



JANUARY 28, 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# 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

Email: frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Anthony Albanese

Email: franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org

In Residence: Rev. Anthony Raymundo

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

## SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

School Office & Mailing Address: 8245 West Chester Pike  
Upper Darby, PA 19082

FAX: 484-452-6271

Phone: 610-789-2670

Principal:

Sr. Regina Matulka, IHM

Website:

www.saintlaurence.org

## 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, Rectory

### NEEDLECRAFTERS

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

### ULTRELLA - CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD

Miércoles, 7:00 - 9:00PM, Iglesia

### CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Francis Pirrotta, Juliet Mannello, and Renate Meeley. Also pray for all those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, and substance abuse.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of all the faithfully departed, especially Rev. Martin Lawrence Smith, O.S.A., Anthony Francis Cardarelli, and Rosemary Kiely.

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.

## DONATIONS

### BLESSED MOTHER'S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

### ST. JOSEPH'S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

### ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

Donations to cover the cost of the sanctuary candles on either side of the main altar can be made in honor or in memory of loved ones. Making a donation toward the altar bread and wine for the parish is another way to honor those who have gone before you. Please call or visit the parish office if you are interested in sponsoring the candles or bread/wine. Thank you!

## MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

**Altar Servers:** Father Anthony, 610-449-0600 ext. 213 or [franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Cantors:** Margie Kane, Music Director, 610-446-4072 or [cantormargiek@gmail.com](mailto:cantormargiek@gmail.com)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Lectors:** Maureen Carey, [mecarey52@yahoo.com](mailto:mecarey52@yahoo.com)

**Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers):** Father Tom 610-449-0600 ext. 221 or [frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Sanctuary Society & Social Committee:** Cathleen Albertus, 610-789-8792 or [walber33@verizon.net](mailto:walber33@verizon.net)

**Church Environment Coordinator:** Diane McPartland 610-316-7046 or [mcpartland@comcast.net](mailto:mcpartland@comcast.net)

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults),**

**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP):**

Sr. Kathy Benham, IHM, Director of Religious Education [religioused@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:religioused@saintlaurencedelco.org) or 610-449-0600 ext. 215

**Pre-Jordan (Baptism Prep) Catechesis:**

Deacon Mark Wallace, 610-449-0600

**Liturgy Committee:** Father Tom, 610-449-0600 ext. 221 or [frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Finance Council:** Joan Mazur, 484-433-0022

**Pastoral Council:** Harry Dietzler, 484-557-0201

**Men's Group:** Harry Dietzler, 484-557-0201

**Prayer Group:** Terri Howell, 484-454-5655 or [howellterri457@gmail.com](mailto:howellterri457@gmail.com)

**Pro-Life Ministry:** Joan Mazur, [prolife@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:prolife@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Knights of Columbus:** Tom DeFrusco, [tommyd55@comcast.net](mailto:tommyd55@comcast.net)

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Bob Gwin, 610-449-0600, ext. 217

**Ministerio Hispano/Hispanic Ministry:** 215-603-2669

**Director of Hispanic Social Outreach:** 610-306-7370

Hna. Dominica Lo Bianco, OSF

**Laurentian Senior Group 55+:** Dottie Tillger, 610-945-5064

## PARISH STAFF

**Director of Parish Operations:** Henry Aquino, 610-449-0600, ext. 227 or

[henry@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:henry@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Parish Secretary:** Claudia Jiménez, 610-449-0600 ext. 212 or [claudia@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:claudia@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Hospitality Minister & Safe Environment**

**Coordinator:** Meg Orr, 610-449-0600, ext. 210 or [mego@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:mego@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Welcoming & Hospitality Minister:** Mia Cardenas, 610-449-0600, ext. 210 or [mia@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:mia@saintlaurencedelco.org)



# MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30AM Pro Populo  
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
10:45AM Catholic Schools Week  
12:15PM Sean Cawley (22nd Anniversary)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

8:30AM Tony & Theresa Comido

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

8:30AM Marguerite McCann  
6:30PM Misa Comunitaria

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

**ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST**

8:30AM Special Intention

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

8:30AM Anthony Carr

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

8:30AM Memorial Fund Enrollees

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR**

8:30AM Philip Pailo  
4:30PM Pro Populo

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30AM Charles & Kathleen Albertus  
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
10:45AM Patrick Cawley (10th Anniversary)  
12:15PM Salvatore DeSimone

