



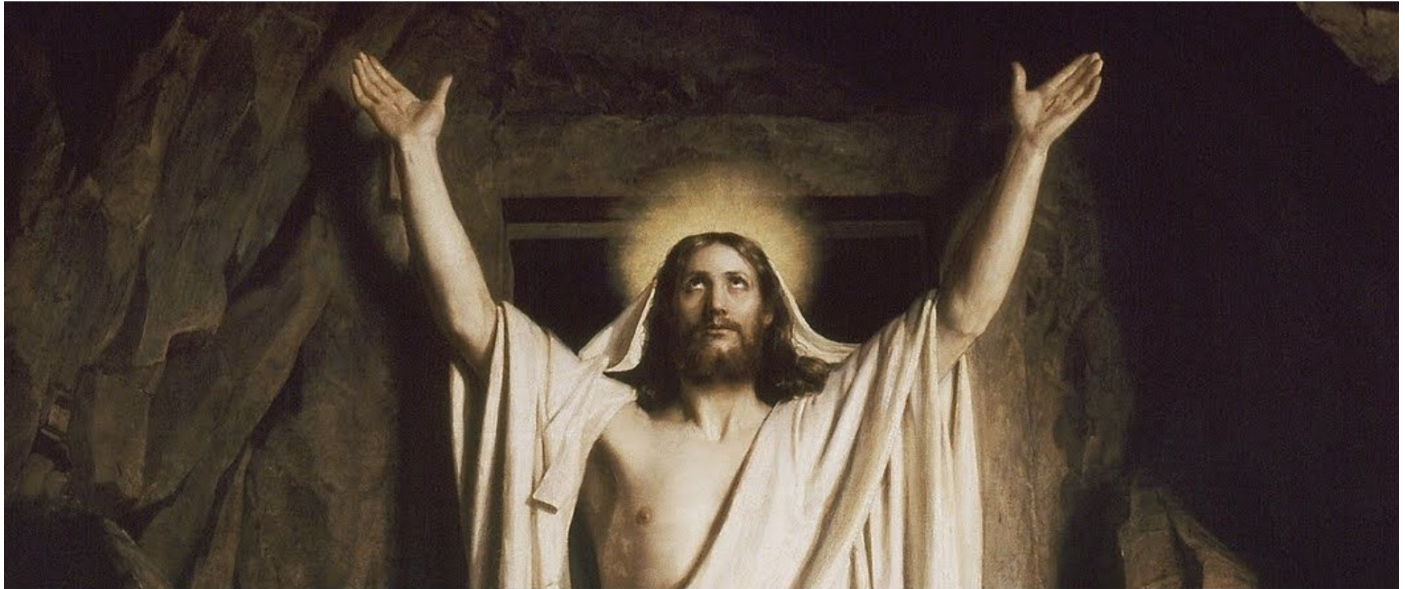
MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

ST. LAURENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WWW.SAINTLAURENCEDELCO.ORG

8245 WEST CHESTER PIKE, UPPER DARBY, PA 19082



MASS SCHEDULE/ HORARIO DE MISAS

Monday – Saturday
8:30AM

Último martes del mes/
Last Tuesday of the month
6:30PM en Español

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del sábado
4:30PM
7:00PM en Español

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/Adoración del Santísimo
Sacramento

Saturday 3:15-4:15PM

Wednesdays 9:30AM - 7:00PM

Confessions/Confesiones

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

OUR SACRED PURPOSE

The purpose of St. Laurence parish is to be a home where everyone knows the loving embrace of God their Father. We use our cultural diversity and our faith in God's providence to motivate and form each other to be Missionary Disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to love and serve one another.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office & Mailing Address: 30 St. Laurence Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Phone: 610-449-0600 FAX: 610-449-4299

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

Phone: 610-789-2670 FAX: 484-452-6271

Principal: Sr. Regina Matulka, IHM

Website: www.saintlaurence.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

HORA SANTA EN ESPAÑOL

Miércoles, 7:00 - 9:00PM, Iglesia

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

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

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

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

ADORATION EVERY WEDNESDAY

Remember that we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays 9:00AM to 7:00PM. Come experience the peace that only God can give!

MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

Altar Servers: Father Anthony, 610-449-0600 ext. 213 or franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Lectors: Maureen Carey, 610-608-8158, mecarey52@yahoo.com

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

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

Church Environment Coordinator: Diane McPartland 610-316-7046 or 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 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

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

Pro-Life Ministry: Joan Mazur, prolife@saintlaurencedelco.org

Knights of Columbus: Tom DeFrusco, 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

Parish Secretary: Claudia Jiménez, 610-449-0600 ext. 212 or claudia@saintlaurencedelco.org

Hospitality Minister & Safe Environment

Coordinator: Meg Orr, 610-449-0600, ext. 210 or mego@saintlaurencedelco.org

Welcoming & Hospitality Minister: Mia Cardenas, 610-449-0600, ext. 216 or mia@saintlaurencedelco.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD**

7:30AM English
8:30AM Español
10:45AM English
12:15PM English

MONDAY, APRIL 1

8:30AM Paul Curran

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

8:30AM Nestel Family (L)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8:30AM Nestel Family (L)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

8:30AM George Hamilton

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

8:30AM Memorial Fund Enrollees

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:30AM John McGoohan (44th Anniversary)
4:30PM Nicholas & Patricia Cangil
7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

7:30AM Sue Connelly
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Yen Van Nguyen
12:15PM Pro Popolo

(L) denotes living

**Unbound Freedom in
Christ Conference at
St. Laurence Parish**

**Friday, April 26, 2024 -
Saturday, April 27, 2024**



PARISH NEWS

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

COLLECTION FIGURES for SUNDAY, MARCH 24
were not available at the time of publication. They
will be available in next week's bulletin.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Jim Leitz, Michael Campuzano, Susan Meehan, Kathleen Gallagher, Robert Hartman, Mary Lou Carey, and Helen Glowacki. Also pray for those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, and substance abuse.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of the faithfully departed, especially Michael Nicholas Scogna and Nadine Stumm:

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.

ST. LAURENCE ELDER CARE PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,

Father Tom and I are excited to have the opportunity to start an elder care program at St. Laurence, and for me to work with you! The elder care program provides social work services at no charge to older adults (60+ years of age), their support people, and the community at large. Care management includes: assessment of needs; development of a care plan detailing options to meet those needs, and follow-up phone calls and visits. Information & referral transpires via phone to the community at large to provide needed resource information. Core services include: needs assessments, social/emotional support, coordination of services, information/referrals, and advocacy.

Wishing you a blessed and happy Easter,
Jennifer Rose 610-449-0600, ext. 234
jrose@chs-adphila.org

**COFFEE & DONUTS
Sunday, April 7**

Please join your fellow parishioners for fellowship and treats after all Masses in the Parish Hall! Make new friends and catch up with longtime friends!

ANUNCIOS



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! ¡Celebre nuestra nueva Vida!
Feliz temporada de Pascua a todos.

- No hay clases el lunes 1 de abril.
- Martes 2 de abril comienzan los uniformes de verano.
- ¡Soles on Fire, nuestra recaudación de fondos escolar anual, ya está en marcha! Patrocine a un estudiante o deje su donación en las mesas el próximo domingo en la entrada principal de la iglesia.

Muchas gracias por tu ayuda. Estamos agradecidos.
¡Que tengas una hermosa semana!
Dios los bendiga.

UN CAMINO DE ESPERANZA – RETIRO BILINGÜE PARA PADRES CON HIJOS CON DISCAPACIDADES Y SUS HIJOS



Únase a nosotros:

el sábado 13 de abril
Escuela parroquial de San
Carlos Borromeo
1731 Hulme Road en Bensalem

para un retiro bilingüe que incluirá sesiones para adultos y actividades para todos los niños. El monseñor Joseph Shields será nuestro predicador principal del retiro acompañado por la Hermana Mimi DePaul, IHM.

Los niños con síndrome de Down, autismo, sordera/deficiencia auditiva, ceguera/deficiencia visual, discapacidad intelectual, discapacidad de aprendizaje, discapacidad conductual, discapacidad ortopédica, discapacidad del habla o ADHD (por sus siglas en inglés) son bienvenidos.

Aunque la asistencia es gratuita, aceptamos donaciones voluntarias para el retiro. Le rogamos que inscriba a su familia en línea antes del 5 de abril en www.opdarchphilly.org o llame al 215-587-0500 para inglés o al 215-667-2820 para español.

