

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Home of the Mater Dei Community
Staffed by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
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

Sunday: 5:30pm (Solemn with Benediction)

Tuesday: 8:00—1:00pm (Solemn with Benediction)

Friday: 5:30—6:25pm (Simple Adoration except during Lent)

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: Every Sunday, 5:00pm

Compline: 1st Friday, 7:00pm

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesdays 8am-1pm

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Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Meets monthly

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Choir & Choristers

Practice weekly

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Church Cleaning

Rotates weekly

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Girls Junior Sodality

Girls Age 9 - High School

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Holy Name Society

Meets monthly

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Knights of Columbus

Meets monthly

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Knights of the Altar

Altar Servers

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Legion of Mary

Meets weekly

legionofmary@stlawrence.cc Daniel Jones

Meal Train

mealtrain@stlawrence.cc Alyssa Showers

St. Catherine of Siena Young Adult Group

Ages 18-35, Meets monthly

assistant.pastor@stlawrence.cc Fr. Killackey

St. Tarcisius

Ages 5-12, 1st Saturday

sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc Loretta Ferguson

Youth Group

Ages 13-18, 3rd Saturday

youthgroup@stlawrence.cc Dawn Forbeck

Easter Sunday

4.17.2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. April 17 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Easter Sunday, I Most Rev. Ronald Gainer by the Eschbach family Pro Polulo Mrs. Betty MacDougall by Mary Alice Howard
Mon. April 18 7:10am	Easter Monday I Richard Van Mil by the Menard family
Tues. April 19 7:10am 7:00pm	Easter Tuesday I Holy Souls in Purgatory/Sp. Intention by Kevin Ritchie Jessie & Nichole Erickson and children
Wed. April 20 6:15am 7:00pm	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter, I Charles Blackett by Thomas Lynch +John Rozman by Jack Rozman
Thurs. April 21 7:10am	Thursday within the Octave of Easter, I Charles Stoner by Christina Stoner
Fri. April 22 7:10am 6:30pm	Friday within the Octave of Easter, I +Antonio Fragelli by Ben Hiegert Joanne Pitman by the Barry family
Sat. April 23 9:00am	Saturday within the Octave of Easter, I +Edward Bloch by Lori Bloch
Sun. April 24 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Low Sunday, (Divine Mercy Sunday) I Christina Stoner by Beverly O'Neill Romulus and Richard Stine III Pro Polulo Dorrel Rozman by Jack Rozman

TODAY

Sunday, April 17

- No Catechism Classes
- Mozart Orchestral Mass—11am
- Coffee Social at Civic Club—after 11am Mass
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

UPCOMING

Monday, April 18

- Legion of Mary—5:45pm
- Adult Inquiry Class—6pm-6:55pm
- Adult Catechism Class—7pm-8pm

Easter Tuesday, April 19

- Adoration—8am-1pm
- High Mass—7pm

Friday, April 22

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers—6:30pm
Solemn Reception Mass. Social following in Social Hall.

Saturday, April 23

- Youth Group

Sunday, April 24

- Catechism Classes—10:10am—10:50am
- Coffee Social at Civic Club—after 9am &
- 11am Mass
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

Sunday, May 8

- Mother's Day

Saturday, May 14

- Altar Boy Meeting —after 9am Mass

Sunday, May 15

- First Holy Communion

Thursday, May 26

- Ascension Thursday

Sunday, June 5

- Pentecost Sunday

PROPERS OF THE MASS

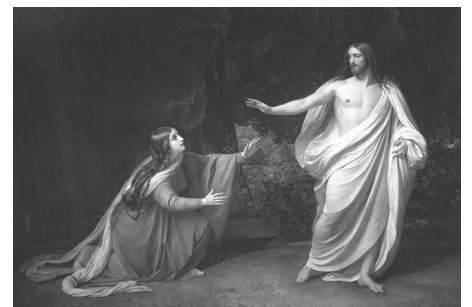
Lesson 1 Cor 5:7-8

Brethren, purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are unleavened: for Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. Therefore let us feast, not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