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: LENT 2024

### ASH WEDNESDAY



6:30AM - English Mass  
8:30AM - English Mass  
12:00PM - Prayer Service (Eng.)  
4:00PM - Prayer Service (Eng.)  
7:00PM - Spanish Mass

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00PM Fridays — Stations of the Cross

### CONFESSIONS

3:00 - 4:15PM Saturdays, except Holy Saturday  
1:30 & 7:30PM - until lines are done, Tuesday, March 12  
9:00 - 10:00AM Holy Saturday, March 30

# PARISH NEWS

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce.* Proverbs 3:9

COLLECTION	JAN. 21
Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,058
On-Line Giving	\$ 832
Capital Campaign	\$ 4,848

## PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE

### CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

Sunday, February 25

Reception 4:00PM Dinner 5:00PM  
Springfield Country Club  
400 West Sproul Road (Route 320), Springfield, PA  
Special Guest, Teresa Tomeo, Talk Show Host

The Margaret Way Hoffner Award:  
*Reverend James J. Shea, SchP*

PHL Lifetime Achievement Award:  
*John M. Haas, PhD, STL, MDiv,*  
President Emeritus of the National Catholic  
Bioethics Center, Professor at St. Charles  
Borromeo, Consultant to USCCB on Life Issues

\$90.00/adult or \$800.00/table of ten  
\$50.00/student or \$400.00/table of ten

Make your check out to "PHL Ed. Fund" & send to:  
Pennsylvanians for Human Life  
590 Snyder Ave., Suite 201,  
West Chester, PA 19382

If you would like to sit at the St. Laurence table, please write "St. Laurence Table" on your check. Please call Joan Mazur at 484-433-0022 if you have questions.

## THE ST. LAURENCE CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Our choir is looking for new members. If you enjoy singing and can blend your voice with others, we would be glad to have you! We hope you will consider joining our joyful and prayerful group. Contact Margie Kane at 610-446-4072 or [cantormargiek@gmail.com](mailto:cantormargiek@gmail.com).

*"When you sing, you pray twice."* St. Augustine



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

¡Feliz Semana de las Escuelas Católicas! Nuestro destacado cuerpo docente y personal involucrará a nuestros niños y sus familias en una variedad de actividades cada día de esta Semana de las Escuelas Católicas. Vea nuestro cronograma y planee participar.

- Todos están invitados a participar en nuestra liturgia de apertura el domingo 28 de enero. Vengan a visitar nuestra escuela y hagan un recorrido. Esperamos verte.
- El martes 30 de enero tendremos una noche para cenar fuera en McDonald's de 4:30PM a 7:00PM. Planee disfrutar de una cena con nosotros o utilice el servicio de autoservicio y solo mencione la escuela San Lorenzo al realizar su pedido.

¡Dios te bendiga por ser tan bueno con nosotros!  
¡Ten una maravillosa semana!

**BENDICIÓN DE GARGANTAS**

La bendición individual de las gargantas se dará en la Misa diaria el sábado 3 de febrero, en la fiesta de San Blas. La bendición general de las gargantas se dará en la Misa de vigilia del sábado y en las Misas dominicales el 4 de febrero.

**MARCA TUS CALENDARIOS: CUARESMA 2024**

**MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**



- 6:30AM - Misa en inglés
- 8:30AM - Misa en inglés
- 12:00PM - Servicio de Oración en inglés
- 4:00PM - Servicio de Oración en inglés
- 7:00PM - Misa en español

**ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ**

7:00PM los viernes - Estaciones de la Cruz en inglés

**CONFESIONES**

- 3:00 - 4:15PM Sábados, **excepto** Sábado Santo
- 1:30 y 7:30PM, hasta completar las filas, martes 12 de marzo
- 9:00 - 10:00AM Sábado Santo, 30 de marzo, **no hay** confesiones a las 3:15PM el sábado santo.

