD classes
- No Adult Catechism classes

UPCOMING

Tuesday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 16

- Spy Wednesday
- Sung Mass by Students of the Friday Program
- St. Jude Devotion

Thursday, April 17

- Maundy Thursday
- Tenebrae—7:00am
- Solemn High Mass—6:30pm
- All night adoration

Friday, April 18

- Good Friday
- Parish office closed
- Tenebrae—7:00am
- Solemn Liturgy—3:00pm

Saturday, April 19

- Holy Saturday
- Parish office closed
- Tenebrae—7:00am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm
- Easter Vigil—7:30pm

Sunday, April 20

- Easter Sunday
- Low Mass—8:00am
- Solemn High Mass—10:30am
- No Sunday CCD classes
- No Adult Catechism classes
- Parish Easter Party

Saturday, April 26

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10:00am
- Young Adult Swing Dance (Springfield)

Monday, April 28

- Feast of the Dedication of St. Lawrence
- High Mass—6:30pm

Friday, May 2

- First Friday
- Sacred Heart Devotion—5:30–7:30pm

Saturday, May 3

- First Saturday
- Holy Name Society—10:00am

Sunday, May 4

- Friday Program's Drama Production

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Apr. 13	Palm Sunday, I
7:30am	†Ethel Fonner by Bill O’Connell
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:30am	Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
6:00pm	Timothy Dennis
Mon. Apr. 14	Monday of Holy Week, I
7:10am	Anthony DiSanto by Judith Boutin
Tue. Apr. 15	Tuesday of Holy Week, I
7:10am	†Francis Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Wed. Apr. 16	Wednesday of Holy Week, I
7:10am	Colby Grist by Steven W. Grist
6:30pm	St. Jude Intentions
Thu. Apr. 17	Holy Thursday, I
6:30pm	Marissa Gingerich by Renda Family
Fri. Apr. 18	Good Friday, I
Sat. Apr. 19	Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil, I
7:30pm	Protection of the Unborn
Sun. Apr. 20	Easter Sunday, I
8:00am	Donald Rooney by The Sexton Family
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Banns of Marriage



**Benjamin Mitchell Ephrem Fetterman and
Jessica Megan Catherine Michonski**

Be it known to all here present that Benjamin Mitchell Ephrem Fetterman, of the Catholic Byzantine parish of Blessed Virgin Mary, in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, son of Dan and Amie Fetterman, and Jessica Megan Catherine Michonski, daughter of Matthew and Karyn Michonski, 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 second publication of the banns.

Altar Linens Guild	altarlinens@stlawrence.cc Kelly Jones
Choir & Choristers	Practice weekly—music@stlawrence.cc Paul Thomas May
Church Cleaning	Rotates weekly—clean@stlawrence.cc Kristin Patterson
Confraternity of Christian Mothers	Monthly—mothers@stlawrence.cc Stephanie Fonticoba
Events Coordinators	events@stlawrence.cc Kris Keck
Flower Guild	flowers@stlawrence.cc Fr. Barry
Friday Religious Education Program	Grades K-12, Weekly—dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phil Cuccia
Greeters	Sunday morning Masses—greeters@stlawrence.cc Sharon Kaercher
Girls Sodality	Ages 9 -14—girlssodality@stlawrence.cc Rebecca Mack
Holy Name Society	Monthly—holyname@stlawrence.cc Jamison Jones
Knights of the Altar	Altar Servers—altarboys@stlawrence.cc Ed Pitman
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The Legion of Mary	Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc Jerome Hall
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Youth Group	Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc Joelle Riethmiller

BULLETIN: WEDNESDAY DEADLINE—Please note that all requests for new bulletin articles must be made by the Wednesday prior to the upcoming Sunday bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAUNDY THURSDAY ADORATION—The Church will be open all night Maundy Thursday into Good Friday for Eucharistic Adoration at the altar of repose, Our Lady's altar on the Gospel side of the Church. We will need at least two adorers present from 8pm to 7am. Use this link to sign up: signupgenius.com/go/maundythursday25.

FREE PARKING ON GOOD FRIDAY—Good Friday is one of Harrisburg's free holiday parking days.

APR. 18-19: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, Apr. 18, through Holy Saturday, Apr. 19. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Apr. 22.