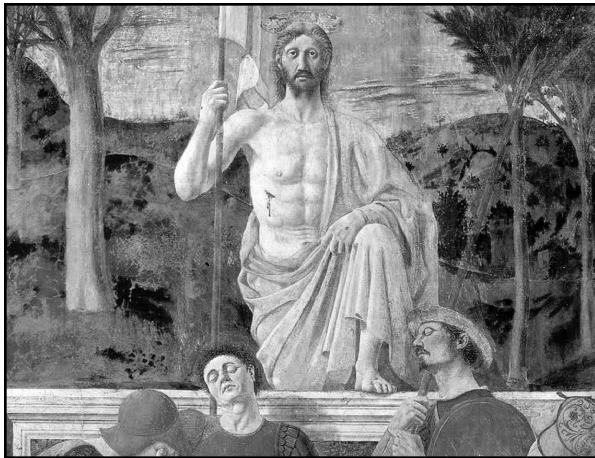
Gospel Mark 16:1-7

At that time, Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came to the sepulchre, the sun being now risen. And they said one to another: Who shall roll us back the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And looking, they saw the stone rolled back. For it was very great. And entering into the

sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe, and they were astonished. Who saith to them, Be not affrighted; ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: He is risen, He is not here; behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples, and Peter, that He goeth before you into Galilee; there you shall see Him, as He told you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mozart Orchestral Mass for today, Easter Sunday—Just as at Christmas, we will offer a Solemn High Mass at 11 am Easter Sunday morning accompanied by an orchestra assembled by our music director, Paul Thomas May, playing Mozart's *Kleine Credo* (K192). It promises to be a glorious way to celebrate our most important feast day.

Blessing of Paschal lambs, eggs, bread, and new fruits—After the 11 am orchestral Mass today, Easter Sunday, the priests will give special blessings only given at Easter for any lambs, eggs, bread, or new fruits that parishioners would like to bring to be blessed.

Today, Sunday Social and Easter Egg Hunt at the Civic Club to celebrate Easter— On Easter Sunday, April 17, we will have our coffee and doughnut social after the 11am Mozart Orchestral Mass at the Civic Club on Front Street. We will continue this temporarily during part of the Easter season, on April 24, May 1, and May 8. We will need additional volunteers, including crossing guards. If you can help, please contact socials@stlawrence.cc.

Thank you to everyone—We see how much you love your altar boys! At least four different benefactors offered to fund the entire \$1,700 cost of the new cassocks and surplices that are needed for our altar boys. Thank you very much to each of you, and to the donor who just put the check in the collection basket and added the helpful note to the effect of “or for other items as needed”.

In addition, thank you to the donor who has paid for the entire 144-book series of the *Fathers of the Church*, newly published by CUA Press, a fantastic \$3,000 addition to our growing parish library, which now has over 200 new volumes including two dedicated series on St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine.

Thank you too to the young engaged couple who donated \$1,000 for altar items, as well as the families who have simply sent in substantial checks as special donations to help the parish. Each of these donations will be used to help our beautiful parish! May God reward you for your generosity!

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers—All women in the parish, married, single, with or without children, are asked and encouraged to join The Confraternity of Christian Mothers, under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows. Today's Christian families are under attack more than ever and are in need of the support and prayers of both material and spiritual mothers everywhere.



The Confraternity was officially established in 1850 in France in response to a culture shift that had become increasingly opposed to Catholic values. Its end goal and purpose was then, and still remains today, the Christian education of the children. The mission has spread significantly, with now more than 3,500 Confraternities worldwide. (Among the noteworthy members was St. Therese's mother, St. Zelie Martin.)

Those who belong to the Confraternity gather to pray, discuss, and advise one another. Most importantly, they share in all of the prayers of, and graces gained from, all of the other members throughout the world. In addition, the Church grants members special indulgences on various feast days throughout the year. There are very few membership obligations in exchange for abundant graces and benefits.

There will be a Solemn Reception Mass **on Friday, April 22 at 6:30 pm** for those women wishing to join the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. It is an honor that Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, National Director of the Confraternity, will be present for the Mass and induction ceremony that evening.

Future meetings will be held after the **9 am** Mass on the 4th Saturday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Attendance is encouraged, but not necessary to be a member, and the inability to attend these meetings should in no way deter anyone from joining the Confraternity. For more information or to register to be included in the Solemn Reception Mass, please contact Stephanie Fonticoba at mothers@stlawrence.cc

Calling all Altar Boys and those interested—Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is invited to consider being an altar boy at St. Lawrence.



