

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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

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

Saturday: 8:00am—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

Choir & Choristers

Practice weekly—music@stlawrence.cc.....Paul Thomas May

Church Cleaning

Rotates weekly—clean@stlawrence.cc.....Kristin Patterson

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Monthly—mothers@stlawrence.cc.....Stephanie Fonticoba

Girls Junior Sodality

Girls Age 9 - HS—girlssodality@stlawrence.cc.....Rebecca Mack

Holy Name Society

Monthly—holyname@stlawrence.cc.....William Gabig

Knights of the Altar

Altar Servers—altarboys@stlawrence.cc.....Ed Pitman

Knights of Columbus

Monthly—knights@stlawrence.cc.....Josh Logan

Mater Dei Praesidium of The Legion of Mary

Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc.....Daniel Jones

Meal Train

mealtrain@stlawrence.cc.....Alyssa Showers

Prayer Chain

prayers@stlawrence.cc.....Fr. Cortes

St. Catherine of Siena Young Adult Group

18-35, Monthly—youngadults@stlawrence.cc.....Fr. Cortes

St. Tarcisius

Ages 5-12, Monthly—sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc...Loretta Ferguson

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesdays 8-1pm—tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc...Amanda Healy

Youth Group

Ages 13-18, Monthly—youthgroup@stlawrence.cc...Joelle Riethmiller

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sun. Nov. 20** **Twenty-fourth & Last Sunday after Pentecost, II**
 7:30am Charles T. Paulick Jr. by Kate Suhrbier
 9:00am Pro Populo
 11:00am +Marie Mackin by Joe & Joyce Mackin
 6:00pm Sandy Pendrak by Sean T. Pendrak
- Mon. Nov. 21** **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, III**
 7:10am Tom Steele by Dan & Lydia Miccolupi
- Tue. Nov. 22** **St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, III**
 7:10am +Mr. Walter Fiehl by Sean T. Pendrak
- Wed. Nov. 23** **St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr, III**
 6:15am Matt Morales by Mike Mimoso
 7:00pm Helen Kadar by The Kadar-Kallen Family
- Thu. Nov. 24** **St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor, III**
 7:10am Darrin Bloch by Lori Bloch
- Fri. Nov. 25** **St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr, III**
 7:10am Natalie Mimoso-Morales by Mike Mimoso
 6:30pm Alice Broscius by Mary Alice Hvad
- Sat. Nov. 26** **St. Sylvester, Abbot, III**
 9:00am +Marie Winand by Alan & Tina Busbey
- Sun. Nov. 27** **First Sunday of Advent, I**
 7:30am Charles T. Paulick Jr. by Kate Suhrbier
 9:00am Francis Mackin Sr. by Joe & Joyce Mackin
 11:00am Pro Populo
 6:00pm +Sophia Barry by Mary Ellen Barry

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson Col 1:9-14

Brethren: We have been praying for you unceasingly, asking that you may be filled with knowledge of God's will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. May you walk worthily of God and please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. May you be completely strengthened through His glorious power unto perfect patience and long-suffering; joyfully rendering thanks to God the Father, Who has made us worthy to share the lot of the saints in light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have our redemption, through His Blood, the remission of our sins.

Gospel Matt 24:15-35

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: When you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place - let him who reads understand - then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything from his house; and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. But woe to those who are with child, or have infants at the breast in those days! But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor will be. And unless those days had been shortened, no living creature would be saved.

