



DECEMBER 17, 2023  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# ST. LAURENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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8245 WEST CHESTER PIKE, UPPER DARBY, PA 19082



## MASS SCHEDULE/ HORARIO DE MISAS

**Monday – Saturday**

8:30AM

**Saturday Vigil**

4:30PM

**Sunday**

7:30AM, 10:45AM, 12:15PM

**Domingo**

8:30AM en Español

**St. Alice**

Sunday 10:30AM in Vietnamese

## DEVOTIONS/CONFESSION

**Adoration of the Most Blessed  
Sacrament**

Saturday 3:15-4:15PM

Wednesdays 9:30AM – 7:00PM

**Confessions**

Saturday 3:15-4:15PM

**Rosary**

Daily at 8AM and Monday at 7PM

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

After daily Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

Saturday after 8:30AM Mass

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Office & Mailing Address:** 30 St. Laurence Road

Upper Darby, PA 19082

FAX: 610-449-4299

**Phone:** 610-449-0600

**Office Hours:** Mon., Wed., Thur. 9-7; Tues. and Fri. 9-5

**Horas de Oficina:** Lunes, Mier., Jueves 11-7; Martes 9-5

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Whittingham, x. 221

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**In Residence:** Rev. Anthony Raymundo

**Permanent Deacons:** Dcn. Samuel Ortiz & Dcn. Mark Wallace

## SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Upper Darby, PA 19082

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**Principal:**

Sr. Regina Matulka, IHM

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## SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

Arrangements for Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick, Reception of Holy Communion at home, and appointments for Confession may be made at our parish office or visit our website.

Los arreglos para el Bautismo, el Matrimonio, la Unción de los Enfermos, la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión en el hogar y las citas para la Confesión se pueden hacer en nuestra oficina parroquial o visite nuestro sitio web.

www.saintlaurencedelco.org

## WEEKLY MEETINGS/ REUNIONES SEMANALES

### ST. LAURENCE MEN'S GROUP

Mondays at 7:00PM, Main school entrance

### VIRTUAL ROSARY

Mondays at 7:00PM, On computer, tablet, or smartphone go to: <https://meet.goto.com/681543997>  
Password: 5432 By Phone: 1(872)240-3212,  
Access Code: 681-543-997# Audio PIN: 25#

### PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Tuesdays at 2:00PM, St. Laurence Rectory

### PRE-JORDAN BAPTISMAL CLASSES

Second Monday of the month at 7:00PM, St. Laurence Rectory

### NEEDLECRAFTERS

Fridays 1:30 - 3:30PM, St. Michael Room in the rectory

### ROSARIO Y CLASE BÍBLICA

Miércoles, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Iglesia

### CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

Tercer jueves de cada mes, 6:30PM, Rectoría

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Eric Keffer. Also pray for all those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, and substance abuse.

**PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of all the faithfully departed.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace. Amen.

## PARISH STAFF

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Hna. Dominica Lo Bianco, OSF

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## DONATIONS

### BLESSED MOTHER SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Frank Cunningham by Dora



### ST. JOSEPH SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Mary & William Ambrosine  
by Angelina Saggiomo

### ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

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Our Faith Online

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30AM Anthony Callos  
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
 10:45AM Pro Populo  
 12:15PM Benny Family

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30AM Thomas McGlenn

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:30AM Mary A. Salotto

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30AM Richard Venuti, Jr. & Nadine Venuti

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:30AM Janet Falo

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30AM Patrick & Maggie Duffy

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30AM Sarah Ann & Hugh Boyce  
 4:30PM Mary Ellen & Greg Gontaryk

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30AM English  
 8:30AM Spanish  
 10:45AM English  
 12:15PM **NO MASS**

See next column for Christmas Eve Masses --->>>

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### THANK YOU TO ARCHBISHOP PÉREZ

It is with immense gratitude that we welcome Archbishop Pérez to St. Laurence this weekend. His presence is a blessing to all of us, as he dedicates our church building and consecrates the renovated altar.

A church stands as "a special kind of image of the Church itself, which is God's temple built from living stones. And the altar of a church, around which the holy people of God gather to take part in the Lord's sacrifice and to be refreshed at the heavenly meal, stands as a sign of Christ himself, who is the priest, the victim, and the altar of His own sacrifice."

May this church stand as a special sign of the pilgrim church on earth for many generations to come.