The altar boys meet on the second Saturday of the month. Due to the special schedule for Holy Week, the next regularly-scheduled practice will be May 14, but special practices will be held for those serving during Holy Week. The regular meeting begins after the 9 am Mass, and concludes at 12:30 pm, and includes a light breakfast, a meeting with a spiritual talk

from one of the priests, practice serving, recreation, pizza for lunch, and clean up. For more information about becoming an altar boy, email Fr. Smith or Mr. Pitman at altar-boys@stlawrence.cc.

**Congratulations to
Jonathan and Elizabeth Gearhart on the
Baptism of their daughter Juliet Aubrey Gearhart
April 16, 2022**



Banns of Marriage



Evan Albright and Celine Mason

Let it be known to all here present that Evan Blair Albright, son of Scott Albright and Nicole Price and Celine Genevieve Mason, daughter of Craig Mason and Susanne Mason, intend to contract marriage between themselves. Therefore, we admonish all that if anyone is aware of any existing impediment that would prohibit marriage between them, that he is obligated to reveal it as soon as possible to the Parish Priest, and this serves as the first publication of these Banns.



Easter Letter from Bishop Gainer—Please note we have received an Easter letter from our Bishop, copies of which are available near the front door of the church.

**Sunday Collections
Week of April 10, 2022**

Offertory (April 10):	\$ 27,217.00
Online Giving (April 3-April 10):	\$ 4,311.00
Coffee Social (April 10):	\$ 84.00
Total:	\$ 31,612.00

Openings in the Choir at St. Lawrence: The choir has openings for additional dedicated volunteers and one qualified section leader. Members are expected to be available for Thursday evening rehearsals, Sunday 11am Masses throughout the year, and for other important Feast Days as notified. Volunteers with previous choral experience are preferred, but those with strong desire may be considered at the discretion of the Music Director. Section Leader position is available for Tenor; all applicants must audition and demonstrate strong vocal musicianship. Inquiries can be directed to Paul Thomas May at music@stlawrence.cc.

Expectant Mothers: If you are expecting a child and registered in the Community, please let us know so we can put your expected date in our date book and rejoice with your family! Please send photos of your new baby's baptism to include on our new Website! Please notify us at contact@stlawrence.cc

Sunday Socials: Help still needed: Please consider helping with our Sunday Socials after the 9am and 11am Mass. The goal is to have many volunteers so that volunteers only have to do their duty once every month or two. If you can help please email socials@stlawrence.cc.

**Processional Hymn
Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Recessional Hymn
At the Lamb's High Feast**

At the Lamb's high feast we sing, Praise to our victorious King, Who hath washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side; Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives his sacred blood for wine, Gives his body for the feast, Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured, Death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal Victim, paschal Bread; With sincerity and love Eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath Thee lie Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light; Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; Thou has opened Paradise, And in Thee Thy saints shall rise.

Paschal triumph, Easter Joy, Only sin can this destroy; From sin's death do Thou set free Souls reborn, O Lord, in Thee. Hymns of glory and of praise, Father to Thee we raise; Risen Lord, all praise to Thee, Ever with the Spirit be.



April 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

These words of celebration are heard many times throughout the Easter season, but they were not the initial reaction experienced that Resurrection morning. When Mary Magdala approached the tomb of our Lord early that morning and found it was empty, her words to the Disciples were those of fear – “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” (John 20:2) Further in John’s Gospel, we read that Peter and John “did not yet understand the scripture that He had to rise from the dead,” (John 20:9) and so then, they returned home.

In this moment, the Disciples were experiencing a lack of hope, possibly even despair. But this despair quickly turns to joy and celebration as Christ reveals Himself to Mary Magdala and then to the Disciples gathered in the locked room.

In the Sequence for Easter Sunday, we read,

*Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw, wayfaring.
“The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection:
bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen:
to Galilee he goes before you.”*

“Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.” What beautiful words to remind us that Christ is always before us, always there to lead us. Our world of late may make it seem like the tomb is empty and we “don’t know where they have taken Him.” But, the empty tomb is the reason we rejoice at Easter. It is only because of that empty tomb, because of His sacrifice on Good Friday, that we have the reassurance that our Risen Christ has defeated death and He is the light of the world. He is the reason we can have hope that all things, even the things that are difficult to understand, are in His control. During times of darkness, our Lord is always there. He is always showing His love, compassion, and mercy. Nothing will overcome us with Christ by our side.

Wherever we find ourselves this Easter on our life’s journey, may we be like Mary shouting the good news of Christ’s Resurrection. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

In Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Harrisburg