



DECEMBER 24, 2024
FOURTH 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

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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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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Anthony Albanese

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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

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, St. Laurence 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 Anthony Cardarelli 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 **KATHLEEN "KATHY" MCFARLAND**.

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

Director of Parish Operations: Henry Aquino,
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MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

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610-449-0600 ext. 221 or frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org

Sanctuary Society & Social Committee: Cathleen Albertus,
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Sr. Kathy Benham, IHM, Director of Religious Education
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Pre-Jordan (Baptism Prep) Catechesis:
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Hna. Dominica Lo Bianco, OSF

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

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

Learn More about
Our Faith Online

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30AM English

8:30AM Spanish

10:45AM English

12:15PM NO MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

12:00AM English & Spanish

7:30AM English

10:45AM English

1:30PM Spanish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8:30AM Benny Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:30AM Donna Marie Ellis

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8:30AM Msgr. David Diamond & Rev.
Julian Kaczowka (L)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30AM Rev. Tomasz Pietrzak (L)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30AM L. Francis Murphy (1st Anniversary)

4:30PM Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

7:30AM English

8:30AM Spanish

10:45AM English

12:15PM English

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building OUR FUTURE together.



Please visit our parish website to sign up for online Parish Giving.
Your consistent stewardship is appreciated.

PARISH NEWS

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

COLLECTION	DECEMBER 17
Weekly Offertory	\$ 9,390
On-Line Giving	\$ 845
Capital Campaign	\$ 5,677
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 1,131

ST. LAURENCE PARISH

You Pick Two

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

Holy Family Sunday, December 31

Regular Sunday schedule

Mary, Holy Mother of God, Monday, January 1

(not a holy day of obligation)

8:30AM English

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed **Friday, December 22** and **Monday, December 25** for the Christmas holiday.
A blessed & merry Christmas to all!



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

Que tu corazón se eleve en alabanza esta Navidad por el maravilloso regalo de Jesús y el gozo que Él trae a nuestras vidas.

Que tengas una Feliz Navidad y un Bendito Año Nuevo.

Amor y oraciones,

Los profesores, el personal y los estudiantes de la escuela San Lorenzo

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.



La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el viernes 22 y lunes 25 de diciembre por las días festivos.
¡Una bendita y feliz Navidad para todos!

ANUNCIOS

PARROQUIA DE SAN LORENZO



Eliges Dos

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

HORARIO DE MISA DE AÑO NUEVO

Sagrada Familia Domingo 31 de diciembre

Horario regular del domingo

María, Santa Madre de Dios, lunes 1 de enero

(no es un día santo de obligación)

8:30AM inglés

GRACIAS POR UN EVENTO MEMORABLE

Sincero agradecimiento a los muchos feligreses, personal y amigos de San Lorenzo que han trabajado incansablemente para hacer de nuestra Misa de Dedicación y Consagración del 16 de diciembre una velada alegre y bendecida. ¡Nuestro Señor está haciendo grandes cosas en nuestra parroquia! Si no pudo unirse a nosotros en persona, vea y comparta el enlace:

<https://vimeo.com/event/3956160>.



FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear friends in Christ – Thank you again for your patience, perseverance, and generosity that led to the beautiful consecration of our restored upper church last Saturday. It is a day that we hope to celebrate forever... literally to celebrate the anniversary of our dedication every year on December 16.

As we celebrate the end of Advent and Christmas please know of my prayers for you along with Fr. Albanese, Fr. Raymundo, our Deacons and all our parish and school staff. May God bless you all as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and prepare to welcome the new year in one week. Please note the schedules for Dec. 31 and January 1 Masses as Jan. 1 is NOT a day of obligation this year.

Let me encourage you to please sign up for our parish Flocknote messages if you aren't already receiving them. You can do that in English at saintlaurence.flocknote.com or by texting 'StLaurence' to 84576 from your smartphone.

Please reflect with me on the beautiful words of the prayer for blessing a Nativity Scene that we use at our early Christmas Masses. It is a beautiful statement of what Christmas truly means.

May the love and peace of the Christ child and the Holy Family be yours as we begin the Christmas season this weekend.

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

~ Fr. Tom

Queridos amigos en Cristo: Nuevamente gracias por su paciencia, perseverancia y generosidad que nos llevaron a la hermosa consagración de nuestra iglesia superior restaurada el sábado pasado. Es un día que esperamos celebrar para siempre... literalmente, celebrar el aniversario de nuestra dedicación cada año el 16 de diciembre.