# PARISH NEWS

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
 - Matthew 6:21

COLLECTION	DECEMBER 10
Weekly Offertory	\$ 8,607
On-Line Giving	\$ 1,355
Capital Campaign	\$ 6,315
Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,302

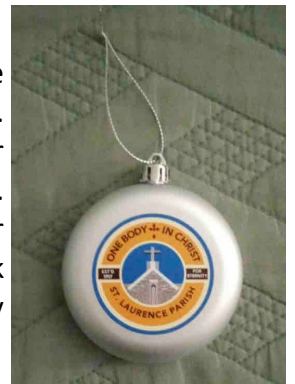
**ST. LAURENCE PARISH**

*You Pick Two*

<p><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS</b></p> <p><b>OPTIONS</b> Dec. 23 &amp; 24</p> <p>4:30pm (Vigil), 7:30am &amp; 10:45am (all 3 in English)</p> <p>8:30am (Spanish)</p> <p>10:30 am at St. Alice (Vietnamese)</p>	+	<p><b>CHRISTMAS MASS OPTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve, Dec. 24</b> 4:30pm Christmas Eve (English)</p> <p>8:00pm Christmas Eve (English)</p> <p><b>Christmas Day, Dec. 25</b> Midnight Mass (Eng. &amp; Span.)</p> <p>7:30am &amp; 10:45am (English)</p> <p>1:30pm Mass (Spanish) followed by party for the Divine Child</p>
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### ST. LAURENCE ORNAMENT SALE

Parishioner Peter Kane will be selling specially designed St. Laurence Parish ornaments after Masses Sunday, December 17. We are grateful to Peter for spearheading this project! Thank you all for so generously supporting our parish!





**PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA  
SAN LORENZO**  
Hna. Regina Matulka

El tercer domingo de Adviento ya está aquí. ¡Todo aquí en la Escuela San Lorenzo es bullicioso!

Este martes 19 de diciembre es nuestra espectáculo escolar. Por favor, venga y disfrute de los villancicos de esta temporada santa junto con el recuento de la querida historia navideña del nacimiento de Jesús. El espectáculo tendrá lugar en la iglesia a las 7:00PM. Esperamos verlos allí.

¡Una bendita tercera semana de Adviento para todos!

**CONSAGRACIÓN A JESÚS POR MARÍA**

Vamos a comenzar el año nuevo haciendo la consagración a Jesús por María. Las personas interesadas, favor de dejar su número de teléfono y su nombre al final de la Misa a Mérida Cambi. Se va a enviar un mensaje de texto cada día y se tendrá una reunión semanal para discutir los temas de la consagración mariana de esa semana. O, si se desea, se puede enviar el mensaje "Consagracion" al número de teléfono 202-765-3441 para inscribirse. Al final, vamos a tener la Consagración y la inscripción del Escapulario Marrón. Más detalles después.



**OPORTUNIDAD DE CONFESIÓN DE ADVIENTO**

Además de las confesiones programadas semanalmente los sábados de 3:15 a 4:15PM, también ofrecemos una oportunidad adicional de Adviento para confesarse el sábado 23 de diciembre de 9:00 a 10:00AM. Aproveche esta oportunidad especial para prepararse para Jesús antes de la Natividad del Señor. ¿Encontrará espacio en tu corazón esta Navidad?



**ANUNCIOS**

**PARROQUIA DE SAN LORENZO**



*Eliges Nos*

**OPCIONES DE MISA DEL CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**23 y 24 de diciembre**  
4:30 pm (Vigilia), 7:30 am y 10:45 am (los 3 en inglés)

8:30 am (español)

10:30 am en Santa Alicia (vietnamita)

**OPCIONES DE MISA DE NAVIDAD**

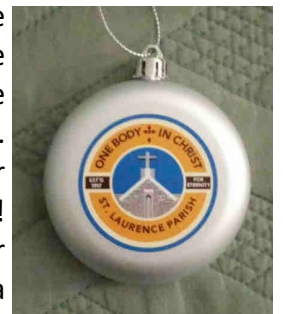
**Nochebuena**  
**24 de diciembre**  
4:30 pm y 8:00 pm (inglés)

**Día de Navidad**  
**25 de diciembre**  
12:00 am Misa de Gallo (inglés & español)  
7:30 am y 10:45 am (inglés)

1:30 pm -Misa (español) seguida de la fiesta al Divino Niño

**VENTA DE ORNAMENTOS DE SAN LORENZO**

El feligrés Peter Kane venderá adornos especialmente diseñados de la parroquia de St. Laurence después de las misas de este domingo 17 de diciembre. ¡Agradecemos a Peter por encabezar este proyecto! ¡Gracias a todos por apoyar tan generosamente a nuestra parroquia!