But for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. Then if anyone say to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise, and will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told it to you beforehand. If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the desert,' do not go forth; 'Behold, He is in the inner chambers,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes forth from the east and shines even to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Wherever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together. But immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then will all tribes of the earth mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with great power and majesty. And He will send forth His angels with a trumpet and a great sound, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch is now tender, and the leaves break forth, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door. Amen I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things have been accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

TODAY

Sunday, November 20

- First Blessing by Fr. Cortes—after all Masses
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

UPCOMING

Monday, November 21

- Adult Inquiry Class—6pm-6:55pm
- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, November 22

- Legion of Mary—6pm

Thursday, November 24

- Thanksgiving Day—Nov. 24 & Nov. 25—Parish Office closed

Sunday, November 27

- First Sunday of Advent

Friday, December 2

- First Friday

Saturday, December 3

- First Saturday
- Feast of St. Francis Xavier Sung Mass—9am
- Holy Name Society meeting
- St. Tarcisius meeting

Thursday, December 8

- Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary with Consecration to Our Lady

Saturday, December 10

- *Rorate* Sung Mass—6:30am
- Confraternity of Christian Mothers meeting
- Altar Boy meeting

Sunday, December 25

- Christmas Day

Saturday, December 31

- Christmas Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Blessings by Fr. Cortes, FSSP—Today, after all the Masses, Fr. Cortes will be giving First Blessings to all those who have not yet received one from him. Though First Blessings are customarily given when first Masses are celebrated, they may be given up to a full year after ordination. Upon receiving the blessing, it is the tradition to kiss the palms of the newly ordained priest in recognition of the sacred character of his priesthood and of the hands that now hold the Eucharist and confer the sacraments.

Parish-wide Consecration to Our Lady—For those who are participating in this 33-day preparation, or signed up to receive daily emails with meditations, we encourage you to maintain these prayers and meditations daily in order to receive the full benefits of the Total Consecration to Our Lady on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8 which is the patronal feast of the United States. Though this preparation will be done by individuals and families privately, we will recite this consecration publicly as a parish after the Masses we have on the Immaculate Conception.

Seeking Volunteers to assist in the Parish Office—We're looking for volunteers to help out weekly in the Parish Office, for 2 1/2 hours; a minimum of once every other week, on Friday, from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Please email: contact@stlawrence.cc if you are interested in volunteering.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest—We invite the children of the parish to participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest which is open to age groups: 5-7; 8-10; 11-14; and 15-18 (not yet a high school graduate). 1st place winner will get a \$50 gift card prize. Competition rules: Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches, though the Council will not disqualify based on poster size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Judging: Posters will be given a 100-point system; Slogan=30 points; How clear is the theme? Visuals=30 points; Does the art convey this message beautifully? Overall Impact=40 points; Does it capture the viewer's attention and reflection on the topic? Once judged, all artwork will be on display in the Aula Magna at 112 State Street and winners will be announced at the Parish Christmas Party on Dec. 31 (time forthcoming). Submissions will be open on Thursday, Dec. 1 and must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Friday, Dec. 16.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers—In light of the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, the Confraternity's next meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 10, with 8am Adoration followed by the 9am Saturday Mass. The meeting will be held directly after Mass. For information email: mothers@stlawrence.cc

Email Prayer Chain—If you are not currently on the Mater Dei prayer request email list and would like to be added, please email: prayers@stlawrence.cc.

In this way, Parishioners can submit prayer intentions that we then share with everyone on the email list.

Thanksgiving Holiday—The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving.

Successful Thanksgiving Food Drive—The Holy Name Society thanks everyone for making this year's Silence of Mary Home's food drive, a resounding success! As a result of your very generous donations, the Holy Name Society delivered 128 bags to the home for distribution to those in need. May God richly reward you for your participation in this corporal work of mercy!

Parish Christmas Party at 112 State Street!—We plan to celebrate Christmas by having a party for the entire parish on the last day of the year, Saturday, Dec. 31, in honor of the saint of that day, St. Sylvester. The party will begin following a 9am High Mass and continue until the evening.

We need capable musicians who are willing to volunteer their time and abilities to perform throughout the day. Volunteers should have 30-45 minutes of repertoire to perform and must bring their own music/instruments. Either a keyboard or a piano will be available. Classical style is preferred, but other genres are acceptable. For inquiries email Paul Thomas May: music@stlawrence.cc.

