

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),
11:00am (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)

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

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St. Tarcisius.....Loretta Ferguson

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Youth Group.....Dawn Forbeck

Ages 13-18, 3rd Saturday

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St. Catherine of Siena Young Adult Group.....

Fr. Killackey

Ages 18-35, Meets monthly

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Sept. 12 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	16th Sunday after Pentecost, // Mary Margaret Grutza by R.J. Grutza Pro Populo +Palmira Poeta by Rudolfo & Kelly Llobert +Kathleen Barret by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cunningham
Mon. Sept. 13 7:10am	Feria, IV Daywalt family by Michael Kennedy
Tues. Sept. 14 7:10am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, // +Francis Barry by James Barry
Wed. Sep 15 6:15am 7:00pm	Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, // +Kathleen Barret by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cunningham Aitzin Cruz by Ann Marie Shibley
Thurs. Sep 16 7:10am	Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian, /// Martin L. Kennedy by Michael Kennedy
Fri. Sep 17 7:10am 6:30pm	Feria, IV Mary Jo Suter by Sharon Kaercher Daniella Mimoso by Mike Mimoso
Sat. Sep 18 9:00am	St. Joseph Cupertino, Confessor, /// Protection of the Unborn
Sun. Sep 19 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	17th Sunday after Pentecost, // +Mrs. Edelmina G. Cassavantes by Vigilante family Pro Populo Mary J. Kennedy by Michael Kennedy +John Mondello by Don Whicker

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson Eph 3:13-21

Brethren: I pray you not to be disheartened at my tribulations for you, for they are your glory. For this reason I bend my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth receives its name, that He may grant you from His glorious riches to be strengthened with power through His Spirit unto the progress of the inner man; and to have Christ dwelling through faith in your hearts: so that, being rooted and grounded in love, you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know Christ's love which surpasses knowledge, in order that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now, to Him Who is able to accomplish all things in a measure far beyond what we ask or conceive, in keeping with the power that is at work in us - to Him be glory in the

Church and in Christ Jesus down through all the ages of time without end. Amen.

Gospel Luke 14:1-11

At that time, when Jesus entered the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to take food, they watched Him. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had the dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath? But they remained silent. And He took and healed him and let him go. Then addressing them, He said, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately draw him up on the Sabbath? And they could give Him no answer to these things. But He also spoke a parable to those invited, observing how they were choosing the first places at table, and He

TODAY

Sunday, September 12

- Catechism Registration day after morning Masses

Sunday, September 12

- Young Adult Group after 11am Mass at Squeaky Rail

Sunday, September 12

- Vespers—5:30pm

UPCOMING

Monday, September 13

- Adult Inquiry Class, 6pm-6:55pm
- Adult Catechism Class, 7pm-8pm

Tuesday, September 14

- Adoration, 8am-1pm
- Legion of Mary meeting, 7pm-8:30pm

Saturday, September 18

- Youth Group

Sunday, September 19

- Catechism Registration day after morning Masses

Sunday, September 26

- Parent meeting for Catechism Program -10:15 am Social Hall

Sunday, October 3

- Catechism Classes begin 10:10 am

said to them, When you are invited to a wedding feast, do not recline in the first place, lest perhaps one more distinguished than you have been invited by him, and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Make room for this man'; and then you begin with shame to take the last place. But when you are invited go and recline in the last place; that when he who invited you comes in, he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher!' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who are at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN — Fr. James M. Smith, FSSP

The Future of Mater Dei

Having started out at Trinity High School in Camp Hill in 1988, the community now known as Mater Dei has been tenants at St. Lawrence Church since 2005. Recently, the Bishop of Harrisburg has offered us the opportunity to purchase this church.

Throughout the years, many scenarios for this community have been considered, including moving to a different church or buying land outside of Harrisburg and building a new church. For so many reasons, however, the chaplains and members have kept coming back to the conclusion that St. Lawrence Church is the best place for this community.

This is for many reasons: moving locations would inevitably be bad for some members of the community; it would be far more expensive to build a church from the ground up; and perhaps most compelling of all, regardless of whether we would acquire another church or build one, there is very little chance our new church would be as beautiful or as perfectly designed as this gem in Harrisburg. Of course there are other reasons for staying, but these seem to be the primary ones made over the years.

The question before us then, is not whether we should stay or move, but whether we should continue renting or take advantage of this opportunity to buy this beautiful church.

As part of this consideration, we need to consider the long-term needs of the community, and what the members think would be best. Your answers will guide the chaplain and the finance council as they discern what is best for this community. We do know that parking is an important need for the community, and we are in discussions with the Cathedral to develop a common solution, about which I may conduct another survey.

