

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 22, 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

Rev. James Smith, FSSP *Pastor* fr.smith@stlawrence.cc

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Rev. Ronald McCann, FSSP *Assistant Pastor* fr.mccann@stlawrence.cc

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Parish Office contact@stlawrence.cc

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

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TODAY

Sunday, February 22, 2026

- Adult Catechism—12:15pm

UPCOMING

Monday, Feb. 23

- Chair of St. Peter (transferred)—6:30pm High Mass

Wednesday, Feb. 25

- St. Jude Devotions (transferred from Ash Wednesday)
- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

Friday, Feb. 27

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Saturday, Feb. 28

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Friday, March 6

- First Friday Devotions

Sunday, March 8

- Daylight Saving Time begins

Saturday, March 14

- Confirmation—11am

Monday, March 16

- Legion of Mary—6pm

Tuesday, March 17

- Feast of St. Patrick—6:30pm High Mass

Thursday, March 19

- Feast of St. Joseph—6:30pm High Mass

Sunday, March 29

- Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2

- Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3

- Good Friday

Saturday, April 4

- Holy Saturday

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

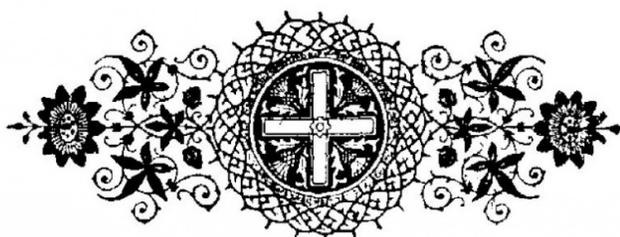
- External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- First Holy Communion

Friday, June 12

- Sacred Heart of Jesus

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Feb. 22	First Sunday of Lent, I <i>Pro Populo</i> †Frances Makin by Joe & Joyce Mackin †Michael & Annette Markovic by Jacob D. Panckeri Owen Sloane
Mon. Feb. 23	Chair of St. Peter, I Dan & Emily Grist by Stephen Grist
Tue. Feb. 24	St. Matthias, II Jacinta Washington by Samuel Jones
Wed. Feb. 25	Ember Wednesday in Lent, II †Edward & Catherine Ditzel by Jamison & Kelly Jones St. Jude Devotion Intentions
Thu. Feb. 26	Feria of Lent, III In Thanksgiving to St. Therese by Anthony Jones
Fri. Feb. 27	Ember Friday in Lent, II †Poor Souls in Purgatory by Elizabeth Tomalis †Miriam Gorre by Daniel Slobodnik
Sat. Feb. 28	Ember Saturday in Lent, II Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Sun. March 1	Second Sunday of Lent, I †Jack Busbey by Alan & Tina Busbey <i>Pro Populo</i> †Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham by the Cunninghams Anthony Jones



IN THE BOOKSTORE—We are available online at bookstore.stlawrence.cc where you can 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

WATER BOTTLES—The bookstore now has in stock St. Lawrence water bottles for \$1 each.

CLEARANCE—The 2026 FSSP calendars are now on sale for \$7.50.

Location: Parish Center Basement, via steps down from State Street.

