

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



March 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.

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

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TODAY

Sunday, March 22, 2026

- Passion Sunday
- Adult Catechism—12:15pm

UPCOMING

Tuesday, March 24

- Knights of Columbus—6pm

Wednesday, March 25

- Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- High Mass—6:30pm

Friday, March 27

- Mass of Our Lady of Sorrows—6:30pm

Saturday, March 28

- Faith Bee Oral Competition—1:30pm

Sunday, March 29

- Palm Sunday
- Low Mass—7:30am, 9am, 6pm
- High Mass—10:30am with blessing of palms and procession
- CCD Easter Break
- Adult Catechism Easter Break

Wednesday, April 1

- Spy Wednesday
- Low Mass—7:10am
- Vespers—5pm
- High Mass—6:30pm Sung by Mater Dei Choristers

Thursday, April 2

- Maundy Thursday
- Tenebrae—7am
- Solemn Mass—6:30pm
- Adoration—All night

Friday, April 3

- Good Friday
- Tenebrae—7am
- Solemn Liturgy—3pm
- Stations of the Cross—5:30pm

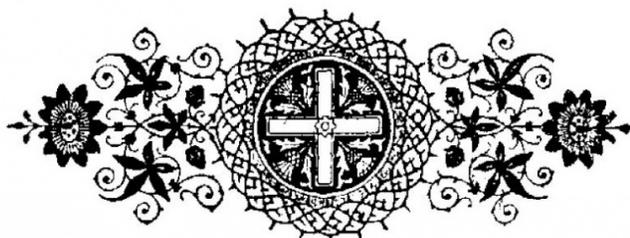
Saturday, April 4

- Holy Saturday
- Tenebrae—7am
- Vespers—5pm
- Easter Vigil—7:30pm

Sunday, April 5

- Easter Sunday
- Low Mass—8am
- High Mass—10:30am orchestral Mozart's Mass
- Parish Easter Party
- CCD Easter Break
- Adult Catechism Easter Break
- Vespers 5pm
- No 6pm Mass

Sun. Mar. 22	Passion Sunday, I <i>Pro Populo</i> 7:30am †Jeannie Richardson by Robert & Pamela Kole 9:00am †Rebecca May by Sharon Kaercher 10:30am †Rebecca May by Sharon Kaercher 6:00pm Wendell Family
Mon. Mar. 23	Feria of Passiontide, III 7:10am †Dolly Clabaugh by Alan & Tina Busbey
Tue. Mar. 24	Feria of Passiontide, III 7:10am Kody Martin by Jennifer Martin
Wed. Mar. 25	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I 7:10am Douglas & Annette Hiebert by Daniel Slobodnik 6:30pm †Mr. & Mrs. William Cunningham by the Cunninghams
Thu. Mar. 26	Feria of Passiontide, III 7:10am Christina Stoner by Bev O'Neill
Fri. Mar. 27	Feria of Passiontide, III 7:10am John & Karen Grist by Steven Grist 6:30pm Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter by the D. Jones Family
Sat. Mar. 28	Feria of Passiontide, III 9:00am Confraternity of Christian Mothers by CCM
Sun. Mar. 29	Palm Sunday, I 7:30am †Arlene Faley by Christina & Charles Stoner 9:00am Confraternity of St. Peter by Anthony Patterson 10:30am †Brian Kolb by Lisa Washington 6:00pm <i>Pro Populo</i>



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**

HOLIDAY HOURS—The bookstore will be closed on Easter Sunday.

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAUNDY THURSDAY ADORATION— The Church will be open all night Maundy Thursday, April 2nd into Good Friday, April 3rd 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: <https://bit.ly/26maundythursday>

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://bit.ly/stlawrencefishfry>

EASTER PARTY: APRIL 5—The St. Lawrence Easter party will be on Easter Sunday, Apr. 5, following the 10:30am orchestral Mass. Everyone is invited to the Civic Club, located at 612 N. Front Street. RSVP for the party and sign up to bring food or volunteer using this link: <https://bit.ly/easterparty-2026>.

THEFT OF VOTIVE CANDLE RACK—We are sorry to report that the votive candle rack beside Our Lady's altar was stolen Wednesday night after Mass. Fortunately, due to our surveillance cameras, we did get images of someone taking it from the church, which have been shared with the Harrisburg Police. Please pray that the rack is swiftly recovered. If it is not, we will purchase a new one, and this time attach it to the beautiful matching stand recently fabricated by a parishioner.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Palm Sunday, March 29

Regular Sunday schedule for Low Masses
High Mass with blessing of palms and procession at 10:30am

Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31

Regular schedule.

