

# Mater Dei Community

Staffed by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter  
St. Lawrence Chapel • 110 State Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101



## MASS TIMES

**Sunday:** 7:30am (Low Mass), 9:00am (Low Mass),  
10:30am (Low Mass), 12:00pm (Sung Mass), 6:00pm  
(Low Mass)

**Monday:** 7:10am

**Tuesday:** 7:10am

**Wednesday:** 6:15am, 7:00pm

**Thursday:** 7:10am

**Friday:** 7:10am, 6:30pm

**Saturday:** 9:00am

## CONFESSIONS

Before each Mass

## EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

**Tuesday:** 8am—1pm (Solemn with Benediction)

**Friday:** 5:30—6:25pm (Simple Adoration)

**Saturday:** 8:00—8:50am (Solemn with Benediction)

**Sunday:** 1st Sunday, following 10am Mass; 2nd &  
4th Sunday, following 5:30pm Vespers  
(Solemn with Benediction)

## DEVOTIONS

**St. Jude:** 3rd Wednesday, 6:00pm

**Sacred Heart:** 1st Friday, following 6:30pm Mass

## DIVINE OFFICE

**Vespers:** 2nd & 4th Sunday, 5:30pm

**Compline:** 1st Friday, 7:00pm

Fr. Gregory Eichman, FSSP - *Chaplain*  
Fr. John Killackey, FSSP - *Assistant Chaplain*  
Patrick Torsell - *Music Director*  
Mary Ann Vigilante - *Chapel Administrator*  
Bethany Wertz - *Chaplain's Secretary*

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Video surveillance in use on these premises.

**St. Tarcisius**.....Loretta Ferguson  
Ages 5-12, 1st Saturday  
[mdpa.StTarcisiusGroup@Gmail.com](mailto:mdpa.StTarcisiusGroup@Gmail.com)

**Youth Group**.....Dawn Forbeck  
Ages 13-18, 3rd Saturday  
[Forbecks@Comcast.net](mailto:Forbecks@Comcast.net)

**Young Adults**.....Fr. Killackey  
Ages 18-35, Meets monthly  
[Fr.Killackey@MaterDeiPA.com](mailto:Fr.Killackey@MaterDeiPA.com)

**Choir & Choristers**.....Patrick Torsell  
Practice weekly  
[Music@MaterDeiPA.com](mailto:Music@MaterDeiPA.com)

**Holy Name Society**.....Anthony Patterson  
Meets monthly  
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**Knights of the Altar**.....Ed Pitman  
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**Church Cleaning**.....Sara Sides  
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[Clean@MaterDeiPA.com](mailto:Clean@MaterDeiPA.com)

**Girls Junior Sodality**.....Jill Lear  
Girls Age 9 - High School  
[JillLear@Hotmail.com](mailto:JillLear@Hotmail.com)

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**Adoration**.....Amanda Healy  
Tuesdays 8am-1pm  
[grillgirl83@gmail.com](mailto:grillgirl83@gmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun. Dec 20</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 6:00pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent, /</b> Judith Boutin by Christina & Chuck Stoner Pro Populo James McNinney by Aaron Rider +Maxine & Joseph Giovacchini by John Czarnomski Joseph Nico I & II & Lisa Ontiveros by Cecilia
<b>Mon. Dec 21</b> 7:10am	<b>St. Thomas, //</b> Read Hoare Sr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin
<b>Tues. Dec 22</b> 7:00am	<b>Greater Feria of Advent, //</b> +Cesare Mori by Aaron Rider
<b>Wed. Dec 23</b> 6:15am 7:00pm	<b>Greater Feria of Advent, //</b> Rog von Nort & Family by Fred Scharf + Bob Charlton by Chris & Chuck Stoner
<b>Thurs. Dec 24</b> 7:10am	<b>Vigil of Christmas, /</b> Ed Tang & Family by Fred Scharf
<b>Fri. Dec 25</b> 12:00am 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	<b>The Nativity of Our Lord, /</b> +Allen Johnston by the Chelius Family O'Connell/Fonner Family by Cecilia Nico Pro Populo +Maria Lucia Brotero by Fred & Theresa Shibler William Russell Family
<b>Sat. Dec 26</b> 9:00am	<b>St. Stephen, //</b> Zofia Zoton by Chris & Chuck Stoner
<b>Sun. Dec 27</b> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 6:00pm	<b>Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, //</b> +John Harrer by Ben Heigt Pro Populo Karyn Russell by William Russell William Stover by Aaron Rider +Marie Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, December 20

- 7:30am Low Mass
- 9:00am Low Mass
- 10:30am Low Mass
- 12:00pm Sung Mass (livestreamed)
- 6:00pm Low Mass

### Monday, December 21

- Adult Catechism Class, 7pm

### Tuesday, December 22

- Adoration, 8am-1pm

### Thursday, December 25

- Midnight Mass (Sung)
- 7:30am Low Mass
- 9:00am Low Mass
- 10:30am Low Mass
- 12:00pm Low Mass