**ANUNCIOS**

**SEMANA DE LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS**

28 de enero - 2 de febrero  
Unidos en Fe y Comunidad

**Domingo: Celebre nuestra Diversidad**

Jornada de puertas abiertas después de la misa en español de las 8:30AM  
10:45AM Misa de apertura  
Jornada de puertas abiertas 11:30AM a 1:00PM  
La Feria del Libro comienza y continúa toda la semana

**Lunes: Celebra nuestra Fe**

Colecta de mantequilla de maní y jalea  
Concurso de Religión en la mañana Grados 1-4 (cafetería)  
Concurso de Religión 1:00PM Grados 5-8

**Martes: Celebra nuestra Comunidad**

Día de Carrera Grados 5-8  
Día de los abuelos para PreK - Grado 4

**Miércoles: Celebra a nuestros Estudiantes**

PM - Bingo para toda la escuela  
Día de vestimenta informal para estudiantes  
7:00PM Concierto de banda

**Jueves: Celebramos nuestras Vocaciones**

Presentaciones Vocacionales Virtuales  
Hermanas y sacerdotes de SLS hablarán a los niños sobre las vocaciones  
13:00-13:30 Intercambio de profesores

**Viernes: Celebre a nuestros Profesores y Personal**

12:00 Mediodía Salida  
Desayuno para profesores patrocinado por H&S  
Misa escolar 9:30AM y procesión de Candelaria  
Concurso de cuestionarios para profesores y estudiantes

**CAFÉ Y DONAS**

El Comité Social de San Lorenzo ofrecerá café y donas en el Salón Parroquial el próximo domingo 4 de febrero, después de las Misas.



¡Ven y disfruta del compañerismo, un delicioso dulce y una bebida caliente en un domingo frío! Esperamos verlos allí!

# FROM OUR PASTOR



## AUTHORITY AND JESUS

BY: FR. JERRY POKORSKY

“And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” (Mk 1:22) The teaching authority of Jesus is unique.

Authority is conferred in various ways. Authority comes with appointment and position, with learning and credentials, with age and experience.

The authority that comes with holding an office, position, or appointment is exercised by managers and supervisors in charge of departments, locations, projects or constituencies. The authority of office does not stand alone. It is representative of the chief executive, stockholders, or the voters. The authority of an Old Testament prophet is defined by God. The authority of a priest is defined by the Church.

Responses by those under authority can vary, ranging from servile fear and self-interest to a mature understanding of a working hierarchy. Playing well in the organizational sandbox, respecting legitimate authority, is not just a means of personal advancement, but generally is a sign of maturity and good judgment.

Some authority comes from earning academic credentials or certificates of achievement. Credentials show basic levels of knowledge and competence in various areas of expertise. Often holding a credential opens the door to a position of authority. The scribes of the Gospel probably had some kind of verbal or written credential conferring their authority as scriptural commentators.

We can find ourselves in awe of a credential or an achievement: “He has three doctorates!” “He knows 15 languages!” Or another response can be envy or scorn: “He’s a PhD but he can’t balance a checkbook.” At times, we may find ourselves relying too much on certified experts and disregarding the more truly authoritative guidance of those with true wisdom and experience. Thus the wisdom of grandparents in raising children is too often ignored, and dangerous modern innovations suggested by hallowed experts end up spoiling the kids. (Or, increasingly in our day, morally damaging and degrading the children.)

Finally, a good deal of authority flows from age and experience. A man of experience has seen and encountered many situations with success and failure. Even his failures contribute to his manifest authority based on experience. This form of authority is often underrated and underappreciated. Most of us would not want to undergo the first operation by a newly graduated heart surgeon, despite his impressive academic credentials.

Respect for the true authority that comes with experience requires humility on the part of those holding positions of authority and those holding credentials of achievement. The ideal exercise of authority is the integration of all three: the

authority that comes from office, credential, and experience. When egos are not allowed to interfere with the proper response, the exercise of these three types of authority gets jobs done in an orderly and professional way. Goods are produced and profits made, battles are won and men land on the moon.

But the authority of Christ is unique. He held no earthly office. He directed attention to his Father. “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.” (Lk 18:10) He achieved no academic degrees. He had no work experience besides that of a carpenter. He was, after all, only 30 years old when He began his public ministry. Yet all were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority.” (Mk 1:27)

Jesus exercised his authority to cast out demons, to heal the sick, to walk on water, to calm the seas. He simply spoke on his own unique authority as He forgave sins. He spoke to the woman caught in adultery, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? ...Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again.” (Jn 8:10-11) Every one of his words is authoritative and carries out what He intends.

