

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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



April 5, 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, April 5, 2026

- Easter Sunday
- Low Mass—8am
- No CCD
- High Mass—10:30am Mozart orchestral setting
- No Adult Catechism
- No Sunday Sports
- Parish Easter Party at Civic Club
- Vespers—5pm
- Exposition and Benediction—5:30pm

UPCOMING

Saturday, April 11

- Altar Boys Meeting—10am
- Girls' Sodality—10am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Sunday, April 12

- Low Sunday
- Sunday Sports—1:30pm

Wednesday, April 15

- St. Jude Devotions—5:30pm

Monday, April 20

- Anniversary of the dedication of St. Lawrence

Saturday, April 25

- Anniversary of appointment of Bishop Senior

Friday, May 1

- First Friday
- Sacred Heart Devotion—7:30pm

Saturday, May 2

- First Saturday

Sunday, May 3

- Spring Drama & Music Presentation

Sunday, May 10

- Mothers Day
- May Crowning
- Novena of Masses

Thursday, May 14

- Ascension of the Lord

Friday, May 15

- Pentecost Novena begins
- Last day of Friday Program

Sunday, May 17

- Last day of Sunday CCD

Sunday, May 24

- Pentecost Sunday

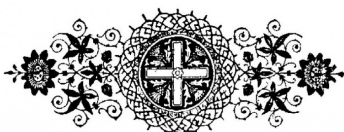
Sunday, May 31

- Trinity Sunday

Thursday, June 4

- Feast of Corpus Christi

Sun. Apr. 5 8:00am 10:30am	Easter Sunday, I †Wilfred & Elaine Dumas by Anne-Marie Walker The Jones Family by Maxwell Melching
Mon. Apr. 6 7:10am	Easter Monday, I Jameson Jones family by Kadar-Kallen family
Tue. Apr. 7 7:10am	Easter Tuesday, I †Jack Busbey by Alan & Tina Busbey
Wed. Apr. 8 7:10am 6:30pm	Wednesday in the Octave of Easter, I Daniel & Emily Grist by Steven Grist FSSP by Mary Ellen Turletes
Thu. Apr. 9 7:10am	Thursday in the Octave of Easter, I Augusta Wildt by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Fri. Apr. 10 7:10am 6:30pm	Friday in the Octave of Easter, I Tea McCoy by Jennifer Martin Raquel Rios by Colby & Cindy Myers
Sat. Apr. 11 9:00am	Saturday in Albis, I †Ann & Earl Conway by Tony & Cathy Martin
Sun. Apr. 12 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Low Sunday, I †Mr. & Mrs. Tiner Lamancusa by Rocco & Liz Polselli <i>Pro Populo</i> Maximilian Acker by Angelina Mack Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter by the Parish



FAITH BEE FINALIST—Congratulations to Luke Rosenberg on winning the St. Lawrence Catholic Faith Bee! Also, congratulations to our runner-up, Jacob Arrington. Luke will represent St. Lawrence at the Diocesan Catholic Faith Bee on Wednesday, Apr. 15.

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.

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 with questions.

IMPROVED AUDIO—Thanks to the keen work of one of our parishioners, the audio system has been improved. On Wednesday, the microphone in the sanctuary was connected to the video feed in the church basement cry room, and other places where the video signal is carried. Now, the sermons should be clearly hearable in these places. In addition, some weeks ago, the same sanctuary microphone was re-connected to the speakers in the narthex of the church. We know that the lack of audio in the narthex, due to some wires accidentally being damaged, was sorely missed by parents with babes in arms, and we are delighted to be able to restore this audio—finally.

Advertising in the Bulletin

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- 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—girlsodality@stlawrence.cc Rebecca Mack
- Guild of St. Stephen**
- Altar Servers altarboys@stlawrence.cc
- Holy Name Society**
- Monthly—holynamesociety@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
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- 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

PRO POPULO MASS—Every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation the pastor has the privilege and duty to celebrate Mass *Pro Populo*, or for the people. Fr. Smith will celebrate a private *Pro Populo* Mass this Easter Sunday morning.

TODAY: PARISH EASTER PARTY—The St. Lawrence Easter party will happen today, 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>.

NO SUNDAY SOCIAL—There will be no Sunday Social today, as we are having our parish Easter party.

HOLIDAY HOURS—The bookstore will be closed today in observance of the Easter Holiday.

EASTER BREAK—Our parish education programs are currently on break. Sunday classes will resume on April 12, and Friday classes will resume on April 17.

LOW SUNDAY: DIVINE MERCY INDULGENCE—A plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions to faithful who, on the First Sunday after Easter, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus. (Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary: June 13, 2002)

APR. 20: DEDICATION OF ST LAWRENCE—Every year, the day on which a church is dedicated is celebrated as a first-class feast, recognizing the great blessing of having a place dedicated solely to the right worship of the Lord. The anniversary of the dedication of St. Lawrence is April 20. To read news articles from the time of the construction of St. Lawrence, go to: stlawrence.cc/archives-construction.

PARISH MEN'S NIGHT: MAY 30—Please join us for a night of prayer, spiritual instruction, camaraderie, and the grilling of burgers, brats, and beverages in the church courtyard after Vespers. The evening will begin with Vespers at 5pm, after which we will move to the courtyard for dinner and a talk by one of the priests. Please visit the following link for sign-ups: <https://bit.ly/MensNightMay2026>.