Advertising in the Bulletin

- advertising@stlawrence.cc Nathan Kreider
- Altar Linens Guild**
altarlinens@stlawrence.cc Kelly Jones
- Bookstore**
bookstore@stlawrence.cc Art O’Dea
- Choir & Choristers**
Practice weekly—music@stlawrence.cc Paul Thomas May
- Church Cleaning**
Rotates weekly—clean@stlawrence.cc Kristin Patterson
- CCD: Sunday Catechism, K-12**
Weekly—dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phillip Cuccia
- Confraternity of Christian Mothers**
Monthly—mothers@stlawrence.cc Pamela Kole
- Confraternity of St. Peter**
csp@stlawrence.cc Joseph Cunningham
- Events Coordinators**
events@stlawrence.cc Kris Keck
- Flower Guild**
flowers@stlawrence.cc Fr. McCann
- Friday Education Program**
K-12—fridayeducation@stlawrence.cc Dawn Forbeck
- Greeters**
greeters@stlawrence.cc Sharon Kaercher
- Girls Sodality**
Ages 9 -14—girlssodality@stlawrence.cc Rebecca Mack
- Guild of St. Stephen**
Altar Servers altarboys@stlawrence.cc
- Holy Name Society**
Monthly—holyname@stlawrence.cc Frank J. Galushka
- Knights of Columbus**
Monthly—knights@stlawrence.cc Malakye Wilson
- Legion of Mary**
Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc Jerome Hall
- Library**
library@stlawrence.cc Sharon Knowles
- Meal Train**
mealtrain@stlawrence.cc Elizabeth Firoozmand
- Parking Ambassador**
parking@stlawrence.cc Dan O’Leary
- Prayer Chain**
prayers@stlawrence.cc Fr. Cortes
- Pro-Life Group**
Monthly—prolife@stlawrence.cc Kris Keck
- Sunday CCD**
Grades K-12, Weekly—dre@stlawrence.cc Dr. Phil Cuccia
- Tuesday Adoration**
Tuesdays tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc
- Ushers**
ushers@stlawrence.cc John Osuch
- Wedding Coordinator**
weddingcoordinator@stlawrence.cc Bridget Forbeck
- Young Adult Group**
Ages 18-35, Monthly—youngadults@stlawrence.cc . Fr. Cortes
- Youth Group**
Ages 13-18, Monthly—yg@stlawrence.cc Joelle Riethmiller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION—There will be a second collection this week for the Building Fund.

ST. JUDE MASS INTENTIONS—Each month, as part of our devotion to St. Jude 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 January 21 to February 18. 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, Tammy, Camilla, George, Richard, +Angela, Pat, Trudy, +Joseph, Haven, Margaret, Erin, Judith, Diana, Sean, +Sharon, Edmond, Carter, Charles, and Damien.

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; a family in the parish, who have lost their dog; a parishioner, who is in poor health, and is looking for work; and a parishioner who is applying for a new job.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Wednesday and Friday of Lent at 5:30pm.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS—The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Fish Fry events in the church social hall each Friday evening at 6:15pm during Lent. Pre-ordering will be available at <https://mater-dei-knights.square.site/s/order>.

ATTENTION 7th AND 8th GRADERS—Students in CCD, the Friday Program, or any private, parochial, or home school are invited to participate in the St. Lawrence Parish Catholic Faith Bee. The written test will be held Saturday, March 7 at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center, and the top 10 scorers will advance to the oral competition on Saturday, March 28 at 1:30 PM. The parish winner will represent St. Lawrence at the Diocesan Catholic Faith Bee on Wednesday, April 15 at 1:00 PM in Harrisburg. For more information, parents may contact the DRE at dre@stlawrence.cc.

A CALL TO SERVE—Ushers help safeguard the reverence and good order of the Mass through quiet, disciplined service. Able-bodied men willing to assist are asked to consider this important role. Please email ushers@stlawrence.cc

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES—The St. Lawrence Friday Program is recruiting teachers and teaching assistants for our 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested in sharing the Catholic Faith as an educator, please reach out! We welcome experienced educators or those willing to learn. To inquire, email Dawn Forbeck at fridayeducation@stlawrence.cc

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.

FROM YOUR PASTOR: CAMPAIGN UPDATE—The *Generation to Generations* Capital Campaign continues to make great progress. The generosity of our St. Lawrence community is clearly apparent. As of Saturday, Feb. 21, our campaign has already received \$1,257,935 in gifts and pledges from 95 households, now over 82% of the way toward our first of three tiered goals: the \$1.5 million St. Lawrence goal.

I would like to express my thanks to the volunteers who are working so diligently to help us reach our campaign goals. I would also like to thank the donors who have given so generously to help us build such incredible momentum. While there is much to celebrate, there is also much work to be done.

