St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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

November 8, 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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Rev. Ronald McCann, FSSP	*Assistant Pastor*	fr.mccann@stlawrence.cc
Mr. Paul Thomas May	*Music Director*	music@stlawrence.cc

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

Sunday, November 8, 2026
- Second Collection—Seminary Burse
- No Adult Catechism

UPCOMING

Tuesday, November 10
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

Saturday, November 14
- Altar Boy Meeting—10am
- Girls Sodality—10am
- Adult Inquiry Class—3:30pm

Tuesday, November 17
- Knights of Columbus—6pm

Wednesday, November 18
- St. Jude Devotion

Saturday, November 21
- Youth Group—5:30pm

Thursday, November 26
- Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 28
- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10am

Sunday, November 29
- First Sunday of Advent
- No CCD classes

Friday, December 4
- First Friday
- Sacred Heart Devotion—5:30pm

Saturday, December 5
- First Saturday Devotion
- Rorate Mass—6:30am
- Holy Name Society—10am

Tuesday, December 8
- Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 24
- Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25
- Christmas Day

Friday, January 1, 2027
- Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, January 5
- Vigil of the Epiphany
- Blessing of Epiphany Water

Wednesday, January 6
- Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 24
- Septuagesima Sunday

Sunday, January 31
- Sexagesima Sunday

Tuesday, February 2
- Candlemas

Sunday, February 7
- Quinquagesima Sunday

Wednesday, February 10
- Ash Wednesday

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov. 8	**Resumed 5th Sunday after Epiphany**, *II*
7:30am	†Marlin Robert Duncan by Kevin Ritchie
9:00am	†All Souls Novena of Masses
10:30am	†Jeanne Buckner by Phillip & Lenora Cuccia
6:00pm	Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
Mon. Nov. 9	**Dedication of the Archbasilica of Most Holy Savior**, *II*
7:10am	†All Souls Novena of Masses
Tue. Nov. 10	**St. Andrew Avellino, Confessor**, *III*
7:10am	†All Souls Novena of Masses
Wed. Nov. 11	**St. Martin of Tours, Bishop & Confessor**, *III*
7:10am	Irene Salvo by the Renda Family
6:30pm	Samuel Jones
Thu. Nov. 12	**St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr**, *III*
7:10am	†Francis Mackin, Sr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Fri. Nov. 13	USA: **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**, *III*
7:10am	†Ellen Jerome by Judith Boutin
1:00pm	Fred and Theresa Shibler 50th Wedding Anniversary
6:30pm	†Milagros Medallon Kaahanui by Charles Schmitt
Sat. Nov. 14	**St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**, *III*
9:00am	Jenny Rooney by Joseph & Jeanette Sexton
Sun. Nov. 15	**Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany**, *II*
7:30am	*Pro populo*
9:00am	†Marlin Robert Duncan by Kevin Ritchie
10:30am	†Janeann Kakalecz by Kelly Jones for the Altar Linens Guild
6:00pm	Medallon Family by Charles Schmitt

Banns of Marriage

Thomas Joseph Phelan and Cristina Chua



Be it known to all here present that Thomas Joseph Phelan, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, son of the late William and Mary Una Phelan, of the chapel of Our Lady of Fatima, in Pequannock, New Jersey; and Cristina Chua, of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Carlos and Teodosia Chua, of the cathedral parish of the Immaculate Conception, in Cotabato City, Philippines, 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 first publication of the banns.

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CCD: Sunday Catechism, *K-12*
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Confraternity of St. Peter
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Knights of Columbus
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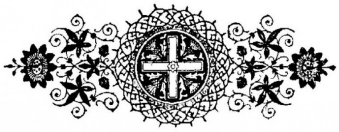


ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: SECOND COLLECTION—There is a second collection this week for the Seminary Burse.

TODAY: FR. SMITH VACATION—Father Smith is on vacation, scheduled to return on Nov. 13. Father will offer the Pro populo Mass today while he is away.

