

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



May 25, 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, May 25

- No Sunday Socials

UPCOMING

Tuesday, May 27

- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Thursday, May 29

- Ascension—Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, May 31

- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Friday, June 6

- First Friday
- Sacred Heart Devotion—5:30–7:30pm
- Highschool Graduation Mass & Reception
- Young Adult Group Dinner—8:00pm

Saturday, June 7

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

Sunday, June 8

- Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 15

- Father's Day Novena begins

Tuesday, June 17

- Knights of Columbus—6:00pm

Wednesday, June 18

- St. Jude Devotion

Thursday, June 19

- Corpus Christi Sung Mass—6:30pm

Saturday, June 21

- Pro-life Rosary—10:00am
- Flower Guild Meeting—10:00am
- First Communion Rehearsal—11:00am
- Harrisburg Senator's Baseball Game

Sunday, June 22

- External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- Eucharistic Procession and Benediction
- First Holy Communion—10:30am Mass

Tuesday, June 24

- Nativity of St. John the Baptist Sung Mass—6:30pm

Friday, June 27

- Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 28

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10:00am

Monday, July 7, to Friday, July 11

- Chant Camp

Monday, July 14, to Friday, July 18

- Acolyte Bootcamp

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 25	Fifth Sunday after Easter, II
7:30am	†Donald Durham by Byron Whitcraft
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:30am	George Gilmer
6:00pm	†Pat Routson by Eric & Leslie Eschbach
Mon. May 26	St. Philip Neri, Confessor, III
7:10am	Elizabeth Kadar-Kallen
Tue. May 27	St. Bede the Venerable, Confessor & Doctor, III
7:10am	Private intention by Kevin Ritchie
Wed. May 28	Vigil of the Ascension, II
7:10am	Brotherhood of Saint Monica by Phillip Cuccia
6:30pm	†Margaret Dennis by Donna Moyer
Thu. May 29	Ascension of the Lord, I
7:10am	The Duane Whitlock Family by Charles & Mary Zambito
12:15pm	†Helen Kadar by Janeann Kakalecz
6:30pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Fri. May 30	Feria after Ascension, IV
7:10am	†Brian Lindsay by John E. Czarnomski
6:30pm	†James Welsh by Eric & Leslie Eschbach
Sat. May 31	Queenship of Mary, II
9:00am	†Theresa Turletes by Mary Ellen Turletes
Sun. Jun. 1	Sunday after the Ascension, II
7:30am	Joe Norman by Eschbach Family
9:00am	Barbara N. Serpiello by Dan & Lydia Miccolupi
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	†Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin

Banns of Marriage



Micah William Collins and Sydney Priscilla Zikan

Be it known to all here present that Micah William Collins, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg Pennsylvania, son of Michael and Katrina Collins; and Sydney Priscilla Zikan, daughter of Craig and Diane Zikan, of the parish of St. Joseph, in Eldersburg, Maryland, 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SATURDAY PARKING UPDATE—Regarding the parking crisis, the response so far to our requests for help from our state’s elected officials has mostly been disappointing, though there have been a couple of exceptions. In general, they tend to repeat the same incorrect information, stating that the parking rates are a local issue controlled by the city. This is not the case. On our website, we provide many details proving this, including a link to the Department of Community and Economic Development’s own website, which clearly states that one of it’s agencies, Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA), has the authority “to set parking rates for the parking system.” We ask you to continue your efforts to explain this to your state senators and representatives. Feel free to give them the link to our web page that explains it in more detail: www.stlawrence.cc/parkingcrisis. Our request is simple: please temporarily restore the LUVHBG code for free Saturday parking until an economic impact study can be completed.

ROGATION DAYS—The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before the feast of the Ascension are the Minor Rogation days. The Rogation days are traditional days of fasting and prayer. “Rogation” has its origins in the Latin word “rogare”, which means to supplicate or ask. The purpose of these days is to beg God for His mercy, to turn away His anger, and to ask Him to bless the fruits of the earth while protecting us from natural disasters.

FR. SMITH TRAVELING—Fr. Smith is scheduled to be away attending FSSP ordinations from Monday, May 26, through Friday, May 30.

2025 FSSP ORDINATIONS—Please keep the following deacons to be ordained priests in your prayers: Michael Caughey, Matthew Jagas, Steven Kalinowski, Ronal McCann, and John-Francis Sulzen.

CHANT CAMP REGISTRATION—Monday, July 7, to Friday, July 11. Registration is now open for Chant Camp 2025 for parishioners and will open June 1 for non-parishioners. Each day includes instruction on sacred music, praying the Divine Office and culminates with an 11am Sung Mass on Friday, July 11, the feast of St. Pius, I, Pope & Martyr. Lunch, sports, and games are included each day at Wormleysburg Park. We are also looking for volunteers to help the camp run. Please email contact@stlawrence.cc if you would like to assist.