LUSTRAL WATER—The Holy Water font in the narthex contains water blessed during the Easter Vigil which is special because it is only available during Eastertide. This water is one of three Holy Waters the Church makes available during the year. The others are Eiphany water and normal Holy Water.

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.

HAPPY EASTER— With great joy, we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, his triumph over death, and the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation!

THANK YOU—Father Smith and all the priests would like to thank our servers, their parents, scholas, choir, ushers, flower guild, and all who helped to set up, clean, prepare, and execute all of our beautiful liturgies during Holy Week, including our paid staff. Especially, we thank Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap., and Seminarians Brendan D'Amata and Jacob Jurkoic, both of whom spent all of Holy Week with us, enabling us to offer Solemn ceremonies all week. Many, many hours were spent practicing and singing, cleaning linens, preparing flowers, painting the Paschal candle, and much more to offer right worship to our God in these sacred days. We are also thankful for all who gave time and effort in bringing about the various aspects of our parish Easter party. It is important to celebrate feast days well, and every contribution towards that effort is appreciated.

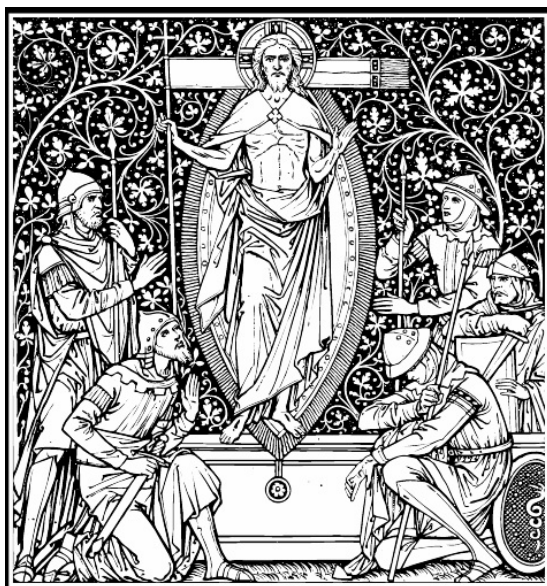
BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS—Special blessings are available for different foods, which are often included in Easter baskets, during Easter time. Specifically, the Roman Ritual has a special blessing for lamb meat and for eggs, because both meat and eggs in previous days were not allowed to be eaten in Lent. of course the lamb has the additional significance for Easter because Christ is our Paschal Lamb. Here are the texts of the blessings:

Blessing of the lamb:

O God, Who by thy servant Moses didst command thy people in their deliverance from Egypt to kill a lamb in symbol of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and didst prescribe that its blood be used to anoint their door-posts, do thou bless and sanctify this flesh which we thy servants desire to eat in praise of thee. Through the Resurrection of the same Christ Jesus, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in eternity.

Blessing of the eggs:

Let thy blessing, Lord, come upon these eggs that they be salutary food for the faithful who eat them in thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee forever and ever.



Notes on Today's Music

Processional Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today*, 843
 Recessional hymn: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*, 848

Kyriale: *Mass in F major*, K192, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
 Offertory Antiphon: *Terra Tremuit*, William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

Motet after Offertory: *Resurrexi*, Msgr. Marco Frisina (b. 1954)

Communion Antiphon: *Pascha Nostrum*, William Byrd
 Hymn at Communion: *Ave Verum Corpus*, Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)

The *Mass in F major* by **W. A. Mozart** was composed in 1775. It is also called the *Kleinecredomesse* or “*Little Credo Mass*” because Mozart a two bar Credo figure throughout the titular movement of the Mass. As is common for Masses of this time, Mozart uses soloists in contrast to full choir to give variety to the composition and bring attention to the text of the prayer. The *Agnus Dei* uses this contrast by having a soloist introduce the first part of the prayer and the chorus sings the *miserere nobis* then the whole movement shifts character for the *dona nobis pacem* with a move to a vibrant triple meter and major key.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791) was a prolific and influential composer of the Classical period and perhaps the most widely celebrated in the history of Western music. Despite his short life, his rapid pace of composition resulted in more than 800 works including Masses, symphonies, operas, and chamber works.

INQUIRY CLASS—If you are not Catholic and are interested in Catholicism, or if you know of anyone 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.

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS—If you are approaching your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, please let the priests know a few months in advance so they can organize a special Mass for you.

Sunday Collections Week of March 29, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	\$5,131.25	\$3,927.38
Building Fund	70.00	762.00
Roof	50.00	—
Vestments	30.00	133.00
CCM	10.00	—
Votives and Candles	23.00	—
Friday Program/Catechism	—	30.00
Easter Flowers	165.00	—
Good Friday	30.00	00.00
TOTAL:		\$ 10,361.63

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Generation to Generations: A campaign for St. Lawrence

Please stay tuned for the next update regarding our Capital Campaign progress.

We urge each parishioner to pray daily to the Divine Infant of Prague, seeking our Lord's blessing on this capital campaign. To give, visit www.generationtogenerated.com.

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, a sacramentals that help women in delivery.

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 questions. <https://bit.ly/SouthStreetGarage>



AD SPACE AVAILABLE

About 2/3 of the ad spaces in the bulletin have already been reserved for 2026. Spaces are \$25/month for parishioners to promote their business or organization. To place an ad in the bulletin, please contact advertising@stlawrence.cc

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