

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



February 1, 2026

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, February 1, 2026

- No Adult Catechism—12:15pm
- Sunday Sports—1pm

UPCOMING

Monday, Feb. 2

- Candlemas
- High Mass with candle blessing and procession—6:30pm

Tuesday, Feb. 3

- Blessing of the Throats
- Blessing of Bread, Fruit, Wine, & Water

Friday, Feb. 6

- First Friday Devotion
- Marriage Preparation Class—7:30pm

Sunday, Feb. 8

- Sexagesima Sunday

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- Renewal of the FSSP Consecration

Sunday, Feb. 15

- Quinquagesima Sunday

Tuesday, Feb. 17

- Fat Tuesday

Wednesday, Feb. 18

- Ash Wednesday

Saturday, Feb. 21

- Pro-life Rosary

Sunday, Feb. 22

- First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 8

- Daylight Saving Time begins

Saturday, March 14

- Confirmation—11am

Friday, April 3

- Good Friday

Sunday, April 5

- Easter Sunday

Thursday, May 14

- Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 24

- Pentecost Sunday

Thursday, June 4

- Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 7

- External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- First Holy Communion

Friday, June 12

- Sacred Heart of Jesus

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Feb. 1	Septuagesima Sunday, II
7:30am	†Dolly Clabaugh by Alan & Tina Busbey
9:00am	†Anthony & Anna Tezak by Jacob Panckeri
10:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
6:00pm	†Mr. & Mrs. W. Cunningham by Cunningham Family
Mon. Feb. 2	The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II
7:10am	Daniel & Jennifer Hint by Charles & Mary Zambito
Tue. Feb. 3	Feria, IV
7:10am	Liam Grist & Tony Grist by Steven Grist
Wed. Feb. 4	St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop, III
7:10am	First Communicants of 2025 by the Miccolupis
6:30pm	†Helen Kadar
Thu. Feb. 5	St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr, III
7:10am	Benjamin Fusselman
Fri. Feb. 6	St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor, III
7:10am	†Molander Family by Jane Jurosky
6:30pm	Alexander Fordyce by Anthony Jones
Sat. Feb. 7	St. Romuald, Abbot, III
9:00am	Lenora Cuccia by Jamison & Kelly Jones
Sun. Feb. 8	Sexagesima Sunday, II
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00am	†Rebecca May by John & Mary Blair
10:30am	Ava Riethmiller
6:00pm	Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

NEW ITEMS IN THE BOOKSTORE—We are happy to announce that we now carry real 100% beeswax candles in the bookstore. We have limited copies of the 2026 FSSP Liturgical calendars for \$15 each as well as the January and February editions of the Benedictus booklets, which are priced at \$7 per copy. Remember that we are available online at bookstore.stlawrence.cc to browse our books, sacramentals, and devotional aids. You can also make your purchases online and pick them up in person. Parishioners who make art and sacramentals and are interested in providing them for sale at the bookstore can reach Art and Nathan at bookstore@stlawrence.cc. All proceeds will support the parish.

Hours: Sunday, 8:45am to 1pm
Location: Parish Center Basement, via steps down from State Street.

REAL 100% BEESWAX CANDLES—Pricing is as follows:

	1 candle	2 candles	6 candles	12 candles
Tapers:	\$7	\$12	\$30	\$55
24-hr votive	\$9.50	\$17	\$40	\$70
10-hr votive	\$4.50	\$6	\$13	\$24

When purchased on the website or in the bookstore, the discount on bulk candles automatically applies.

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Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc	Joelle Riethmiller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION—There will be a second collection this week for the Propagation of the Faith.

SUNDAY SPORTS—There will be Sunday Sports at the YMCA today, from 1pm to 2:30pm.

SUNDAY SOCIAL—Today's Sunday Social is organized by the Holy Name Society.

PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION—The superior general of the FSSP, Fr. John Berg, has asked all of the priests, deacons, seminarians, and the Faithful to whom they minister, to make a 30-day preparation for the renewal of the Consecration of the FSSP to Our Lady Immaculate of Lourdes. The preparation began on Sunday, Jan. 11, and ends Monday, Feb. 9, with the public consecration occurring on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday, Feb. 11. Preparation consists of the daily recitation of a decade of the Rosary and the *Memorare*. This will be said immediately after each Mass.

GLORIFY GOD WITH HUMBLE SERVICE—The St. Lawrence Church cleaners dedicate an hour of their time once a month to help keep the church clean, orderly, and welcoming. With the proper disposition, they can perform meritorious acts of devotion to God and service to our neighbors. If you are able to assist in this humble but vital service to the parish, please contact Kristin Patterson at clean@stlawrence.cc for more details.

PENANCE DURING LENT

Days of Complete Abstinence

1962: Applied at age 7; Complete abstinence for all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday, and the Vigil of Christmas

Current Practice (in the U.S.): Applies at age 14—Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, and obliges abstention from flesh meat

Days of Partial Abstinence

1962: Partial abstinence: all days of Lent, Ember days of Wednesday & Saturday, and Vigils of Pentecost & the Assumption (meat and soup, or gravy made from meat permitted once per day at the principal meal)

Current Practice: Not applicable

Dispensation from Days of Abstinence

1962: Dispensed on Holy Days of Obligation

Current Practice: Dispensed on Solemnities

Ages for Laws of Fast

1962: Applied for ages 21 to 59, inclusive days of Lent from Ash Wednesday inclusive of Ember Days, and Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost, and the Assumption

Current Practice: Applies for ages 18 to 59—Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and on specified days of penance

Laws of Fast (defined)

1962: One full meal permitted, & two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal

