



OCTOBER 29, 2023
THIRTIETH 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

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frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Anthony Albanese

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franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org

In Residence:

Rev. Anthony Raymundo

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

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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8245 West Chester Pike

Upper Darby, PA 19082

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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

ULTRELLA - CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD

Miércoles, 7:00 - 9:00PM, Iglesia

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

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

NEEDLECRAFTERS

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sam Cardillo and Baby Aria Asadullina-Coughlin.
Also pray for all those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, and substance abuse.

PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of the faithfully departed, especially Bernadette Ovecka and Rosette Jabbour: 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.

Bless the many departed souls who lived their lives with grace.

Bless the saints in heaven, gathered in that special place.

May we tell their stories and remember all the ways they lived their faith and spent their days. There is glory and reward, even if at first there's strife.

Oh, blessed saints, you help us see a path that's to eternal life.

May we always hold them dear and know their life and place.

May we know their inspiration and aspire to their grace. Amen.



MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

Altar Servers: Father Tom, 610-449-0600 ext. 221 or frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org

Cantors: Margie Kane, Music Director, 610-446-4072 or cantormargiek@gmail.com

Director of Parish Operations: Henry Aquino, 610-449-0600, ext. 227 or henry@saintlaurencedelco.org

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Sanctuary Society & Social Committee: Cathleen Albertus, 610-789-8792 or walber33@verizon.net

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Parish Religious Education Program (PREP): Sr. Kathy Benham, IHM, Director of Religious Education 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

Finance Council: Joan Mazur, 484-433-0022

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Director of Hispanic Social Outreach: 610-306-7370
Hna. Dominica Lo Bianco, OSF

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

DONATIONS

BLESSED MOTHER SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Anna & Anthony Cugini
By Family

ST. JOSEPH SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Deceased Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Cornelius & Kathleen Cummings
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Thanksgiving Mass
12:15PM Pro Populo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:30AM Soul of Noel Carderio

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:30AM Irene M. LaSalle
5:30PM (Vigil) Michelle & Michael Nardozi (L)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

8:30AM Bernard & Mildred Hyzinski
12 NOON Pro Populo
7:00PM (Spanish) Misa Comunitaria

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

8:30AM All Souls
7:00PM (Spanish) Todas las almas

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:30AM Memorial Fund Enrollees

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP

8:30AM Priests & Seminarians of the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia (L)
4:30PM Michael Cahill

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Eileen Szolack
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Mary Clifford (8th Anniversary)
12:15PM Scogna & Duerr Families &
Pro Populo

(L) denotes living

COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENT: FLU SHOT CLINIC

St. Laurence Church

Next Saturday, November 4 4:00PM-6:00PM

For help, please call 267-753-9188. If you prefer,
you may register online with code PA10508 at:

patients.vaxcare.com/registration

Required documents: Photo ID & health
insurance cards

PARISH NEWS

Each person should give as much as he has decided in his heart, not with reluctance or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

COLLECTION	OCTOBER 22
Weekly Offertory	\$ 8,386
Capital Campaign	\$ 4,912
On-Line Giving	\$ 740
World Missions	\$ 934

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER?

We will light six-day candles in the Church for a \$10 donation per candle. They will be offered on a first come, first served basis. We plan to light the candles **TODAY, Sunday, October 29.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

All Saints Day Feast:

Vigil Mass: Tuesday, October 31: 5:30PM

Masses: Wednesday, November 1:

8:30AM, 12 NOON

Mass in Spanish: Wednesday, November 1
at 7:00PM

All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2

English Mass: 8:30AM

Spanish Mass: 7:00PM

CELEBRATE NEWLY ORDAINED FR. ANTHONY!

The Serra Club of Philadelphia cordially invites members and friends of St. Laurence Parish to celebrate Rev. Anthony Albanese at the Annual Mass & Luncheon for Newly Ordained Priests on

November 9

Mass: 10:30AM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
1723 Race Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

Luncheon: Immediately following Mass

Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown, 201 N. 17th Street. Cost: \$60 per person

Parking: Discounted at \$20 for up to 6 hours

Parking is not permitted in the Pastoral Center lot

Luncheon reservations: Contact Lou Ferrero,

VP of Membership, at lou.ferrero@gmail.com

or 610.517.0835 by November 1.



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

Feliz Otoño a todos. Esperamos que todos estén disfrutando de la hermosa paleta de colores de Dios que se muestra en toda nuestra parroquia. Tome nota de estas importantes fechas de otoño.

30 de octubre: conferencias de padres de 3:00PM a 7:00PM

31 de octubre: ¡Feliz Halloween! No hay escuela para estudiantes. Conferencias de padres 7:30AM-11:30AM

1 de noviembre: ¡Día de Todos los Santos! No hay clases.