APR. 20: PARISH EASTER PARTY—The St. Lawrence Easter Party Potluck will be at the Civic Club (612 N. Front Street) beginning at noon. At 12:30pm there will be an Easter Egg hunt for those children 12 and under, and at 1:00pm a blessing of Easter baskets, especially of lamb and eggs. Food to be blessed should be brought to the first floor of the Civic Club by 12:45pm. RSVP for the party and egg hunt, along with signing up to volunteer and bring food here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-easterparty>. Email easterparty@stlawrence.cc with any questions.

FOOD DONATIONS—Every week throughout the year, the Holy Name Society collects and delivers non-perishable food items and toiletries to the Silence of Mary Home in Harrisburg. This Catholic organization then distributes these items to the needy in the Harrisburg community. Their website (thesilenceofmary.org) provides a "wish list" regarding much needed donations. Donations can be placed in the basket in the narthex of St. Lawrence next to the Sacred Heart statue. May God reward your generosity!

JUN. 6: GRADUATION MASS & RECEPTION—All parish high school seniors will be honored with a Mass and reception on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 6. Mass begins at 6:30pm, followed by a reception in the Aula Magna of the parish center. If you have a high school senior who would like to participate, please sign up here: bit.ly/3UqZHkq.

ST. JUDE DEVOTIONS—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. This month's intentions include the following, which have been published in our weekly prayer intention email from March 19th to April 9th. 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, Maxwell, Mary, Tammy, Amy, Gilberto, Sebastian, Tammy, Allie, Wayne, Doris, Jade, Sebastian, +Ann Terese, Ann Marie, Richard, Nick, and Diane.

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 undergoing some significant emotional suffering; and the spiritual and physical well-being of a parishioner.

FROM YOUR PASTOR—You will note that the Easter Vigil is scheduled to start a half hour earlier this year, and I thought it would be helpful for you to have some historical background on the timing of this great event. From as early as the time of St. Jerome in the early 5th C., there was a debate within the Church on whether the vigil should extend overnight. The argument was over various things, including the fact that some people late at night in low light would do indecent things—in the church of all places. The difficulty of staying up all night and the impact days later probably had an influence on the discussion too. Finally around the time of St. Gregory the Great in the 7th C., the matter was resolved in favor of holding the vigil during the day. By the Middle Ages, the vigil was begun early on Holy Saturday morning, such that the priests would take the newly made lustral water throughout the parish blessing homes in the afternoon of Holy Saturday.

For the better part of 1400 years, then, the Church held her Easter Vigil during the day—until 1955, when major changes to the Roman Rite began. Then it was mandated that the vigil begin at midnight, though it allowed for exceptions. Since then, most Catholic parishes around the world have found that overnight vigils were impractical and reverted to the more traditional practice of keeping the vigil at an earlier hour, even if they do not celebrate the Easter Vigil during the day as was the practice until 1955.

Another question arises: since the Easter Vigil will be completed by midnight, and therefore will not fall on Sunday proper, does this fulfill one's Sunday obligation. Traditionally, Masses were not allowed in the evening, so it was not the practice to fulfill one's Sunday obligation by assisting at Mass on Saturday night. In more recent years, evening Masses have been allowed, and in cases of Sundays and holy days of obligation, these evening Masses technically do fulfill the obligation if there is an obligation the next day.

This provision was originally intended to give employees required to work on Sundays the opportunity to assist at Mass. Unfortunately, in some places it has become the norm. It is better to assist at Mass on the Lord's Day itself, and in the case of Easter Sunday, I would encourage you to assist on Sunday morning even if you do plan to attend the Easter Vigil. Of course, for families coming from a long distance or with many young children, it may not be practical to attend both Masses, and they should not feel obliged to attend twice. For those who can attend twice, I would ask you not to do just what you're obliged, but to what you can out of love for our Savior who was sacrificed on the cross. — Fr. Smith

MAY 4: STUDENTS' SPRING PRODUCTION—The students of Saint Lawrence will perform *Clovis* and present a musical program at the Pennsylvania State Museum demonstrating what they've learned throughout the current year. Sign up for the potluck here: bit.ly/43PYo3B

REGISTER FOR 2025-2026 FRIDAY PROGRAM—Registration for the Saint Lawrence Friday Program for K-12 grade is now open. Please register soon so we can organize the classes. Classes start Sept. 5, 2025 and go through May 15, 2026. There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Aug. 24, 2025, in the Aula Magna. The link to sign up is here: <https://stlawrence.cc/get-involved/friday-education-program>.

