



JANUARY 7, 2024
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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

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

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Upper Darby, PA 19082

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

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

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 Anthony Cardarelli and Renate Meeley. 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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DONATIONS

BLESSED MOTHER SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

ST. JOSEPH SIDE ALTAR CANDLE



Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30AM Kathleen McFarland
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
 10:45AM Yen Van Nguyen
 12:15PM Gene & Evelyn Murphy

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30AM Janice Wilamowski (7th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30AM Mary & Dan Felix

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30AM Michael Kenish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30AM Richard & Margie Cullen

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30AM Anne P., John W. Cullen, Sr., & John W. Cullen, Jr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30AM Rosemarie Nowrey
 4:30PM Honorable Edward J. Zetusky, Jr. & Mary Zetusky

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30AM Pro Populo
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
 10:45AM Jane Cheeseman
 12:15PM

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LINKS TO RE-OPENING WEEKEND EVENTS

St. Laurence Parish is thrilled to share the links to videos of the Re-Opening Mass and Entertainment from the weekend of September 23-24.

We hope you enjoy seeing these for the first time if you were unable to attend, or re-living these memories if you joined in the celebration!

St. Laurence Mass Full: <https://vimeo.com/870839400/861309093e?share=copy>

St. Laurence Short <https://vimeo.com/881729180/2a60f0d4a7?share=copy>

Musical Entertainment Full: <https://vimeo.com/877620176/5074b17cb5?share=copy>

Musical Entertainment Short: <https://vimeo.com/881824473/1e2cc75f8b?share=copy>

PARISH NEWS

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.” Proverbs 19:17

COLLECTION	DEC. 25	DEC. 31
Weekly Offertory	\$	\$ 8,020
On-Line Giving	\$	\$ 680
Christmas Envelope	\$18,683	\$ 3,049
Capital Campaign	\$ 4,535	\$ 16,647
New Years Day		\$ 1,972

MUCH GRATITUDE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

thank you! St. Vincent de Paul members wish to thank all the parishioners/friends of St. Laurence including Father Tom, the Laurentian Senior group, Knights of Columbus, Sister Regina, and Mrs. Campbell, parish staff, the school students and teachers for their generous support and response to our request for food, gift cards, and monetary donations this holiday season. At Christmas we had requests from 56 families with 149 children, and we were able to provide food (over 130 bags), grocery and gift cards to each of them. THANK YOU! Blessings and best wishes for a healthy, joyful 2024!



EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING KITS

Kits are available after Mass this weekend. Please take **only one kit** per family so that all may enjoy this special gift. The chalk and water are blessed and both English and Spanish prayers are included.

UPDATE TO ELECTRONICS DONATION PROGRAM

We will no longer be able to collect PCs, laptops, desktops, etc. for immigrants/refugees at this time, as the program has ended. Thank you to all those who contributed and made a difference in the lives of others!

ANUNCIOS



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

Bendición para todos de parte de la Comunidad Escolar San Lorenzo. Oramos para que la fiesta de la Epifanía bendiga a todos con el don de la buena salud en este nuevo año.

¡Estamos en pleno apogeo este segundo semestre! Mantenga abierto el 17 de enero para nuestra primera cena nocturna de 2024 en McDonald's a las 5:00PM.

La próxima semana tendremos toda la agenda de la semana escolar católica.

Continúe orando mientras nos preparamos para nuestra reacreditación de Middle States en marzo. Dios los bendiga y que tengan una maravillosa semana.

KITS DE BENDICIÓN DEL HOGAR DE EPIFANÍA

Los paquetes de bendición del hogar de Epifanía están disponibles después de la Misa este fin de semana. Por favor lleve solo un paquete por familia para que todos puedan disfrutar de este regalo especial. La tiza y el agua están bendecidos y se incluyen oraciones en inglés y español.

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 "Consagración" 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.

Esta es su última oportunidad para inscribirse en el grupo de Consagración a Jesús por María. Vamos a comenzar el 7 de enero con los videos en mensajes de texto.

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

Los miembros de San Vicente de Paúl desean agradecer a todos los feligreses/amigos de San

Lorenzo, incluido el Padre Tom, el grupo Laurentians, los Caballeros de Colón, la Hermana Regina y la Sra. Campbell, el personal de la parroquia, los estudiantes y maestros de la escuela por su generoso apoyo y respuesta a nuestra solicitud de alimentos, tarjetas de regalo y donaciones monetarias en esta temporada navideña. En Navidad recibimos solicitudes de 56 familias con 149 niños y pudimos proporcionar alimentos (más de 130 bolsas), comestibles y tarjetas de regalo a cada uno de ellos. ¡GRACIAS! Bendiciones y mejores deseos para un feliz y saludable 2024!

Gracias

ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA DE DONACIÓN DE ELECTRÓNICOS

Ya no podremos recolectar PC, portátiles, de escritorio, etc. para inmigrantes/refugiados en este momento, ya que el programa ha finalizado. ¡Gracias a todos aquellos que contribuyeron y marcaron la diferencia en la vida de los demás!

ENLACES A EVENTOS DE FIN DE SEMANA DE REAPERTURA

La parroquia de San Lorenzo se complace en compartir los enlaces a los videos de la misa de reapertura y el entretenimiento del fin de semana del 23 y 24 de septiembre.