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Se ofrecerá una oportunidad especial para la confesión el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, 7 de abril. Los horarios específicos se anunciarán en Flocknote esta semana.



PRESENTANDO EL PROGRAMA DE CUIDADO DE ANCIANOS DE SAN LORENZO

Queridos feligreses,
El Padre Tom y yo estamos entusiasmados de tener la oportunidad de iniciar un programa de cuidado de personas mayores en San Lorenzo y de poder trabajar con usted. El programa de atención a personas mayores brinda servicios de trabajo social sin costo para adultos mayores (mayores de 60 años), sus personas de apoyo y la comunidad en general. La gestión de la atención incluye: una evaluación de las necesidades; desarrollo de un plan de atención que detalla opciones para satisfacer esas necesidades, y; Seguimiento de llamadas telefónicas y visitas. La información y referencias se transmiten por teléfono a la comunidad en general para proporcionar la información de recursos necesaria. Los servicios básicos incluyen: evaluaciones de necesidades; apoyo social/emocional; coordinación de servicios; información y referencias, y; Abogacía. Deseándoles una bendecida y feliz Pascua.

Jennifer Rose, 610-449-0600, ext. 234
jrose@chs-adphila.org

CAFÉ Y DONAS

¡Únase a sus compañeros feligreses para disfrutar de compañerismo y delicias después de todas las Misas el domingo 7 de abril en el Salón Parroquial! ¡Haz nuevos amigos y ponte al día con amigos de toda la vida!



FROM OUR PASTOR

EXCERPT FROM: WHAT EASTER MEANS

BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON



In first century Judaism, there were many views concerning what happened to people after they died. Following a very venerable tradition, some said that death was the end, that the dead simply returned to the dust of the earth from which they came. Others maintained that the righteous dead would rise at the close of the age. Still others thought that the souls of the just went to live with God after the demise of their bodies. There were even some who believed in a kind of reincarnation.

What is particularly fascinating about the accounts of Jesus' resurrection is that none of these familiar frameworks of understanding is invoked. The first witnesses maintain that the same Jesus who had been brutally and unmistakably put to death and buried was, through the power of God, alive again. He was not vaguely "with God," nor had his soul escaped from his body; nor had he risen in a purely symbolic or metaphorical sense. He, Jeshoua from Nazareth, the friend whom they knew, was alive again. What was expected for all the righteous dead at the end of time had happened, in time, to this one particular man, to this Jesus. It was the very novelty of the event that gave such energy and verve to the first Christian proclamation. On practically every page of the New Testament, we find a grab-you-by-the-lapels quality, for the early Christians were not trading in bland spiritual abstractions or moral bromides. They were trying to tell the whole world that something so new and astounding had happened that nothing would ever again be the same.

[...] As C.S. Lewis keenly observed, those who think the resurrection story is a myth haven't read many myths. Mythic literature deals in ahistorical archetypes, and thus it tends to speak of things that happened "once upon a time" or "in a galaxy far, far away." But the Gospels don't use that sort of language. In describing the resurrection, they mention particular places like Judea and Jerusalem, and they specify that the event took place when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of the region, and they name distinct individuals—Peter, John, Thomas, etc.—who encountered Jesus after he rose from the dead. Moreover, no one dies defending mythic claims. The myths of Greece, Rome, and Egypt are powerful and illuminating indeed, but there are no martyrs to Zeus or Dionysus or Osiris. But practically all of the first heralds of the resurrection went to their deaths defending the truth of their message.

Yet assuming the resurrection is true, what does it *mean*? It means, first, that the customary manner in which we understand the relationship between order and violence—from the Epic of Gilgamesh to "Game of Thrones"—has to be rethought. On the standard *Realpolitik* reading of things, order comes about through the violent imposition of strength. And if that order is lost or compromised, it must be restored through answering violence. In Jesus' time, the great

principle of order was the Empire of Rome, which maintained its hold through the exertions of its massive army and through the imposition of harsh punishment on those who opposed its purposes. The most terrible and fearsome of these punishments was, of course, the cross, a particularly brutal mode of torture that was purposely carried out in public so as to have greatest deterrent effect. It was precisely on one of these Roman crosses that Jesus of Nazareth was put to death, having been betrayed and abandoned by his friends and condemned by a corrupt tribunal of collaborators.