PLAN AHEAD FOR SUNDAY CCD 2025-2026—CCD classes will begin Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025, and run through Sunday, May 17, 2026. Once again our CCD program will be at 9:15am and include K-12 grade. More detailed information will be available at the end of the summer.

VOLUNTEER FOR CCD—As we prepare for next year’s Sunday catechism program (CCD), we are in need of volunteers, especially in the high school, but also at the younger grades. Please prayerfully consider making this sacrifice to invest in the next generation, to help them to receive the Faith. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/ccd-2025-2026>.

MAY 29: ASCENSION THURSDAY—HOLY DAY—The Ascension of the Lord is a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Harrisburg. We will have Masses at 7:10am, 12:15pm, and 6:30pm.

MAY 29: OFFICE CLOSED—Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, May 29.

PENTECOST NOVENA—We will begin this Friday, May 30, with the singing of the *Veni Creator* with its proper collect after all Masses until Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

FATHER’S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES—Saturday, June 14, is the deadline to submit your intentions for the Father’s Day Novena of Masses. Father’s Day Novena Cards are available at the entrance of the church. You may place your cards in the collection baskets, or drop them off in the wall slots by the sacristy office or on the first floor of the 112 State Street parish center. Father’s Day this year is on Sunday, June 15, which is when the Novena will begin.

Congratulations to:



Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Grace

United in Holy Matrimony

at St. Lawrence, Harrisburg, Penn.

May 17, 2025

and

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Falvo III

United in Holy Matrimony

at The Most Precious Blood of Jesus, Pittsburgh, Penn.

May 17, 2025

and

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Fetterman

United in Holy Matrimony

at St. Ann Byzantine, Harrisburg, Penn.

May 17, 2025

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*, 933
 Recessional hymn: *Love's Redeeming Work Is Done*, 850
 Kyriale: Mass I, 696; Credo III, 776

Hymn at the offertory: *Ad cœnam agni providi*, Thomás Luis de Victoria

Ad Cœnam Agni Providi by **Thomás Luis de Victoria** is a setting of the Vespers hymn during Eastertide dating back to the 500s. Victoria composed the even verses of this hymn alternating with the ancient chant melody for the odd verses—a technique he often employed for other hymns. In verse six, Victoria only composed for the Tenor, Alto, and Soprano voices as the text describes Christ rising from the grave and opening paradise so our ears hear only high tones. In the final verse, the Holy Trinity is invoked and the music changes to groups of three, while all voices sing the text in rhythm together making for a very effective three-in-one quality in musical form. This final verse in it's entirety is shared with *Rex gloriose martyrum*, his setting for Martyr's feasts.

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 *San Girolamo della Carità*.

JUN. 21: HARRISBURG SENATORS GAME—Play ball! It's baseball season once again. We invite all St. Lawrence parishioners and families to join us at FNB Field for the Harrisburg Senators vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies game. 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!

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.

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST NEEDED—Starting July 1, we are in need of someone to work four hours weekly with an opportunity for more as a receptionist, opening the door, answering the phone, and doing other administrative tasks. Current hours for this position are 8:00 to 10:00am Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Smith at contact@stlawrence.cc.

Sunday Collections Week of May 18, 2025

Offertory	\$5,332.00
Seminary Burse	165.00
Catholic Missions	50.00
Catechism	30.00
Young Adult Group	25.00
Friday Program	1,000.00
Girls Sodality Flower Sale	283.00
Vestments	146.00
Votives	42.00
Bookstand	43.00
Coffee Social	6.00
Online Giving (May 12 - May 18)	<u>4,603.00</u>
	\$11,725.69

FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN—Your amazing library is open and available online and in three areas in the parish center! Apply for a library card today at the church website or on the forms at the back of the church or on the librarian's desk. The library is once again accepting donations in good condition. Please check the online catalogue to see if we have it already. The donations policy is, that books donated will either be retained for the library or given to the book store to sell on behalf of our church. "The greatest kindness one can render to any man consists in leading him from error to truth". St. Thomas Aquinas. There is an abundance of truth in our library.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025 CLOSED—We are grateful for the many Mass intention requests we receive. However, we are not accepting any new Mass intentions until further notice. Our dates are filled for the remainder of the year, and we are not yet accepting intentions for 2026. Any new requests received after today will be returned. If there is no return address, the money will be placed in the candle donation box.

WAITLIST FOR 2025-2026 FRIDAY PROGRAM—Most classes for the Saint Lawrence Friday Program for K-12 grade are now full; however, a waitlist is being formed. Classes start Sept. 5, 2025 and go through May 15, 2026. A mandatory parent meeting is scheduled for Aug. 24, 2025. Register with this link: <https://stlawrence.cc/get-involved/friday-education-program>.

BOYS BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP—Rising 4th-9th grade boys are invited to Bishop McDevitt's summer youth boys' basketball camp June 16-19, 8:30am-noon. Cost is \$45. Register at https://bit.ly/McDBoysBasketballCamp_2025.

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