Current Practice: Same

TODAY: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH—Today marks the beginning of the public phase of *Generation to Generations*, a capital campaign to secure the future of St. Lawrence Church. In the coming days, each parish household will receive a letter from Fr. Smith inviting them to participate in this historic effort. This campaign is not simply about buildings or repairs, but about stewardship and growth. What has been entrusted to us must be strengthened and passed forward to those who will come after us. Each family will be asked to consider prayerfully a three-year pledge commitment, including a specific request amount that will be provided to assist in discernment. These are not expectations, nor obligations, but simply intended to help families reflect honestly and prayerfully on a gift that is meaningful and sacrificial. Campaign volunteers will be reaching out to as many parishioners as possible over the next month and a half. Please be receptive and responsive to them, as they are simply serving as ambassadors to help answer questions and share information about the campaign. Please attend the Campaign Kickoff social following Masses in the social hall, where Campaign Committee volunteers will be available to help answer questions about the campaign.

TODAY: PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY—Traditionally, the ashes for Ash Wednesday are burned from the palms used during the prior year's Palm Sunday. Starting today, we will begin collecting last year's palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday. Please place your palms in the basket near the entrance of the church.

TOMORROW: CANDLEMAS—All are encouraged to bring their own beeswax candles to be blessed at the High Mass at 6:30pm on Feb. 2, the Feast of the Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary, for which there will be a sung Mass. The blessing of the candles will occur prior to the 6:30pm Mass. Candles can be left overnight on or near the table near St. Joseph's altar.

FEB. 3: BLESSING OF THROATS—On Tuesday, the Feast of St. Blaise, and next Sunday, come to the church to receive the traditional blessing of throats, and through the intercession of St. Blaise, to be healed of any mid-winter throat ailments. The priests will give the blessing after each Mass.

BLESSING OF BREAD, FRUIT, WINE, & WATER—In addition to receiving the blessing yourself on Feb. 3, The Feast of St. Blaise, you may bring bread, fruits, wine, and water to be blessed so that, as the blessing says, "May they who taste thereof be fully healed of all affliction of the throat, as well as every infirmity of soul or body, through the prayers and merits of the same Blaise, Pontiff and Martyr." The blessing on the Feast of St. Blaise, though, asks the people to bring items to be blessed. It says: "We humbly beseech thy boundless mercy, and beg that these fruits, bread, wine, and water, which thy devoted people bring today, be blessed and sanctified by thy goodness." You are most welcome (encouraged!) to bring things on that day for the blessing. Bring them before Mass and set them in front of Our Lady's altar to be blessed immediately after Mass. Note: please do not bring items for this blessing before Feb.3.

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Man To Christ's Sacred Wound*, 827
 Recessional hymn: *As With Gladness Men of Old*, 819
 Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo III, 776

Offertory Motet: *Bonus Est*, G.P. Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)
 Motet at Communion: *Simile est regnum*, Cristóbal de Morales

The Gospel for Septuagesima Sunday is from Matthew 20 where Our Lord imparts the parable of the vineyard laborers. **Cristóbal de Morales** set this parable to music and it was published while he directed music at the Cathedral in Toledo near the end of his life. The motet is in two parts, and the first part ends with a very dramatic rendering of verse four: the music has a grand pause and strong tutti entrance on, “*Go ye into the vineyard...*” Morales skips over a few verses and finishes the second part with the end of the parable, “*...many be called, but few chosen.*”

Cristóbal de Morales (c.1500–1553) was an organist and composer regarded as the first Spanish composer of international renown. He sang and composed for the Papal choir in Rome for which wrote many Mass settings. His compositions consist almost entirely of sacred vocal motets.

PARKING GARAGE VALIDATION—The South Street Parking Garage transactions are now done electronically. To use the parking garage, customers simply drive in and enter their license plate by scanning the QR code or using the link below. Call 717-238-0496 with any questions.
<https://bit.ly/SouthStreetGarage>



INQUIRY CLASS—If you are not Catholic and are interested in Catholicism, or if you know of anyone who is 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. Please email our Parish office with questions at: contact@stlawrence.cc

Collections

Week of January 25, 2026

	Cash or Checks	Online
Offertory	\$1,856.00	\$4,209.37
Building Fund	620.00	1,007.00
Vestments	—	73.00
Flowers	20.00	—
Votives	7.00	—
Friday Program/Catechism	—	30.00
Coffee Social	20.00	—
Capital Campaign	\$20,000.00	—
TOTAL:	\$ 27,842.37	

PARISH CAREER CONNECTIONS—If you are looking for a job or looking to hire, join St. Lawrence's new employment networking group by visiting Career Connections here: <https://bit.ly/stlawrence-careers> We are happy that parishioners would like to work together to connect quality employees with quality employment.

KEEP US UPDATED—Has your contact information changed? If you've moved, or your email address or phone number have changed, please call and let the parish staff know. If you've registered at ParishSOFT, you can also go there to update your information.

ARE YOU PREGNANT?—At the parish office, we love to hear about pregnancies! Please let us know so that we can begin planning your child's baptism. Also, be sure to avail yourself of the sacramentals of the church, such as candles and water blessed in honor St. Raymond Nonnatus, as sacramentals help women in delivery.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER VISITS—There are several homebound parishioners who are visited regularly by the priests and members of the Legion of Mary. If you would like to assist in this charitable work please contact the parish office.

ADVERTISING SPACES AVAILABLE

There are 1-2 spaces available most months this year to advertise your business or organization in the bulletin.

Spaces are reserved for parishioners and available for \$25/month. Contact advertising@stlawrence.cc for more info.

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