Please prayerfully consider these six questions, which will be very helpful to us. The survey can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3z2axzk>



Friday Morning Religious Education

Today is the last chance to register for Mater Dei Community Friday Academic Program. Fill out your registration form after Mass today or email Dawn Forbeck at forbecks@comcast.net. Classes begin this Friday, September 17th.

Catechism Class Registration

Registration day for this year's Sunday Catechism program will be **today, Sunday, September 12th and September 19th**. Children making their First Holy Communion or 6th/7th graders preparing for Confirmation must be enrolled in the Sunday Catechism program, even homeschoolers. Information on the classes offered can be found on the back of the bulletin.

1. We are currently renting St. Lawrence Church. For the sake of future stability, do you believe it would be better to own or to continue renting?
 - a. It's better to buy the church
 - b. It's better to keep renting the church, even if that means our lease could be terminated in the future.
2. What additional thing(s) does our community need in terms of physical space (please rank 1 through 4)?
 - a. a bigger social hall
 - b. more space for classrooms
 - c. recreational space
 - d. proper parish offices and meeting spaces
3. Would you financially support solving the problem(s) that you have identified?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. What are you in a position to give over the next three years?
 - a. about the same as I have been giving
 - b. about 50 percent more than I have been giving
 - c. double what I have been giving
 - d. triple what I have been giving
5. Would you be willing to work on a fundraising committee?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
6. Do you have anything else you would like to add?

Full name (optional):

September Youth Group Event

Mark your calendars: Our next Youth Group meeting (ages 13—18) will be outdoor games and a bonfire on Saturday, September 18th. For more information and to R.S.V.P. contact us at forbecks@comcast.net

Second Collection

A second collection for the Haitian people and the Church impacted by the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace will take place on **Sunday, September 26**. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Haiti 2021. Thank you for your generosity!

Pro-Life Banquet

Mater Dei Community will sponsor a table at the Pro-Life Banquet on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg located at 1150 Camp Hill Bypass Camp Hill, Pa. Tickets are 60.00 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Office by September 15th at contact@materdeipa.com.

Mater Dei Catechism Program Class Offerings 2021-2022

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS (2nd Grade)

All children making their 1st Communions must be a part of this class, even those who homeschool. There will be two exams with a priest in the spring—one before First Confessions and one before First Communion. More information will be provided at the parent meeting on September 27th.

POST COMMUNION CLASS (3rd-4th Grade)

This class is intended for those children who have recently made their first communion. The material will be geared towards 7 & 8-year-old children. The textbook is the Baltimore Catechism 1.

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS CLASS (5th-6th Grade)

This class is geared towards 9 & 10-year-old children. The book that is being used is entitled Know Your Mass, by Father Manousos and Father Burbank.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (6th-7th Grade)

This class is intended for those children currently in grades 6 & 7. The book that is being used is entitled Baltimore Catechism III by Seton Press. Confirmation only takes place every other year, and will take place in the Spring/Summer of 2023. All children who will be making their Confirmation must be a part of this class for both years, even those who homeschool.

APOLOGETICS CLASS (10th-12th Grade)

St. Peter exhorts us to be "*ready always to satisfy everyone that asketh you a reason of that hope which is in you*" (1 Pet 3:15). The apologetics course designed for high school students will equip students with the reasons and arguments to defend the teachings of our Catholic Faith and thus be able to share with others the cause of their hope. The main text for the class will be Fr. John Laux's *Catholic Apologetics*.

Two Monday night classes starting Sept. 13:

The priests of Mater Dei will be offering two adult catechism classes. From 6 to 6:55 pm, there will be an Inquiry Class, which is for non-Catholics only. (Please tell your family and friends who might be interested). It is for non-Catholics who have questions and an interest in the Catholic Faith. No commitment is necessary. From 7 to 8 pm, there will be an adult catechism class open to both Catholics and non-Catholics. The priests will alternate the classes, with both priests teaching both classes on an alternating schedule. If you are interested please contact adultcatechism@materdeipa.com

ProceSSIONAL Hymn *Jesus, Meek and Lowly*

Jesus, meek and lowly, Savior, pure and holy,
On thy Love relying Come I to Thee flying.

Prince of life and power, My salvation's tower,
On the cross I view Thee Calling sinners to
Thee.

There behold me gazing At the sight amazing;
Bending low before Thee Helpless I adore
Thee.

Lord, in mercy Guide me, Be Thou e'er beside
me;
In Thy ways direct me; 'Neath Thy wings pro-
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me.



Recessional Hymn *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illumin

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.