TODAY: NO ADULT CATECHISM—Since Fr. Smith is on vacation, adult catechism will not meet today but resumes next week with "One sacrament, and the three things it signifies."

TODAY: INDULGENCES—Today concludes the octave of the Poor Souls (Nov. 1 to 8). A plenary indulgence for the Holy Souls may still be gained today by visiting a cemetery and praying, even just mentally, for the Holy Souls (applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory). The usual conditions for plenary indulgences apply. Please note that the Novena of Masses for the Dead, however, continues until Tuesday, with today's 9am Mass, and the public Masses on Nov. 9 and 10 offered for those enrolled in the novena.

TODAY: NO COFFEE AND DOUGHNUT SOCIALS—There is no coffee and doughnut social today, but the bookstore has free coffee for those interested.

CONSECRATION PREPARATION CONTINUES—We invite all parishioners to participate in a Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. We will use the simple method proposed in Preparation for Total Consecration According to St. Louis de Montfort. We will have the consecration on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, which is the patronal feast of the United States. Preparation began Thursday, November 5. Though this preparation will be done by individuals and families privately, we will recite this consecration publicly as a parish after the Masses on Dec. 8. Preparation for Total Consecration booklets are available at the entrance of the church.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE—The Holy Name Society of St. Lawrence is collecting food donations for the annual Thanksgiving food drive for the Silence of Mary Home in Harrisburg, Pa. There will be wish lists for Thanksgiving related meal items and some empty grocery bags located in the vestibule of the church. Please take a bag, fill it with food items and return it to St. Lawrence Church on either Sunday, Nov. 8, or Sunday, Nov. 15. When returning your donations, please place them inside in the designated area of the cry room in the basement of the church. May God reward your generosity.

FSSP MISSION TRIP—Men ages 18-25 are invited to serve the poor on a twelve-day mission trip Dec. 31 to Jan. 13 with Bosco Ministries to Guadalajara, Mexico. Applications are due Dec. 1 at bit.ly/stlawrence-mexico26. A missionary fundraising coach will personally assist each man, and most go at little to no personal financial cost.

FROM THE PARISH LIBRARIAN—CCD parents and students—if you forget your textbook there are some available for each class in the main library on a shelf. Bring them back after class! How to check out a book—put your library card under the scanner light until it registers on the screen. Do the same thing with the book you want to take out. Press I'm done. Enjoy your wonderful library!

BOOKSTORE ENCYCLICAL—The St. Lawrence Bookstore is selling paperback copies of Pope Leo's encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, for $3. Stop by after Mass to pick one up.

DEC. 5: RORATE MASS—In honor of Our Lady, we will celebrate a Rorate Mass on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 6:30am. The Rorate Mass is held in darkness illuminated by candlelight before dawn. All are welcome.

JAN. 2: CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PAGEANT—We are happy to announce that students in our Friday education program will have the chance to perform in our parish's first Christmas pageant, which will be performed on the big stage at the Forum, part of the state capitol complex. This will also be the same day as our parish Christmas party, which will be in the morning and mid-day. The pageant will begin at 2pm.

MASS FOR DECEASED CCM MEMBERS—From the General Statutes of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers: No. XI: "Within the seven days following All Souls' Day a Holy Mass should be offered for all the departed members." As such, the Mass was offered on Mon., Nov. 2, at 7:10am for the deceased members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

NEW: PARISH ROOM RESERVATIONS—In trying to balance the needs of the many different groups and individuals in our parish, we are trying a new room reservation system for the spaces that make up our campus, including the schoolhouse, the old State Street Academy of Music, and the Parish Center. If you would like to reserve a room, email your request to agent.rooms@stlawrence.cc, and please include all relevant details. Someone in the office will review your request and approve it if at all possible.

2026 FINANCIAL REPORT AVAILABLE—The annual report on the parish's financial situation, covering FY26, has been published and is available for pickup near the entrance to the church.