Notes on Today's Music

Recessional hymn: *O Sacred Head Surrounded*, 837

Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo VI, 788

Hymn after Offertory: *Vexilla Regis*, Chant

Communion Antiphon: *Pater, Si*, Heinrich Isaac

During Passiontide and on September 14, the hymn *Vexilla Regis* is sung during Vespers. This hymn was written by Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) who wrote it in honor of the arrival of a large relic of the True Cross which had been sent to Queen Radegunda by the Emperor Justin II and his Empress Sophia.

Pater, Si, set to music by **Heinrich Isaac**, derives the melodic material directly from the Gregorian antiphon. In the musical tradition of singing the Passion narratives, as we hear at Mass on Sunday, Jesus has the lowest voice. In this motet, which takes the text from Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane, the voices are all set lower than an average *communio* by Isaac—perhaps as a connection to this tradition.

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 *Choralis Constantinus* which contains nearly 400 Gregorian chant based motets of propers for the Mass.

BOSCO MISSION TRIPS—Men ages 17-24 are invited to serve the poor on two different mission trips with Bosco Ministries. Join them July 15 to 26 to Ecuador, or Aug. 7 to 22 to Peru, with Fr. Killackey as chaplain. More information can be found at www.boscoministries.org.

FSSP BOYS' CAMPS—Boys ages 13-15 are invited to Camp St. Isaac Jogues in Cresco, Penn., Jun. 13 to 24, and to Camp St. Peter at Custer State Park, S. Dakota, Jul. 25 to Aug. 5 and Aug. 8 to 19. In addition, boys ages 15-17 are invited to *Sursum Corda*, an eleven-day backcountry backpacking trip in the Wind River Mountain Range of Wyoming. Find out more about these summer opportunities, all led by FSSP priests and seminarians, at www.boscoministries.org.

APR. 26: YOUNG ADULT SWING DANCE—Juventutem Philadelphia is organizing a spring swing dance. Come dressed up for a fun night with Jack Saint Clair and the Saintly Stompers! The dance will be held at the Springfield Country Club (400 W. Sproul Rd. Springfield, Penn. 19064) from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. The night will include dinner, dessert, and a cash bar. There will also be a brief swing dance lesson at the beginning. Your spot is not reserved until payment is received. Open to young adults age 18 (high school graduates) to 35. Email juventutemphl@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday Collections

Week of April 6, 2025

Offertory	\$5,818.00
Catholic Relief Services	268.00
Young Adult Group	25.00
Lenten Meditation with Buxtehude	831.00
Seminary Burse	15.00
Catechism	87.50
Vestments	183.50
Votives	40.00
Bookstand	115.00
Online Giving (March 31 - April 6)	<u>6,022.50</u>

\$13,405.50

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Please join us to pray the Stations of the Cross this Wednesday and Friday during Holy Week at 5:30pm. The Stations conclude with a blessing with a relic of the true cross, which our parish is most blessed to have in our custody. Please also know that there is an indulgence available, under the normal conditions, for participating in this devotion.

FROM YOUR PARISH LIBRARIAN—“The parish library is running well and the librarian is very responsive to emails. library@stlawrence.cc. Please remember to check your books in before placing them on the trolley! Library staff are in the library on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. This will change to include Wednesdays from the time of the conclusion to the Friday Program. The librarian is some times there on Sodality Saturdays. One reader has just read *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis. Her comments are: ‘The book really emphasizes the challenges of becoming like Christ and concentrates on ways to give up self to do His will. The challenge for the reader is to know how to do this.’ Happy reading!”

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.

JUN. 21: HARRISBURG SENATORS GAME—Play ball! It's baseball season once again. The St. Lawrence Youth Group June 21 event is at FNB Field for the Harrisburg Senators vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies game. We invite all St. Lawrence parishioners and families to join us for the fun! Tickets can be purchased here: www.gofevo.com/event/Stlawrence4. Our church will receive a portion of the ticket sales. See you at the game!

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