Semana del 8 al 15 de noviembre: Colecta de alimentos del Consejo Estudiantil. Por favor deje los productos enlatados, cereales, etc. en la escuela.

16 y 17 de noviembre: Pavo, pollos pequeños y pechugas de pavo se entregan en las puertas principales de la escuela. Allí habrá contenedores para que dejéis vuestras donaciones. Gracias por ayudarnos a alimentar a los necesitados de la parroquia este Día de Acción de Gracias.

Que tengas una buena semana. ¡Dios lo bendiga!

CELEBRE EL RECIÉN ORDENADO PADRE ANTONIO

El Club Serra de Filadelfia invita cordialmente a miembros y amigos de la Parroquia San Lorenzo a celebrar al Rev. Antonio Albanese en la Misa y Almuerzo Anual para Sacerdotes Recién Ordenados el **9 de noviembre, Misa: 10:30AM** Catedral Basílica de los Santos Pedro y Pablo, 1723 Race Street Filadelfia, PA 19103

Almuerzo: Inmediatamente después de la Misa Sheraton Filadelfia Centro, 201 N. Calle 17

Costo: \$60 por persona

Estacionamiento: Descuento de \$20 por hasta 6 horas; No se permite estacionar en el estacionamiento del Centro Pastoral.

Reservas para almuerzos: comuníquese con Lou Ferrero, vicepresidente de membresía, en lou.ferrero@gmail.com o al 610.517.0835 antes del 1 de noviembre.

ANUNCIOS

MARCA TUS CALENDARIOS: TODOS LOS SANTOS Y TODAS LAS ALMAS

1 de noviembre
Fiesta de todos los santos

Fiesta del Día de Todos los Santos:

Misa de Vigilia: martes 31 de octubre: 5:30PM

Misa miércoles 1 de noviembre:

8:30AM y 12 del mediodía

Misa en español: miércoles 1 de noviembre a las 7:00PM

Día de Todos los Difuntos, jueves 2 de noviembre

Misa en inglés: 8:30AM

Misa en español: 7:00PM

¿QUIERES RECORDAR A TUS SERES QUERIDOS DURANTE LA PRIMERA SEMANA DE NOVIEMBRE?

Encenderemos velas de seis días en la Iglesia por una donación de \$10 por vela. Se ofrecerán por orden de llegada. Planeamos encender las velas HOY, el domingo 29 de octubre. ¡Gracias!

ALIMENTA A NUESTROS VECINOS ESTA ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

En nombre de los miembros de St. Vincent de Paul, Gracias por su generosa respuesta a nuestra reciente solicitud de donaciones monetarias y de alimentos. Ahora, estamos preparando para el Día de Acción de Gracias y necesitamos: salsa de arándanos enlatada, salsa de pavo enlatada, macarrones con queso, papas instantáneas, atún y, por supuesto, siempre se aceptarán donaciones monetarias para comprar otros artículos necesarios. ¡Bendiciones para todos!

LIBRO DE INTENCIONES DE MISA 2024 ABIERTO el 13 y 14 de NOVIEMBRE

El libro de intenciones de la Misa estará abierto en el Salón Parroquial el lunes 13 de noviembre y el martes 14 de noviembre de 9:30AM a 1:30PM SOLAMENTE. Inicie sesión cuando llegue y espere a que llamen su nombre.

FROM OUR PASTOR

THE RADICAL LOVE OF JESUS

BY MARCELLINO D'AMBROSIO, PH.D.



They are at it again. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus' opponents enlist a lawyer to do what lawyers do best—ask a question that puts a person on the hot seat. “Which commandment of the law is the greatest?” (Matthew 22:34-40). If the law consisted in only the Ten Commandments, this would be tough enough. But the written “Torah” included many more moral, ceremonial, and dietary prescriptions.

Jesus, of course, is a radical. A “radical” is one who goes to the “radix” or root of the issue. The root problem was that these Pharisees majored in the minors. They loved to strain out gnats and swallow camels. They missed the forest for the trees, going to great lengths to observe the letter of the law while totally missing its spirit.

So Jesus fires a broadside. Splicing together two passages from the Torah, he sinks them. “You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind” (Deuteronomy 6:5). “This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ (Leviticus 19:18).

This blows them away for a couple of reasons. First it brilliantly sums up the entire law, because every single precept is an expression of these two commandments. Read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) and you'll see that the first three are about loving God and the other seven are about loving your neighbor. If you read every line of the Bible, you'd be able to put each command in column A (love God) or column B (love your neighbor). So these two commandments are indeed the root of them all.