Mientras celebramos el final del Adviento y la Navidad, sepa de nuestras oraciones por usted junto con el Padre Albanese, Padre Raymundo, nuestros Diáconos y todo nuestro personal parroquial y escolar. Que Dios les bendiga a todos mientras celebramos el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, y nos preparamos para recibir el nuevo año en una semana. Tenga en cuenta los horarios de las misas del 31 de diciembre y del 1 de enero, ya que el 1 de enero NO es un día de obligación este año.

Les animo a que se registre para recibir nuestros mensajes parroquiales de Flocknote si aún no los está recibiendo. Puede hacerlo en español enviando un mensaje de texto con la palabra "SANLORENZO" al 202-765-3441 desde su celular.

Por favor reflexionemos juntos sobre las hermosas palabras de la oración para bendecir el nacimiento que usamos en nuestras misas navideñas de la mañana. Es una hermosa declaración de lo que realmente significa la Navidad.

Que el amor y la paz del Niño Jesús y la Sagrada Familia sean suyos al comenzar la temporada navideña este fin de semana.

O Dios, Padre nuestro, que tanto amaste al mundo que nos has entregado a tu único Hijo Jesús, nacido de la Virgen María, para salvarnos y llevarnos de nuevo a ti, te pedimos que con tu bendición, estas imágenes del nacimiento nos ayuden a celebrar la Navidad con alegría y a ver a Cristo presente en todos los que necesitan nuestro amor.

Te lo pedimos en el nombre de Jesús, tu Hijo amado, que vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos.

~ Padre Tomás



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL

Sr. Regina Matulka

May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives.

Have a Merry Christmas
and a Blessed New Year.

Love and prayers,
The faculty, staff, and students of Saint
Laurence School

THANK YOU FOR A MEMORABLE EVENT!

A heartfelt thank you to the many parishioners, staff, and friends of St. Laurence who worked tirelessly to make our Dedication and Consecration Mass on December 16 a joyful and blessed evening. Our Lord is doing great things in our parish! If you were not able to join us in person, please view and share the link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/3956160>

ULTRASOUND MACHINE NEEDED IN PHILLY AREA

The Philadelphia area has no mobile ultrasound units operating full time! If you are able, please send a check made out to:

SPXRL (St. Pius X Respect Life)
c/o John Williamson

720 N. Eagle Road, Havertown, PA 19083

Please date the check on or before 12/31/23 as we will receive matching funds for donations by that date. Thank you and God bless you.

ST. LAURENCE CHANCE TICKET WINNERS

Congratulations to our prize drawing's

lucky winners:

- \$5,000 prize — Sam Okyne
- \$1,000 prize — Chrissy Winner
- \$500 prize — Justin Moore
- \$250 prizes — Kathy Simpson
Mauro Moreno
Teresa Morgan
Janson Jora

Thanks to everyone who purchased and/or sold chance tickets to support our parish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CHRISTMAS EVE REFLECTION

St. Peter Damian concludes Advent with a touching Christmas Eve reflection, recalling how we have arrived at last at the goal of our labors.

St. Peter Damian was an 11th-century monk who had a profoundly spiritual outlook on life. He could see the spiritual beneath each liturgical season, and the season of Christmas was no different.

A portion of his sermon from Christmas Eve is found in the book *The Liturgical Year*, and is a fitting conclusion to Advent.

In a way it is a type of litany, recalling the reality that is upon us.

*At length we have come from the stormy sea,
into the tranquil port;
hitherto it was the promise, now it is the prize;
hitherto labor, now rest;
hitherto despair, now hope;
hitherto the way, now our home.*

Today we welcome the Christ Child into our lives and rest our weary heads. The four weeks of Advent have concluded and we have at last arrived at our destination.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us reflect on this profound truth and let God's peace invade our soul.

Source: <https://aleteia.org/2021/12/24/a-beautiful-christmas-eve-reflection-from-st-peter-damian>

WONDERFULLY MADE:

A THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Friday, February 2 at 7:00PM until

Sunday, February 4 at 12:00 NOON

Cost: \$200/person with early bird discount price of \$175 until 12/31/23

Retreat Leader: Samantha Kelley

Priest: Fr. David O'Brien

Small Group Facilitators: Sisters of Life

Register: www.lifelovesexuality.com

St. Mary of Providence Center

227 Isabella Rd., Elverson, PA