We will also invite each group of the parish to perform a different task in preparation for the party. There will be caroling in the evening, with public Vespers, followed by the singing of the *Te Deum* to end the year well, thanking God for his blessings and obtaining the indulgence. Please stay tuned for more information.

Children Choristers sing High Mass—On the feast of St. Francis Xavier, Saturday, Dec. 3, at 9am, the Mater Dei Choristers will sing for their second Mass of the school year. Each Semester, the students sing for two Masses, preparing all the music from the Propers, to the choral works, in partial fulfillment of their enrollment in the Friday Religious Education Program here at St. Lawrence. The Choristers will sing two Masses in the late Winter and Spring.

Rorate Mass in Honor of Our Lady—Saturday Dec. 10
There will be a sung Mass which will begin at 6:30am. The *Rorate* Mass is held in darkness illuminated by candlelight before the sun rises and symbolizes the longing for the Light of the world, who is a gift to Our Lady. The church eventually gets brighter as the sun rises and after the conclusion of the Mass, the priest intones an antiphon three times, with each invocation at a higher tone just as he does for the Easter Vigil alleluia. The antiphon says: "*Behold, the Lord comes and all his saints with him and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia.*"

Charpentier Messe de Minuit Noel—The 11am High Mass on Christmas Day will be accompanied by an orchestral setting by Charpentier making the fourth occasion of such an orchestral Mass at St. Lawrence. This music provides a unique opportunity to pray the Mass with the beauty of string instruments and careful consideration of faithful composers from centuries past. The Mass will also include compositions from Heinrich Isaac, Paul Esterhazy, and John Mason.

Banns of Marriage



James McGrain and Carolyn Ciccocioppo

Be it known to all here present that James McGrain, of the Parish of the National Shrine of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Baltimore, MD, son of Robert and Janet McGrain; and Carolyn Ciccocioppo of the quasi-parish of St. Lawrence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, Harrisburg, PA, daughter of Martin and Janet Ciccocioppo; intend to be united in holy matrimony. Wherefore, we hereby admonish each and all that, if any of you has knowledge of an impediment existing which would prevent their marrying, whether it be an impediment of blood relationship, relationship through marriage, spiritual relationship, or of any other kind, you are bound to make it known to the pastor or bishop as soon as possible. This is the second publication of the banns.

Congratulations to Collin and Abigail Forbeck on the Baptism of their daughter Maelynn Joy Forbeck

November 19, 2022



Processional Hymn O God Almighty Father

O God, Almighty Father, Thou Majesty divine,
All glory, laud and honor Eternally be Thine.
O most holy Trinity, Undivided Unity;
Holy God, Mighty God, God Immortal, be adored.

Together with the Father We praise His holy Son,
Through Jesus, Word Incarnate, Was our Redemption won.
O most holy Trinity, Undivided Unity;
Holy God, Mighty God, God Immortal, be adored.

And God the Holy Spirit Who dwells within the soul,
With truth and comfort guide us To heav'n's eternal goal.
O most holy Trinity, Undivided Unity;
Holy God, Mighty God, God Immortal, be adored.



Sunday Collections Week of November 13, 2022

Offertory (November 13): \$ 5,557.00
Online Giving (November 6-November 13): \$ 4,755.00

Total: \$ 10,312.00

*The Building Fund is reported once per month

2023 Basketball Tournament—We plan to hold our first parish basketball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at the Harrisburg YMCA from 1pm to 6pm. The tournament is open to men 14 and older. If you would like to play, please sign up by Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022.

You can use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2J7GCLW>, or you can scan the QR Code below:



We will select team captains and hold a private “draft night” on Friday, Dec. 16, and during which time, the team captains will privately draft players for their teams. We are asking people to pitch in \$10 to help offset gym rental costs and help pay for equipment (new basketballs and game clocks). Please remember that the deadline to sign up is Dec. 15, 2022, and there will be no “free agents” or “trades” after Dec. 16. We hope to have a competitive and fun Tournament, so please sign up.

Recessional Hymn Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in Heav'n above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord.
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.
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