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 29, 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, November 29, 2026
- First Sunday of Advent
- Coffee and doughnut social
- No CCD or Adult Catechism today

UPCOMING

Tuesday, December 1
- Legion of Mary—6:30pm

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

Saturday, December 12
- Altar Boy Meeting—10am
- Girls Sodality—10am

Tuesday, December 15
- Knights of Columbus—6pm

Wednesday, December 16
- St. Jude Devotion

Saturday, December 19
- Pro-life Rosary—10am
- Youth Group—5:30pm

Thursday, December 24
- Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25
- Christmas Day

Saturday, December 26
- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—10am

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

Tuesday, February 9
- Fat Tuesday

Wednesday, February 10
- Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 14
- First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 13
- Confirmation

Sunday, March 28
- Easter Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov. 29	**First Sunday of Advent**, *I*
7:30am	*Pro populo*
9:00am	Joanne Pitman by the Barry Family
10:30am	Legion of Mary Living & Deceased by Mater Dei Praesidium
6:00pm	Edmund Washington by Samuel Jones
Mon. Nov. 30	**St. Andrew, Apostle**, *II*
7:10am	Skye Flynn by Maureen Flynn
Tue. Dec. 1	**Feria of Advent**, *III*
7:10am	Isabella Vargas by William & Stephanie Fonticoba
Wed. Dec. 2	**St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr**, *III*
7:10am	Father Patrick Mackin by Michael P. Mackin
6:30pm	†Marie Winand by Alan & Tina Busbey
Thu. Dec. 3	**St. Francis Xavier, Confessor**, *III*
7:10am	J. D. Sexton by Joseph & Jeanette Sexton
Fri. Dec. 4	**St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor**, *III*
7:10am	Osorio Family by Kevin Kelly
6:30pm	†Holy Souls in Purgatory by Michael Mimoso
Sat. Dec. 5	**Feria of Advent**, *III*
6:30am	†Caroline Pitman by Edward & Suzanne Pitman
9:00am	Mary Grist by Steven Grist
Sun. Dec. 6	**Second Sunday of Advent**, *I*
7:30am	Anthony DiSanto by Sister Catherine Rose Giacobbe
9:00am	Daniel, Emily & Colby Grist by Steven Grist
10:30am	*Pro populo*
6:00pm	†Holy Souls in Purgatory by Alan & Tina Busbey

LITURGICAL YEAR PROJECT—The Liturgical Year Project website has been rebuilt and is now live at lyp.network. There you will find Dom Prosper Guéranger's *The Liturgical Year*, with the readings for each day of the seasons and the saints, in Latin and in English.

The new site pairs those readings with sacred artwork and a credits page for each picture. Articles have a Contents list near the top and footnotes you can open and return from. The pages read comfortably on a phone or a computer, and a full-text search finds a feast, a saint or a passage in moments. You may also send a day's reading to a friend from the site.

The daily email still arrives at 5:15am Eastern, in a new form since the First Sunday of Advent. If you already receive it, you need do nothing. If you are not yet on the list, subscribe at lyp.network/subscribe and confirm your address when asked.

The Liturgical Year Project is a work of St. Lawrence Church.

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advertising@stlawrence.cc.....Nathan Kreider

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Ages 9-14—girlssodality@stlawrence.cc.....Rebecca Mack

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Altar Servers.....altarboys@stlawrence.cc

Holy Name Society
Monthly—holyname@stlawrence.cc.....Frank J. Galushka

Knights of Columbus
Monthly—knights@stlawrence.cc.....Matthew Creavey

Legion of Mary
Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc.....Joseph Cunningham

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Tuesday Adoration
Tuesdays.....tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: SUNDAY SOCIALS—There will be coffee and donuts today organized by the Holy Name Society.

TODAY: NO ADULT CATECHISM OR CCD—There will be no Adult Catechism or CCD today due to the Thanksgiving weekend.

GUEST PREACHER: BR. JOSHUA-MARIA—We are delighted that our friend, Br. Joshua-Maria of the Holy Trinity, a Carmelite hermit of the Diocese of Harrisburg who is often here for Mass, is to be ordained deacon on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the cathedral. Brother will honor us by visiting our parish next Sunday to give his first sermon at each of the morning Masses. He will also serve as Deacon at the Solemn High Mass at 10:30am. Please keep Brother in your prayers this week as he prepares for ordination.

WOOD ALTAR CRUCIFIX FOR ADVENT—We have temporarily removed the beautiful altar crucifix for Advent so that we can do some maintenance on it. In the meantime, we have placed on the altar a wooden crucifix instead.

DEC. 1: PRIESTS' HOLY HOUR—Please consider joining the priests for a Holy Hour for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter from 10:45 to 11:45am in the church on the first Tuesday of each month. This is a great way to invoke God's continued protection and guidance over the members of the FSSP. We are grateful for your prayers and would encourage you to join us during this time, asking God that we may be good shepherds of the flock entrusted to our care.