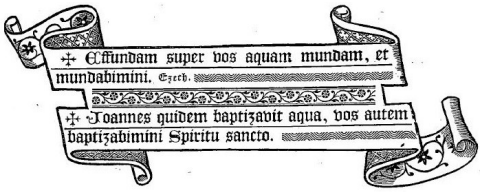
Congratulations To

Matthew and Julia O'Donnell

On the Baptism of their Son

James Vincent O'Donnell

October 24, 2026

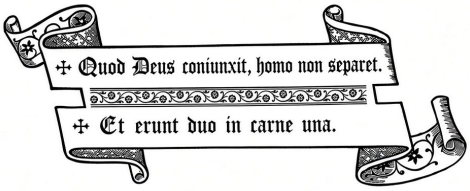


Congratulations To

Fred and Theresa Shibler

On Fifty Years of Marriage

Friday, November 13, 2026



Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *Hearken, Shepherd of the Sheep*, 873
Recessional hymn: *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*, 925
Kyriale: Mass XI, 740; Credo IV, 780

Hymn after Offertory: *Languentibus in Purgatorio*, chant
Motet during communion: *Sicut cervus*, G.P. Palestrina

The hymn *Languentibus in Purgatorio* is an excerpt from a fifty-stanza poem—each ending with O Mary—attributed to Dom Juan IV de Langoueznou, abbot of the Benedictine monastery of Landevenec in the mid-fourteenth century. The chant sung at Mass only has seven verses from the greater work. Here is the first verse translated to English: *The suffering souls in Purgatory, Who are being purified in excessive heat, And are tormented by severe punishment, Assist them, in your compassion, O Mary!*

The motet *Sicut cervus* by **G.P. Palestrina** is one of his most well-known works and is regarded as the culminating example of Sacred Roman Polyphony.

G.P. Palestrina (c.1525–1594) is highly regarded for his contributions of Sacred Polyphony and development of counterpoint in the late sixteenth century. In the post-Tridentine period he earned the reputation of the ideal Catholic composer for his success in reconciling the functional and aesthetic aims of Catholic church music. Palestrina wrote over 105 Masses and 250 sacred motets in addition to many other works.

PARKING GARAGE VALIDATION—South Street Parking Garage: Drive in and enter your license plate by scanning the QR code or using the link below. Call (717) 238-0496 with any questions or visit: bit.ly/SouthStreetGarage

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: contact@stlawrence.cc

Sunday Collections
Week ending November 1, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	$8,599.50	$6,747.76
Bookstore	660.00	1,049.09
Sunday Social	—	10.00
All Saints Day	1,183.00	—
All Souls Day/Novena	1,901.00	710.00
General Income		**$20,860.35**
ALLOCATED GIFTS		
Vestments	$30.00	$103.75
Seminary Burse	—	50.00
CCM	—	45.00
Allocated Gifts		**$228.75**

Weekly Budget Report

	Week to Nov. 1	*FY27 to Date*	*%*
General Income			
Received	$20,860.35	$257,444.40	*101%*
Budget	$14,096.00	$253,728.00	
Building Fund			
Received	$1,764.75	$42,522.17	*102%*
Budget	$2,308.00	$41,544.00	
Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC) (*CY26 to Date*)			
Received	$25.00	$7,426.00	*37%*
Budget	$453.00	$19,935.00	
Capital Campaign (*Generation to Generations*)			
Received	$2,889.00	$163,382.10	*71%*
Budget	$12,757.00	$229,620.00	
Campaign to Date			
Total Received		$862,534.48	
Total Pledged		$2,181,693.00	

ADVERTISING OPEN FOR 2027
Advertising spaces for 2027 can now be reserved. Spaces are $25 per month and are available to parishioners. Spaces fill up quickly!
Contact advertising@stlawrence.cc for more information or to reserve spaces.

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