

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*
- *Music Director*
Mary Ann Vigilante - *Chapel Administrator*
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Video surveillance in use on these premises.

St. Tarcisius.....Loretta Ferguson
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Holy Name Society.....Anthony Patterson
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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 27 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, // +John Harrer by Ben Heigt Pro Populo Karyn Russell by William Russell William Stover by Aaron Rider +Marie Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
Mon. Dec 28 7:10am	Holy Innocents, // Charlotte & Walter Faber by John Czarnomski
Tues. Dec 29 7:00am	5th Day in the Octave of Christmas, // +Francis Rider by Aaron Rider
Wed. Dec 30 6:15am 7:00pm	6th Day in the Octave of Christmas, // John McKenna by Fred & Theresa Shibler +Ian Mackenzie Kennedy by Aaron Rider
Thurs. Dec 31 7:10am	7th Day in the Octave of Christmas, // Josefa & Jan Fabiszewski by John Czarnomski
Fri. Jan 1 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Octave Day of Christmas, / +Tadea Vfranco by Ben Heigt Pro Populo William Russel Family Robert Carballo by Judith Boutin
Sat. Jan 2 9:00am	Saturday of Our Lady, /V +Allan Johnson by the Chelius Family
Sun. Jan 3 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Most Holy Name of Jesus, // William Russell Family Pro Populo +Wayne Martel by Joe & Joyce Mackin +Ethel Fonner by Cecilia Nico Pete Pedro

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, December 27**
- 7:30am Low Mass
 - 9:00am Low Mass
 - 10:30am Low Mass
 - 12:00pm Sung Mass (livestreamed)
 - (No Sung Vespers)
 - 6:00pm Low Mass
- Tuesday, December 29**
- Adoration, 8am-1pm
- Friday, January 1**
- 7:30am Low Mass
 - 9:00am Low Mass
 - 10:30am Low Mass
 - 12:00pm Low Mass
- Sunday, January 3**
- 7:30am Low Mass
 - 9:00am Low Mass
 - 10:30am Low Mass
 - 12:00pm Sung Mass (livestreamed)
 - 6:00pm Low Mass
- Sunday, January 10**
- 6:00pm Mass is moved to 3:00pm this one Sunday only

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Epistle Gal 4:1-7

Brethren: As long as the heir is a child, he differs in no way from a slave, though he is the master of all; but he is under guardians and stewards until the time set by his father. So we too, when we were children, were enslaved under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because

you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. So that He is no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, an heir also through God.

Gospel Luke 2:33-40

At that time, Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus were marvelling at the things spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be

contradicted. And your own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. There was also Anna, a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her maidenhood, and by herself as a widow to eighty-four years. She never left the temple, with fastings and prayers worshipping night and day. And coming up at that very hour, she began to give praise to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all who were awaiting the redemp-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for Mass on January 1

Registration for Mass on Friday, January 1 will open on Tuesday, the 29th at 6pm. Registration for Mass on Sunday will open Saturday, January 2 at 7am.

Cleaners and Decorators — Thank You

Thank you to all who helped with cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas this year.

No Confessions—January 1

There will be no confessions on Friday, January 1.

No First Friday Devotions

We will not be doing First Friday devotion prayers this Friday.

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.

No Sung Vespers Next Sunday

We will not have Sung Vespers before the 6pm Mass next Sunday, January 27.

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.

Mater Dei Email List

If you are not on our parish wide email list and wish to be, email ChaplainsSecretary@MaterDeiPA.com to be added.

Legion of Mary

If you are interested in joining the Mater Dei Legion of Mary, please contact the office.

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. 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 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 for location information and to RSVP. More information is also on the announcement posted in the vestibule.

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

January 1 Octave of Nativity

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

January 5 Vigil of Epiphany

- 7:00pm—Epiphany Water Blessing

January 6 Epiphany

- 7:10am—Low Mass
- 7pm—Sung Mass

tion of Jerusalem. And when they had fulfilled all things as prescribed in the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, into their own town of Nazareth.

And the Child grew and became strong. He was full of wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him.

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Registration at Mater Dei

The Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain have the special grace to guide those who are registered parishioners and are hence assigned to their care. The Mass offered for the people every Sunday, Pro Populo, is offered for those who are registered members. Anyone seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony here must be registered and active parishioners for 6 months. Registration forms are available on our website.

Epiphany Water Blessing

On Tuesday, January 5, at 7pm, we will bless Epiphany Water. Feel free to bring your own containers of water to be blessed. But only containers of one gallon or larger will be blessed individually. We will also bless an additional 25 gallons that smaller bottles can be filled from.

Blessing of Epiphany Chalk

Chalk is traditionally blessed on Epiphany for the faithful to take home and use to bless their homes. The top of the door frames entering the house are marked with "20 + C + M + B + 21". The letters "C" "M" and "B" are the initials of the three kings, Casper, Melchior and Balthazar, who arrived at Bethlehem to worship the baby Jesus on Epiphany. The crosses are placed between the letters and the numbers to remind us of the suffering that Jesus was to undergo for us. Finally, the "20" and "21" are for the 2021 years since the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Traditionally, the marking is left on the door frame until the next year when it is replaced by another year's blessing. Chalk from previous years can be reused. New chalk blessed on the feast of the Epiphany is also available in the back of the Church.



Kindness as a Part of Meekness

Kindness should be observed towards all on all occasions and at all times.

St. Bernard remarks, that certain persons are gentle as long as things fall out to their taste; but scarcely do they experience some opposition or contradiction than they are instantly on fire, like Mount Vesuvius itself. Such as these may be called burning coals, but hidden under the embers.

Whoever would become a saint, must, during this life, resemble the lily among thorns, which, however much it may be pricked by them, never ceases to be a lily; that is, it is always equally sweet and serene.

The soul that loves God maintains an imperturbable peace of heart; and she shows this in her very countenance, being ever mistress of herself, alike in prosperity and adversity, according to the lines of Cardinal Petrucci:

Of outward things he views the varying guise,
While in his soul's most inmost depth
Undimmed God's image lies.

~St. Alphonsus on Meekness