Perhaps the most perceptive comment concerning his authority comes from the lips of Peter. After Jesus disclosed that it is necessary to eat his Body and drink his Blood in order to gain eternal life, many of his disciples abandoned Him. Jesus does not budge from the truth. When He turns to his Apostles and asks them if they, too, will depart, Peter responds in a way that cannot be applied to anyone other than Jesus: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (Jn 6:68)

The Apostles’ obedience to Christ’s authority is not servile or based on fear. The horror of the Cross was the cure for their petty self-interest. Ultimately their obedience is based on their response to love. “If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” (Jn 15:10-11)

[...]

The authority of Jesus is simply the authority of the Word: The Word of truth. The Word of God made flesh. Truth Incarnate. God and man reconciled. The way, and the truth, and the life. Indeed all legitimate authority—but never tyranny—flows from Him. He is the Authority of all authority, the true King of kings.

So it is profitable to search and ponder his words and mighty deeds and to be continually astonished by his unique authority. For He alone indeed has the words of eternal life.

*[catholicculture.org/commentary/authority-and-jesus/](http://catholicculture.org/commentary/authority-and-jesus/)*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Our outstanding faculty and staff will be involving our children and their families in a variety of activities each day of this Catholic Schools Week. See our schedule and plan to participate.

- All are invited to participate in our opening liturgy on Sunday, January 28. Come visit our school and take a tour. We look forward to seeing you.
- Tuesday, January 30 is our Dine-Out night at McDonald's from 4:30PM until 7:00PM. Plan to enjoy dinner with us or use the drive-thru and mention St. Laurence School when ordering.

God bless you for being so good to us!  
Have a wonderful week!

### COME & SEE WEEKEND

For men who are discerning a call to the priesthood, please visit Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for a Come & See Weekend.

There is no cost to attend the weekend, which includes Mass, praying Liturgy of the Hours, holy hours, talks on discernment and vocations, and the opportunity to spend time with the seminarians who are in formation.

If you wish to attend, contact Fr. Friel at:  
[fr.dfriel@archphila.org](mailto:fr.dfriel@archphila.org).

<u>High School</u>	<u>Post-High School</u>
February 10-11	February 23-25
March 9-10	

### COFFEE & DONUTS

The St. Laurence Social Committee will be providing coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall next Sunday, February 4, after Masses.

Come and enjoy fellowship, a delicious treat, and a warm drink on a cold Sunday! We look forward to seeing you there!



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 28 - February 2  
United in Faith & Community

### Sunday: Celebrate our Diversity

Open House following 8:30AM Spanish Mass  
10:45AM Opening Mass led by students  
Open House 11:30AM-1:00PM  
Book Fair begins & continues all week

### Monday: Celebrate our Faith

Student Council Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive  
Religion Bee in AM Grades 1-4 (cafeteria)  
Religion Bee 1:00PM Grades 5-8

### Tuesday: Celebrate our Community

Career Day grades 5-8  
Grandparent Day for PreK - Grade 4

### Wednesday: Celebrate our Students

PM - All School Bingo  
Students Dress Down Day  
7:00PM Band Concert

### Thursday: Celebrate our Vocations

Virtual Vocation Presentations in classrooms  
SLS sisters and priests will speak to the children about vocations  
1:00PM-1:30PM Teacher Swap

### Friday: Celebrate our Faculty and Staff

12:00 Noon Dismissal  
Breakfast for faculty sponsored by H&S  
School Mass 9:30AM & Candlemas procession  
Faculty & Students Quizo Competition

### WONDERFULLY MADE: A THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Friday, February 2, 7:00PM through  
Sunday, February 4, 12:00 NOON

Cost: \$200/person, scholarships available  
Small Group Facilitators: Sisters of Life

Register: [www.lifelovesexuality.com](http://www.lifelovesexuality.com)  
St. Mary of Providence Center  
227 Isabella Rd., Elverson, PA

### BLESSING OF THROATS

The individual blessing of the throats will be given at the daily Mass on Saturday, February 3, the feast of Saint Blaise. The general blessing of throats will be given at the vigil Mass on Saturday and at Sunday Masses on February 4.