### Sunday, December 27

- 7:30am Low Mass
- 9:00am Low Mass
- 10:30am Low Mass
- 12:00pm Sung Mass (livestreamed)
- (No Vespers)
- 6:00pm Low Mass

## PROPERS OF THE MASS

### Epistle 1 Cor 4:1-5

*Brethren: Let a man so account us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now here it is required in stewards that a man be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small matter to be judged by you or by man's tribunal. Nay I do not even judge my own self. For I have nothing on my conscience, yet I am not thereby justified; but he who judges me is the Lord. Therefore, pass no judgment before the time, until the Lord comes, Who will both bring to light the things hidden in*

*darkness and make manifest the counsels of hearts; and then everyone will have his praise from God.*

### Gospel Luke 3:1-6

*Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of the district of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas, the word of God came to John, the son*

*of Zachary, in the desert. And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Registration for Christmas Mass

Registration for all Christmas Masses will open on Tuesday the 22nd at 6pm. This week only, registration for Mass on Sunday will open Saturday at 7am.

## No Confessions Christmas Day

Confession will not be available before Midnight Mass or the Christmas Day Masses.

## New Music Director

We are happy to announce that Paul May will be joining Mater Dei as our new Music Director beginning the first week of January.

## Weekly Adoration Tuesdays

### Thank you new Adorers

The church is now open for adoration from 8am-1pm on Tuesdays. Thank you to the seven new volunteers who have joined our Adorer's rotation as substitutes.

## Sunday January 10 - Evening Mass Time Change

On Sunday, January 10, our usual 6pm Mass will be moved to 3pm. There will be no Vespers. This change is only for this one week, and we will resume the 6pm Mass on January 17.

## Adult Catechism Class

Fr. Killackey is offering an adult catechism class during the academic year on Monday evenings at 7pm. This class is primarily geared towards those wishing to become Catholic, but any adult wishing to know more about the Faith is welcome to join. If interested, please contact Fr. Killackey at [fr.killackey@materdeipa.com](mailto:fr.killackey@materdeipa.com).

## Mater Dei Stocking Stuffers

Consider contacting the office to purchase a Mater Dei mug for Christmas this year. Mugs are available for \$5 in dark blue or white.

## Mater Dei Email List

If you are not on our parish wide email list and wish to be, email [ChaplainsSecretary@MaterDeiPA.com](mailto:ChaplainsSecretary@MaterDeiPA.com) to be added.

## Holy Name Society

### New Membership Opportunity

Catholic men 18 years of age and older are invited to join the Mater Dei Holy Name Society. Information about this traditional confraternity can be found at [www.nahns.com](http://www.nahns.com). There will be a new member induction ceremony on January 3, and all eligible males are encouraged to consider this spiritual and social opportunity. To seek enrollment or for additional information about the specific activities of the Holy Name Society at Mater Dei, please contact Anthony Patterson at [anthonypattersonmd@yahoo.com](mailto:anthonypattersonmd@yahoo.com) or call/text 717-377-1035.

## Holy Name Society Reception

All are invited to a reception following the Holy Name Society induction ceremony on January 3. If you are interested in attending contact Patricia Gabig at [patricia-gabig@comcast.net](mailto:patricia-gabig@comcast.net) for location information and to RSVP. More information is also on an announcement posted in the vestibule.

### *Christmas Season Mass Schedule*

#### **December 24 Christmas Eve**

- 7:10am—Low Mass

#### **December 25 Christmas**

- Midnight Mass (Sung)
- 7:30am—Low Mass
- 9am—Low Mass
- 10:30am—Low Mass
- 12 noon—Low Mass

#### **January 1 Octave of Nativity**

- 7:30am—Low Mass
- 9am—Low Mass
- 10:30am—Low Mass
- 12 noon—Low Mass

#### **January 6 Epiphany**

- 7:10am—Low Mass
- 7pm—Sung Mass



*No worldly mind would ever have suspected that He Who could make the sun warm the earth would one day have need of an ox and an ass to warm Him with their breath;*

*That He Who, in the language of Scriptures, could stop the turning about of Arcturus would have His birthplace dictated by an imperial census;*

*That He, Who clothed the fields with grass, would Himself be naked;*

*That He, from Whose hands came planets and worlds, would one day have tiny arms that were not long enough to touch the huge heads of the cattle;*

*That the feet which trod the everlasting hills would one day be too weak to walk;*

*That the Eternal Word would be dumb;*

*That Omnipotence would be wrapped in swaddling clothes;*

*That Salvation would lie in a manger;*

*That the bird which built the nest would be hatched therein.*

*No one would ever have suspected that God coming to this earth would ever be so helpless. And that is precisely why so many miss Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it.*

*~The Life of Christ, Fulton J. Sheen*

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