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. Confession is at 6:30am, with Exposition at the normal time of 7:55am.

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.

DEC. 8: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—7:10am, 12:15pm, and 6:30pm.

DEC. 13: LEGION INFO SESSION—The Mater Dei Praesidium of the Legion of Mary invites parishioners to an information session on Sunday, December 13, after the High Mass, from 12:00 to 1:30pm, on the 3rd floor of the Parish Center. Quality refreshments provided. For more information: legionofmary@stlawrence.cc.

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.

DEC. 25: CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE—The schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is as follows.

Christmas Eve

7:10am	Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
8am	Sung Prime with Martyrology
5pm	First Vespers of Christmas
9pm	Sung Matins of Christmas

Christmas Day

12midnight	Solemn Midnight Mass
8am	Mass of Christmas at Dawn
10:30am	Solemn Orchestral Mass in the Day
5pm	Second Vespers of Christmas

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.

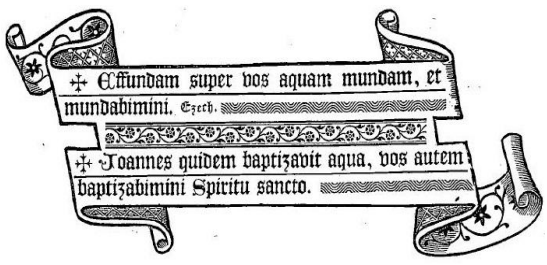
JAN. 22: MARCH FOR LIFE BUS—The Sacred Heart Basilica in Hanover has bus seats available free of charge to the National March for Life on Friday, Jan. 22, 2027. Mass is at 7:45am at the Basilica, with departure at 8:30am and return around 8pm. To reserve a seat, email McSherrystownMarchforLife@gmail.com with your name, address, email, and phone number.

FR. MCCANN VACATION—Father McCann is on vacation until Dec. 13.

2027 FSSP CALENDARS—Keep on the look out for 2027 calendars from the FSSP. We hope to have them for you very soon. You can always check live inventory on our website: bookstore.stlawrence.cc

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POSTER CONTEST—The youth of the parish grades K-12 are invited to participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Once judged, all artwork will be on display at 112 State Street and winners will be announced at the Parish Christmas Party on Jan. 2. Winners will receive a cash prize up to $50. First place winners are submitted to the State council for judging and are featured on the Christmas cards made by the parish council. The deadline for submissions is the 4th Sunday of Advent, Sun., Dec. 20.

Congratulations To
Joseph and Julia Halecky
On the Baptism of their Son
Roland Joseph Halecky
November 19, 2026



Notes on Today's Music

Processional hymn: *The Almighty King of All Men Born*, 802
Recessional hymn: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, 801
Credo I, 768; *Kyriale* XVII, 762

Offertory antiphon: *Ad Te Levavi*, Reverend Franz Xaver Witt (1834–1888)
Communion antiphon: *Dominus Dabit*, Heinrich Isaac

The offertory this Sunday will be sung as a choral setting by **Reverend Franz Xaver Witt** with a verse taken from the *Offertoriale*—as mentioned last week—which provides an elongation of the offertory antiphon by composing music for the verses which follow from the prescribed text.

Similarly, the communion antiphon will be sung chorally set to music by **Heinrich Isaac**. This setting differs from Isaac's normative style as he sets all the voices to sing collectively for the whole antiphon with no rhythmic variations or independent melodies.

Heinrich Isaac (c.1450–1517) was a Renaissance composer from the South Netherlandish region. His output was rivaled only by Orlandus Lassus in number and variety of composition. Most notable of his collections is *Choralis Constantinus* which contains nearly 400 Gregorian chant based motets of propers for the Mass.

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 22, 2026

	Cash	Online
Offertory	$5,406.00	$6,067.44
Bookstore	100.00	504.85
Advertising	—	10.00
Matthew 25	958.00	—
General Income		**$13,046.29**
ALLOCATED GIFTS		
Vestments	$70.00	$37.00
Seminary Burse	30.00	—
CCM	25.00	20.00
Allocated Gifts		**$182.00**

Weekly Budget Report

	Week to Nov. 22	*FY27 to Date*	*%*
General Income			
Received	$13,046.29	$297,098.30	*100%*
Budget	$14,096.00	$296,016.00	
Building Fund			
Received	$1,728.00	$49,836.17	*103%*
Budget	$2,308.00	$48,468.00	
Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC)	(*CY26 to Date*)		
Received	$100.00	$7,576.00	*36%*
Budget	$453.00	$21,294.00	
Capital Campaign (*Generation to Generations*)			
Received	$5,598.00	$184,280.19	*69%*
Budget	$12,757.00	$267,891.00	
Campaign to Date			
Total Received		$883,432.57	
Total Pledged		$2,181,693.00	

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