**LAS POSADAS BILINGÜE**

Sábado, diciembre 16-24, a las 6:00PM de la tarde; 24 después de la misa de las 4:00PM



Sta. Katarina Drexel  
1920 Providence Road, Chester PA 19013

# FROM OUR PASTOR

## DECEMBER 16 CONSECRATION OF ST. LAURENCE CHURCH: PART 2



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Mark your calendars for a perpetual feast to be celebrated at St. Laurence for as long as our church building stands! December 16 is the anniversary of the dedication of our church. Every year going forward on December 16, we will celebrate a special Mass honoring the anniversary of the dedication of our church. The collect (opening prayer) for that Mass captures the heart of what we celebrate:

*O God, who year by year renews for us the day  
when this your holy temple was consecrated,  
hear the prayers of your people  
and grant that in this place  
for you there may always be pure worship  
and for us, fullness of redemption.*

Here are a few changes you will notice once the consecration is completed at the 4:30PM Mass on December 16. First - the temporary altar will be gone from the sanctuary and we will use the permanent altar. And second - the dedication candles lining the walls will be lit on the greatest feasts of the year for us (St. Laurence's feast day, Christmas, Easter, every year on December 16, etc.).

A final improvement yet to come and still under design is a fitting memorial plaque. It is required that we display a commemoration of the consecration of our beautiful church to remind people of the anniversary and to memorialize the Archbishop who consecrated the space. The current working idea is to include this in a larger display for the rear wall of the church or the current entryway (aka the tower) which includes an appropriate acknowledgement of our donors

for the capital campaign along with the required information. We will have an appropriate ceremony to unveil / bless that when the project is fully complete.

Lastly – many of you are concerned about the crowds of people for health reasons or about the length of the Mass and celebration afterwards. We also have many former parishioners who may want to participate from afar. For anyone and everyone we will be streaming the Mass and it is viewable at: <https://vimeo.com/event/3956160>. We also have hired on the ground photographers and videographers to capture the event and ensure we have a high quality record of this day for the future.

My prayer is that coming together as One Body in Christ to celebrate this great milestone for our parish will truly bring us together as a parish and strengthen us as Missionary Disciples of Jesus Christ. No matter which Mass you attend this weekend we will have an appropriate commemoration of this joyful day for our parish. With deep gratitude for your support and your hard work in this great task please know of my prayers for you this weekend as your spiritual father. I hope you are all able to join us at the 4:30PM Mass and for the reception afterwards.

Sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ Jesus,

*~Fr. Tom*



## SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

- This Tuesday, December 19, is our School Pageant. Please come and enjoy the carols of this holy season along with the retelling of the beloved story of Jesus's birth. The pageant will be in the church at 7:00PM. We look forward to seeing you!
- Saint Laurence School is looking for a part-time librarian. Flexible hours to meet with classes, catalog, and shelf books. Clearances are needed. If interested, please call the school and ask for Sister Regina, 610-789-2670.

A blessed third week of Advent to all!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Confession



In addition to the regularly scheduled confessions weekly on Saturdays from 3:15 - 4:15PM, we also offer an additional Advent opportunity for confession

on Saturday, December 23 from 9:00 - 10:00AM. Please avail yourself of this special opportunity to prepare yourself for Jesus before the Nativity. Will He find room in your heart this Christmas?

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Congratulations to the boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion on December 9. May they grow each day in their love for Jesus in the Eucharist, as they follow His teachings in their lives.



### PLEASE PRAY FIVE HAIL MARYS EACH DAY

Petition Our Blessed Mother for the end of abortion through the conversion of hearts and minds. *Jesus, protect and save the unborn.*

### MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS

"There was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7) The lack of room for Jesus is an age-old problem. There still is severe overcrowding. Our minds are overcrowded with news and information, our hearts are overcrowded with innumerable concerns, our schedules are overcrowded with things to do, the malls are overcrowded with shoppers, the highways are overcrowded with traffic, the airwaves are overcrowded with noise, and electronic devices are overcrowded with messages. With so much overcrowding, we run the risk of not having enough room in our personal "inn" to receive Jesus this Advent and when Christmas arrives.

If we want to prepare well for Christmas, it's essential to make room in our hearts to receive Jesus. No matter how busy we may be, no matter how much hustle and bustle may exist, no matter how many distractions and mental preoccupations may swirl about our minds, we need to set aside time and space to welcome Emmanuel, our Savior.

Spiritual balance is crucial. It is beneficial to go off alone to meditate and pray, to converse with our Messiah and Lord in silence and solitude, to ponder the profound mystery of the Incarnation, to offer hospitality and welcome Jesus. Moments of private prayer are an urgent necessity.

There are many other prayerful ways to welcome Jesus into the "inn" of our hearts. Some excellent options would be to read the first two chapters of Luke's Gospel and prayerfully reflect upon his infancy narrative; say the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary; pray in front of a manger or crib scene at home or at church; listen to hymns, sacred music and spiritual Christmas carols; and pray together at the dinner table and other times.

After making space for Jesus, then it is time to make space for others. The greatest gift we can offer anyone is to bring Jesus to them, to be like the Blessed Mother Mary, to be Christ-bearers, to give the present of Christ's presence.

Excerpt from:

<https://thecatholicspirit.com/holy-days/advent/making-room-jesus/>