When the risen Jesus presented himself alive to his disciples, they were, we are told, afraid. Their fear might not have been simply a function of their seeing something uncanny; it might have been grounded in the assumption that he was back for vengeance. However, after showing his wounds, the risen Jesus said to his friends, "Shalom," Peace. The teacher who had urged his followers to turn the other cheek and to meet violence with forgiveness exemplified his own teaching in the most vivid way possible. And what he showed, thereby, was that the divine manner of establishing order has nothing to do with violence, retribution, or eye-for-an-eye retaliation. Instead, it has to do with a love which swallows up hate, with a forgiveness which triumphs over aggression. [...]

Secondly, the resurrection means that God has not given up on his creation. According to the well-known account in the book of Genesis, God made the whole array of finite things—sun, moon, planets, stars, animals, plants, things that creep and crawl on the earth—and found it all good, even very good. There is not a hint of dualism or Manichaeism in the Biblical vision, no setting of the spiritual over and against the material. All that God has made reflects some aspect of his goodness, and all created things together constitute a beautiful and tightly-woven tapestry. As the Old Testament lays out the story, human sin made a wreck of God's creation, turning the garden into a desert. But the faithful God kept sending rescue operation after rescue operation: Noah's Ark, the prophets, the Law and the Temple, the people Israel itself. Finally, he sent his only Son, the perfect icon or incarnation of his love. In raising that Son from the dead, God definitively saved and ratified his creation, very much including the material dimension of it (which is why it matters that Jesus was raised bodily from death). Over and again, we have said no to what God has made, but God stubbornly says yes. Inspired by this divine yes, we always have a reason to hope.

Courtesy of *Word on Fire*
aleteia.org/2014/04/20/what-easter-means/

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Celebrate our new Life!
Happy Easter to all.

- There is no school on Monday, April 1.
- Tuesday, April 2 Summer uniforms begin.
- Soles on Fire, our annual school fundraiser, is off and running! Please sponsor a student or drop off your donation at the tables next Sunday in the main entrance to the church.

Thank you so much for your help. We are grateful.
Have a blessed week!

PART-TIME SPANISH TEACHER NEEDED

SLS has need of a part-time Spanish teacher, for Grades 5-8, two days a week, seven 55 minute classes. Qualified applicants need to have: up-to-date clearances, teaching experience, good classroom management, and knowledge of technology. Please call the school and ask to speak with Sister Regina: 610-789-2670.

Call for Vendors! **SLS FLEA MARKET**
SAT., APRIL 13

9:00AM—3:00PM at St. Laurence School
Interested in being a Vendor? Email Sister Regina
at srmatulka@saintlaurence.org or
call 610-789-2670 x315
The cost of a space (one parking spot) is \$25.
Tables are **NOT** provided.

Options to Pay:

- Check made out to St. Laurence School
- Credit Card or Cash accepted at the school

ACADEMIC HONORS

SS Neumann & Goretti High School is pleased to announce that the following student from St. Laurence Parish has achieved Academic Honors for the Second Quarter of the 2023-2024 school year:

Diana Heck ('27)

Second Honors

NOCTURNAL ADORATION OPPORTUNITY

The St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society of Drexel Hill will meet from 7:30PM to 8:30PM on Thursday, April 4 for an hour of adoration in the church. All are welcome to attend.



A PATH OF HOPE – BILINGUAL RETREAT FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Saturday, April 13

St. Charles Borromeo Parish School
1731 Hulme Road, Bensalem

Bilingual retreat includes sessions for adults and activities for all children. Msgr. Joseph Shields will be our retreat leader, accompanied by Sister Mimi DePaul, IHM. Children with Down Syndrome, autism, impairments (deafness/hearing, blindness/vision, orthopedic, speech, ADHD), disabilities (intellectual, learning, behavioral) are all welcome.

While there is no cost to attend, we accept free will donations. Register your family by April 5 at www.opdarchphilly.org or call 215-587-0500 for English or 215-667-2820 for Spanish.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A special opportunity for confession will be offered on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7. Specific times will be announced on Flocknote this week. Jesus promised St. Faustina:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy. Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

Read more about Divine Mercy Sunday:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/graces>