But the other reason his answer sinks them is that these two root commandments are precisely the ones the Pharisees keep breaking. Observance of the law for them is not an act of divine worship but rather of self-promotion. Instead of their observance of the law leading to love of neighbor, it leads to scorn of neighbors who fail to live up to their standards (see how they treat the blind man in John

9:24-34). Note what Paul, the converted Pharisee, says: “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal” (1 Corinthians 13:1). Paul knew this from experience—he spent many years as a gong. On the positive side, St. Augustine says “love and do what you will.”

Yet Jesus did not say just to love. He said we must love the Lord with our WHOLE heart and soul and with ALL our mind and strength.

I made a discernment retreat at the Trappist Abbey of Gethsemani when, at age 21, I felt torn between a desire for religious life and marriage. As I walked into the retreat house, I shuddered to see this phrase inscribed in the stone over the entryway: “God Alone.”

Does wholehearted love of God leave no room in your heart for a spouse or children?

If that were the case, there would be no second great commandment in this story. In fact, Jesus says the second commandment is like the first. That's because the kind of wholehearted love Jesus is talking about is charity (agape), which means loving God for his own sake and all others for His sake, and doing so not by human strength, but with the divine love that is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). When we love others with charity, we love God through them. Our every loving act towards them becomes an expression of our love for God.

So, at bottom, the two great commandments are just two sides of the same coin. Jesus says to render to Caesar what is Caesar's and render to God what is God's. The two-sided coin of charity is the only legal tender we can use to pay the obligation that's even more important than taxes—the one owed to the Creator.

catholicexchange.com/the-radical-love-of-jesus/



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

Happy Fall! We hope everyone is enjoying God's beautiful palette of colors displayed all around our parish.

Please make note of these important Fall dates.

October 30: Parent conferences 3:00PM-7:00PM

October 31: Happy Halloween! No school for students. Parent conferences 7:30AM-11:30AM

November 1: All Saints Day. No school.

Week of Nov. 8 thru Nov. 15: Student Council Food Drive. Please drop off canned goods, cereal etc. at school.

November 16 & 17: Turkey, small chickens, and turkey breasts drop off at the main doors of the school. There will be containers there for you to leave your donations. Thank you for helping us to feed those in need this Thanksgiving.

Have a great week. God bless you!

FEED OUR NEIGHBORS THIS THANKSGIVING

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul members, Thank You for your generous response to our recent request for food and monetary donations. The need for more help is back as we prepare for Thanksgiving. We will need canned cranberry sauce, canned turkey gravy, macaroni & cheese, instant potatoes, tuna and, of course, monetary donations will always be accepted to purchase other needed items. Blessings to all!

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

There is no easier or better way to please God than by entrusting yourself to His Mother Mary. Please join the members of the Marian Consecration Group on Saturday, November 4, after the 8:30AM Mass as we formally and communally entrust ourselves to Jesus through Mary. All are welcome to participate in the consecration even if you didn't join our group.

ENROLLMENT IN THE BROWN SCAPULAR

On Saturday, November 4, after the 8:30AM Mass, Fr. Anthony will be enrolling people in the Brown Scapular. The Scapulars are provided for free. There are privileges as well as certain conditions for the members, such as praying a daily rosary. To learn more about this ancient Catholic devotion, please go to: sistersofcarmel.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE TO BENEFIT
MOTHER'S HOME IN DARBY**

At the Masses on October 29, empty baby bottles will be available for you to take and fill with your loose change, (dollars and checks accepted also) to benefit the



Mother's Home in Darby. The Mother's Home provides a safe haven for vulnerable pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. Feel free to take as many bottles as you need. If you would, please return the filled bottles on **November 12 and 19 ONLY**. The St. Laurence Pro-Life group will be at all the Masses to receive your generous donations. For the last 12 years, St. Laurence has raised over \$27,000 for the Mother's Home. The "change" really adds up. Many thanks to St. Laurence parishioners! You all are the best!

**STAND UP FOR LIFE ANNUAL DINNER
CELEBRATING 41 YEARS**

Sponsored by Pro-Life Union of Philadelphia
Sunday, November 19, 4:30PM
Philadelphia Sheraton Downtown
201 N. 17th Street



Tickets \$90 each/Table of 10: \$825
Student Tickets \$65/Student Table of 10: \$625
Ask to be seated at the St. Laurence Table.

Purchase tickets online at prolifeunion.org

For information call Joan Mazur at 484-433-0022

**2024 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK OPEN
NOVEMBER 13 & 14**

The Mass intentions book will be open in the Parish Hall on Monday & Tuesday, November 13 & 14 from 9:30AM to 1:30PM **ONLY**.



**PLEASE SIGN IN WHEN YOU ARRIVE
AND WAIT FOR YOUR NAME TO BE CALLED.**