Spy Wednesday, April 1

Low Mass at 7:10am
High Mass sung by *Mater Dei* Choristers at 6:30pm
Vespers at 5pm

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Tenebrae at 7am
High Mass at 6:30pm followed by all night Adoration

Good Friday, April 3

Tenebrae at 7am
Solemn Liturgy at 3pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

Tenebrae at 7am
Vespers at 5pm
Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday April 5

Low Mass at 8am
High Mass at 10:30am with orchestra
Mozart's *Missa Brevis* in D Minor, K. 65
Vespers at 5pm
No 6pm Mass

FROM YOUR PASTOR: CAMPAIGN UPDATE— Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday for our *Generation to Generations* Capital Campaign, and it marked a joyful and historic moment for the parish. Thanks to the faithful response of parishioners, 208 households have made commitments totaling \$2,006,006, putting us just \$93,094 from our overall goal.

This extraordinary level of support has allowed the parish to surpass the St. Thomas Goal (\$1.8 million) after previously reaching the St. Lawrence Goal (\$1.5 million) This accomplishment gives us the ability to eliminate completely our parish debt by the end of our three-year campaign. This is in addition to purchasing our beloved Parish Center and making numerous improvements to our historic church and social hall, which were made possible by meeting the St. Lawrence Goal.

While this milestone is certainly worthy of celebration, we are still hopeful that, God-willing, we will accomplish the *Mater Dei* Goal (\$2.1 million). This would enable us to expand rectory space to provide room for guests, a more suitable oratory to house the Blessed Sacrament in the rectory, and capacity to accommodate a fourth priest when needed.

If you have not yet made your commitment, we invite you to consider prayerfully your participation in the days ahead. Pledge cards may still be returned in the collection, to the parish office or by mail, or commitments can be made online at generationtogenations.com.

With grateful hearts, we thank all who have responded so generously and sacrificially and continue to pray for the success of this important effort.—Fr. Smith

PARISHONER VIDEOS—We are grateful for the many parishioners working on our Capital Campaign. We are publishing a few videos on our website telling their stories about their love for St. Lawrence.

- Bob Smisl: <https://bit.ly/stlawr-video1>
- Rob and Pam Kole: <https://bit.ly/stlawr-video2>
- Lance and Dawn Forbeck: <https://bit.ly/stlawr-video3>

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.

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

FAITH BEE FINALS COMING UP—The St. Lawrence Catholic Faith Bee test results are in. The top ten scorers will be moving on to the oral competition on Saturday, March 28, at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. The parish winner will represent St. Lawrence at the Diocesan Catholic Faith Bee on Wednesday, Apr. 15, at 1pm in Harrisburg. For more information, parents may contact the DRE at dre@stlawrence.cc.

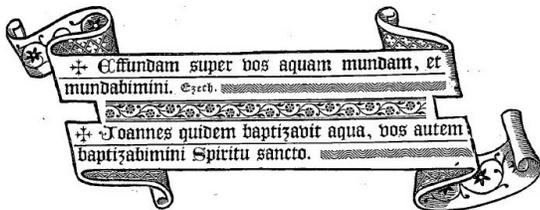
Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *How Hast Thou Offended*, 836
 Recessional hymn: *O Sacred Head Surrounded*, 837
 Kyriale: Mass XVII, 762; Credo VI, 788

Hymn after Offertory: *Stabat Mater*, Chant Sequence
 Hymn during Communion: *Vexilla Regis*, Harmonization by Anon.

Two Masses of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be said on the Friday of Passion Week. During the Mass the sequence *Stabat Mater* is sung/said prior to the Gospel. This sequence is often used as a devotional hymn for praying the stations of the cross and is sung to a simple tune. The chant sung today is the proper chant, which is more ornate and the melody changes every two verses.

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. Today's setting alternates the Vespers tune with a setting by an anonymous composer.



Sunday Collections Week of March 15, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	\$5,057.00	\$3,174.90
Building Fund	2,682.00	632.00
Vestments	30.00	78.00
Flowers	205.00	—
Votives	44.00	—
Friday Program/Catechism	—	30.00
TOTAL:		\$ 11,932.90

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Generation to Generations: A campaign for St. Lawrence

As of Saturday, Mar. 21, here is our status:

Pledged:	\$2,006,006
Received	\$442,757
Remainder to reach overall goal:	\$93,094
Mater Dei Goal:	\$2,100,000

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 yet received the package in the mail, which includes full details about the campaign, please contact the parish office. To give, visit www.generationtogenerated.com.

PARKING GARAGE VALIDATION—The South Street Parking Garage transactions are entered electronically. To use the parking garage, simply drive in and enter your license plate by scanning the QR code or using the link below. Call 717-238-0496 with any



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