

# 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 7, 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

<b>Rev. James Smith, FSSP</b>	<i>Pastor</i>	fr.smith@stlawrence.cc
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**Parish Office** contact@stlawrence.cc

**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday to Saturday; 8:00am to 4:00pm

(717) 889-4217 • Dial x9 for Sacramental Emergency

## TODAY

### Sunday, December 7

- Sunday Socials organized by the Holy Name Society
- Adult Catechism—12:15pm

## UPCOMING

### Monday, December 8

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Holy Day Mass Times: 7:10am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm
- No Monday Night Basketball

### Saturday, December 13

- Parish Basketball Tournament—1pm

### Sunday, December 14

- Music and Drama Program at the State Museum

### Wednesday, December 24

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

### Thursday, December 25

- Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
- Solemn Midnight Mass—12midnight
- Mass of Christmas at Dawn—8am
- Solemn Orchestral Mass in the Day—10:30am
- Second Vespers of Christmas—5pm
- Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, December 27

- Parish Christmas Party

### Wednesday, December 31

- *Te Deum* after Vespers—Plenary Indulgence

### Thursday, January 1, 2026

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

### Monday, January 5, 2026

- Vigil of the Epiphany
- Blessing of Epiphany Water

### Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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

### January 7 to 14, 2026

- Priests visiting homes for Epiphany blessings

### Sunday, February 1, 2026

- Septuagesima Sunday

### Wednesday, February 11, 2026

- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Saturday, March 14, 2026

- Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Dec. 7</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>Second Sunday of Advent, I</b> Isabella Vargas by William and Stephanie Fonticoba †Mark Wildt Sr. by Joe and Joyce Mackin <i>Pro Populo</i> Susan Grist & Rachel Grist by Steven Grist
<b>Mon. Dec. 8</b> 7:10am 12:10pm 6:30 pm	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I</b> <i>Pro Populo</i> †Edward & Helen Hoof by John Czarnomski Cuccia Family
<b>Tue. Dec. 9</b> 7:10am	<b>Feria of Advent, III</b> †Maria Victoria Newton by Victoria Eugenia Newton
<b>Wed. Dec. 10</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>Feria of Advent, III</b> †Dottie Melanson by Steven Grist The Ian Collier Gabig Family by Their Parents
<b>Thu. Dec. 11</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Damasus I, Pope and Confessor, III</b> Gianna Washington
<b>Fri. Dec. 12</b> 7:10am 6:30pm	<b>Feria of Advent, III</b> †Frances G. Grutza by Ed and Suzanne Pitman †Larry Tarnacki by Steven Grist
<b>Sat. Dec. 13</b> 9:00am	<b>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, III</b> †Joshua Shay by Andrew Oscilowski
<b>Sun. Dec. 14</b> 7:30am 9:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>Third Sunday of Advent, I</b> <i>Pro Populo</i> Nora Stetson by Steven Grist Patrick Kauffman by William and Stephanie Fonticoba Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter by Parish

Banns of Marriage

Sebastian Maleszewski and Ashlie Elizabeth Bedford



Be it known to all here present that Sebastian Maleszewski, son of Roman and Ursula Maleszewski, of the Quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome Deacon and Martyr in Harrisburg, Pa.; and Ashlie Elizabeth Bedford, of the parish of St. Joan of Arc in Hershey, Pa.; daughter of Patrick and Melodie Bedford, 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

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS for 2026**—The parish will now accept Mass intentions for 2026. Offering envelopes may now be submitted via the wall slots in the Parish Center or the sacristy, or via the collection baskets, or by the postal service. Families are invited to submit up to four intentions per month.

**DEC. 8: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**—The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of obligation, is treated as a Sunday, with the obligation to assist at Mass. The Mass schedule will be: 7:10am, 12:15pm, and 6:30pm. At each Mass, we will recite the prayer consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary, concluding our 33-day preparation for consecration according to the the method of St. Louis de Montfort.

**DEC. 8: CONSECRATION THROUGH MARY**—We invite all parishioners to participate in a *Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary* according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. The consecration will be tomorrow on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, the patronal feast of the United States. We will recite this consecration at each Mass on Dec. 8.