In the coming weeks, volunteers will continue reaching out individually to as many parishioners as possible. I ask that you please keep in mind the following:

Volunteers—Dual Donation

The volunteers who are contacting families are just that – volunteers. They have graciously agreed to donate their time and talent for the betterment of our parish. They are serving in this role because they believe in our parish and are passionate about our future. Please treat them kindly and thank them for helping St. Lawrence in this important capacity.

Personal Touch

I have asked each of our campaign volunteers to follow up personally with members of the parish on my behalf. Unfortunately, there is not enough time in the day for me to visit each of our nearly 450 households! If you receive a call, I kindly request that you:

- Take the call or return the message. Please don't avoid talking to our volunteers. It makes their job more difficult and puts them in a position where they must keep calling in an attempt to reach you.
- Discuss the campaign with them. If you are asked to visit about the campaign, please give our volunteers 15 minutes of your time. They are not trying to twist your arm, they simply would like to explain the campaign goals briefly, answer your questions and invite you to support the campaign.

Your Gift Matters!

Remember, while the letter you received from me includes a financial request, it is not an expectation. It is an *invitation*. I invite you to pray about this campaign. You may not be able to give what was asked. You may be able to give more than asked. Whatever that decision is, know that your commitment is deeply appreciated and a true blessing to St. Lawrence!

Thank you for your cooperation, your consideration and your support of our parish!—Fr. Smith

FROM THE BISHOP—Bishop Senior invites you to join him this Lent in fasting on Wednesdays for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Commit: <https://bit.ly/fastforvocations>

Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Forty Days and Forty Nights*, 829
 Recessional hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, 838
 Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo VI, 788

Chant after Offertory: *Parce, Domine*, Gregorian Chant
 Marian Antiphon: *Ave Regina Caelorum*, Solemn Chant

On Ash Wednesday, Joel 2:17 is sung in the second antiphon during the imposition of ashes. The translation is: *Spare, O Lord, spare thy people; and give not thine inheritance to perdition.*

The simple chant sung today after the Offertory Antiphon uses the same verse as a refrain which is sung *in alternatum* with verses from a Lenten hymn attributed to St. Ambrose. The first verse of the hymn says: *Let us appease His wrath, Beg for mercy from our Judge; Cry to Him in supplication, Let us all prostrate and say.*

A manuscript from the Tours sacramentary—which dates from the 9th Century—illustrates the long association of this verse of scripture with the season of Lent and penitential occasions.

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>



CHURCH CLEANERS NEED YOUR HELP—We are seeking volunteers to help maintain our spiritual home for the most perfect act of worship, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Your commitment of just one hour a month would make a big difference. All cleaning supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. If interested, please email Kristin Patterson at clean@stlawrence.cc.

SAVE THE DATE—Chant Camp this year is July 6 through July 10, and Acolyte Boot Camp is July 20 through July 24.

Sunday Collections
Week of February 15, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	\$6,343.00	\$3,189.90
Building Fund	—	707.00
Vestments	30.00	78.00
Seminary Burse	147.00	—
Catholic Relief	21.00	—
Poor Missions	918.00	—
Votives	10.00	—
Flowers	147.00	—
Friday Program/Catechism	—	30.00
Parish Social	46.00	—
TOTAL:		\$ 11,666.90

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Generation to Generations: A campaign for St. Lawrence
 As of Saturday, Feb. 14, here is our status:

Pledged:	\$1,257,935.13
Remainder to reach first goal:	\$242,064.87
St. Lawrence Goal:	\$1,500,000.00

We urge each parishioner to pray daily to the Divine Infant of Prague, seeking our Lord's blessing on this capital campaign. If you have not received package in the mail yet, with full details about the campaign, please contact the parish office. To give, visit www.generationtogenerated.com.

Congratulations to:

Matthew and Gina Pitman

On the Baptism of their Son

John Michael Pitman

February 14, 2026

ADVERTISING SPACES AVAILABLE

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

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