**INFORMATION TABLE: LEGION OF MARY**—The Legion of Mary will have an information table set up at the coffee and doughnut socials after the morning Masses today to answer questions about their work. The Legion is a lay Catholic organisation of men & women, 18 years or older, whose members give service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country. Founded in 1921 in Dublin, Ireland, upon the spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort of bringing about the reign of Jesus with, in, through, and for the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are two types of Legionaries: Active Members who attend a weekly meeting and work on a weekly work assignment; and Auxiliary Members who are the praying wing who back the Active Members with their daily legionary prayers.

**DEC. 8: NO MONDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL**—There will be no Monday Night Basketball this week for the holyday.

**DEC. 13: PARISH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**— Come support your favorite basketball team in our annual parish basketball tournament at the East Shore YMCA this Saturday, December 13th from 1-5pm.

**DEC. 13: FREE-THROW CONTEST**— The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 on Saturday, December 13th. The contest will take place at the East Shore YMCA during the intermission of our annual parish basketball tournament. Please register via <https://bit.ly/freethrow25>

**DEC. 14: ADVENT MUSIC PRODUCTION**—All parishioners are welcome to join us on Gaudete Sunday, December 14, 2025, for the SLFP Advent Music and Drama Production featuring excerpts from Prudentius’ Hymn, “In Martyris Laurentii.” This event goes from 12pm to 3 pm, and will take place at the 385-seat auditorium at the State Museum of Pennsylvania. We politely ask that attendees bring a food item such as: cold sandwich trays, salads, desert, etc. View more information and RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/SLFP2025>.

**DEC. 14: BOOKSTORE GRAND OPENING**—We are happy to announce that the grand opening of the St. Lawrence Parish Bookstore will be on Sunday, Dec. 14. The bookstore provides parishioners an opportunity to buy books, sacramentals, and devotional aides to strengthen your faith. We are very grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers, especially Art O’Dea and Nathan Kreider who have worked for months preparing the behind-the-scenes of the bookstore and planning for its future. We especially look forward to cooperating with parishioners who make art and sacramentals to provide them for sale in the bookstore. Those interested can contact Art and Nathan. They can be reached by emailing [bookstore@stlawrence.cc](mailto:bookstore@stlawrence.cc). All proceeds will support the parish.

December hours: Every Sunday, **8:45am to 1pm**

Location: Parish Center basement, via State Street entrance.

- Biographies
- Theology
- Children’s saints books
- Hand missals
- New and used books
- Scapulars

**DEC. 25: CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**—Make your plans for Christmas now. The schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows. (Note: There will be No 6:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve.)

**Christmas Eve**

7:10am	Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
8am	Sung Prime with 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	Solemn Orchestral Mass in the Day
5pm	Second Vespers of Christmas

**DEC. 27: CHRISTMAS PARTY**—The annual parish Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 27, starting after the 9am Mass, with caroling in the Aula Magna (Room 315 in the Parish Center) and ending with Vespers at 5pm. Please RSVP via this link <https://bit.ly/slc-christmas-25> and sign up if you are bringing food to share or can help. Please contact [christmasparty@stlawrence.cc](mailto:christmasparty@stlawrence.cc) for questions.

**KNIGHTS ADVENT CHRISTMAS CARDS**—The Mater Dei Community Council will again be offering Christmas Cards during Advent, including Second Edition Youth Artwork Christmas Cards which feature the artwork of parish Poster Contest winners. Details about this year’s Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, including the \$320 in cash prizes, can be found at: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-2023posters>. Entries must be turned in to the parish office by Sunday, Dec 14.

**JAN. 1, 2026: OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY**—The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord is a Holy Day, that brings with it the obligation to assist at Mass. The Mass schedule will be: 7:10am, 12:15pm, and 6:30pm.

<div>Notes on Today's Music</div> <div>Processional hymn: <i>Creator of the Stars of Night</i>, 799 Recessional hymn: <i>Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling</i>, 795 Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo III, 776</div> <div>Motet at Offertory: <i>Conditor Alme Siderum</i>, Rev. Guillaume Dufay Communion Antiphon: <i>Jerusalem Surge</i>, Heinrich Isaac (c.1450–1517)</div> <div>The Vespers hymn for Advent, <i>Conditor alme siderum</i>, dates to the 7th-century. It alludes both to Christ's coming at Christmas for our salvation, and to His final return in glory. Sunday's Mass will include the English chanted version for the procession and one of the earliest choral settings by <b>Rev. Guillaume Dufay</b>. Dufay's compositions often use the technique of <i>fauxbordon</i>, where the original melody is retained with some embellishment while the other voices harmonize in a fixed parallel structure.</div> <div>Reverend Guillaume Dufay (c. 1397–1474) was a priest, composer, and music theorist of early Renaissance music, who is variously described as French or Franco-Flemish. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1428 and spent his life directing and composing for papal and cathedral choirs. Dufay was among the most influential composers of the fifteenth century, and his music was copied, distributed and sung everywhere that polyphony had taken root.</div> <div>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: <a href="mailto:contact@stlawrence.cc">contact@stlawrence.cc</a>.</div> <div>2025 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN—The 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign goal for St. Lawrence is \$21,420. So far, \$14,630 has been contributed. Total remaining to be collected by the end of 2025 is \$6,780. We are grateful for your support.</div>		<div>Sunday Collections</div> <div>Week of November 30, 2025</div> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Cash</th><th>Online</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Offertory</td><td>\$ 6,994.42</td><td>\$ 4,866.18</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund</td><td>2,685.00</td><td>1,183.00</td></tr><tr><td>Vestments</td><td>—</td><td>223.00</td></tr><tr><td>Christmas Flowers</td><td>310.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Christmas Collection</td><td>100.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Votives</td><td>71.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Bookstand</td><td>80.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Catechism</td><td>—</td><td>30.00</td></tr><tr><td>Church of Central/Eastern Europe</td><td>20.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Retirement Fund for Religious</td><td>20.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>Immaculate Conception</td><td>40.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>CCM Dues</td><td>10.00</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL:</td><td colspan="2">\$ 16,632.60</td></tr></tbody></table> <div>Congratulations to:</div> <div>Scott Dwaine Martin</div> <div>On his being received in full Communion</div> <div>Into the Catholic C/hurch</div> <div>November 28, 2025</div> <div>and</div> <div>Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marchetta</div> <div>United in Holy Matrimony</div> <div>November 29, 2025</div>				Cash	Online	Offertory	\$ 6,994.42	\$ 4,866.18	Building Fund	2,685.00	1,183.00	Vestments	—	223.00	Christmas Flowers	310.00	—	Christmas Collection	100.00	—	Votives	71.00	—	Bookstand	80.00	—	Catechism	—	30.00	Church of Central/Eastern Europe	20.00	—	Retirement Fund for Religious	20.00	—	Immaculate Conception	40.00	—	CCM Dues	10.00	—	TOTAL:	\$ 16,632.60	
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<div>Keck Health + HSA = Smarter Care</div> <div>Good news! Starting January 1 2026, many patients may be able to use HSA funds to pay for their Keck Health Direct Primary Care (DPC) monthly subscription. Check with your HSA admin or tax professional. Contact nurse practitioner Kris Keck at <a href="mailto:kris@keckhealth.org">kris@keckhealth.org</a> or 717-648-1269 to learn more about DPC at Keck Health.</div>	<div>BAHRET RELIGIOUS GOODS</div> <div>at West Shore Farmers Market, Lemoyne 717-412-0306</div> <div>For all your religious needs! We carry rosaries, scapulars, veils, statues, jewelry, greeting cards, missals, bibles &amp; other books, holy water fonts, First Communion and Confirmation items, and much more! <a href="mailto:contactus@bahretreligiousgoods.com">contactus@bahretreligiousgoods.com</a>.</div>	<div>Catherine Dattoli, Salon MJM</div> <div>Salon MJM is a full service salon offering a variety of services, such as haircuts, all color services, updos and more!</div> <div>Book with Catherine and receive 10% off your first appointment. Book your appt: call 717-335-2323 or message <a href="https://www.instagram.com/hair.by.catherine">@hair.by.catherine</a> on Instagram.</div>																																												
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