¡Esperamos que disfrutes viéndolos por primera vez si no pudiste asistir, o que revivas estos recuerdos si te uniste a la celebración! Misa de San Lorenzo completa:

vimeo.com/870839400/861309093e?share=copy
Cortometraje de San Lorenzo

vimeo.com/881729180/2a60f0d4a7?share=copy
Entretenimiento musical completo:

vimeo.com/877620176/5074b17cb5?share=copy
Corto de entretenimiento musical:

vimeo.com/881824473/1e2cc75f8b?share=copy

FROM OUR PASTOR

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD A HOMILY BY ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA



LET US GIVE HIM GOLD. THE PRECIOUS GOLD WE RECEIVE WHEN IN SPIRIT WE ARE DETACHED FROM MONEY AND MATERIAL GOODS. Let us not forget that these things are good, for they come from God. But the Lord has laid down that we should use them without allowing our hearts to become attached to them, putting them to good use for the benefit of all mankind.

Earthly goods are not bad, but they are debased when man sets them up as idols, when he adores them. They are ennobled when they are converted into instruments for good, for just and charitable Christian undertakings. We cannot seek after material goods as if they were a treasure. Our treasure is here, in a manger. Our treasure is Christ and all our love and desire must be centered on him, “for where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also.”

WE OFFER FRANKINCENSE THAT RISES UP TO THE LORD: OUR DESIRE TO LIVE A NOBLE LIFE THAT GIVES OFF THE “AROMA OF CHRIST.” To impregnate our words and actions with his aroma is to sow understanding and friendship. We should accompany others so that no one is left, or can feel, abandoned. Our charity has to be affectionate, full of human warmth.

That is what Jesus Christ teaches us. Mankind awaited the coming of the Savior for centuries. The prophets had announced his coming in a thousand ways. Even in the farthest corners of the earth, where a great part of God’s revelation to men was perhaps lost through sin or ignorance, the longing for God, the desire to be redeemed, had been kept alive.

When the fullness of time comes, no philosophical genius, no Plato or Socrates appears to fulfill the mission of redemption. Nor does a powerful conqueror, another Alexander, take over the earth. Instead a child is born in Bethlehem. He it is who is to redeem the world. But before he speaks he loves with deeds. It is no magic formula he brings, because he knows that the salvation he offers must pass through human hearts. What does he first do? He laughs and cries and sleeps defenseless, as a baby, though he is God incarnate. And he does this so that we may fall in love with him, so that we may learn to take him in our arms.

We realize once again that this is what Christianity is all about. If a Christian does not love with deeds, he has failed as a Christian, besides failing as a person. You cannot think of others as if they were digits, or rungs on a ladder on which you can rise, or a multitude to be harangued or humiliated, praised or despised, according to circumstances. Be mindful of what others are — and first of all those who are at your side: children of God, with all the dignity that marvelous title entails.

We have to behave as God’s children toward all God’s sons and daughters. Our love has to be a dedicated love, practiced every day and made up of a thousand little details of understanding, hidden sacrifice and unnoticed self-giving. This is the “aroma of Christ” that made those who lived among our first brothers in the faith exclaim: See how they love one another!

TOGETHER WITH THE MAGI WE ALSO OFFER MYRRH, THE SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE THAT CAN NEVER BE LACKING IN A CHRISTIAN LIFE. Myrrh reminds us of the passion of our Lord. On the cross he is offered wine mingled with myrrh. And it was with myrrh that his body was anointed for burial. But do not think that to meditate on the need for sacrifice and mortification means to add a note of sadness to this joyful feast we celebrate today.

Mortification is not pessimism or bitterness. Mortification is useless without charity. That is why we must seek mortifications that, while helping us develop a proper dominion over the things of this earth, do not mortify those who live with us. A Christian has no warrant to act as torturer, nor should he allow himself to be treated as a feeble wretch. A Christian is a man who knows how to love with deeds and to prove his love on the touchstone of suffering.

But, I must remind you, mortification does not usually consist of great renunciations, for situations requiring great self-denial seldom occur. Mortification is made up of small conquests, such as smiling at those who annoy us, denying the body some superfluous fancy, getting accustomed to listening to others, making full use of the time God allots us... and so many other details. We find it in the apparently trifling problems, difficulties and worries that arise without our looking for them in the course of each day.

The three kings had their star. We have Mary, Star of the Sea, Star of the East. We say to her today: Holy Mary, Star of the Sea, Morning Star, help your children. Our zeal for souls must know no frontiers, for no one is excluded from Christ’s love. The three kings were the first among the gentiles to be called. But once the redemption had been accomplished, “there is neither male nor female” — there is no discrimination of any type — “for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

We Christians cannot exclude anyone; we cannot segregate or classify souls. “Many will come from the East and West.” All find a place in Christ’s heart. His arms, as we admire him again in the manger, are those of a child; but they are the same arms that will be extended on the cross drawing all men to himself.

Excerpt from catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/meditation-on-the-epiphany/

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

Blessing to all from the St. Laurence School Community. We pray that the feast of the Epiphany blesses all with the gift of good health in this new year.

We are in full swing this second semester! Please keep January 17 open for our first dine out night of 2024 at McDonald's at 5:00PM.

Next week, we will have the entire agenda for Catholics school week.

Please continue to pray as we prepare for our Middle States Reaccreditation in March.

God bless you and have a wonderful week.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office for Black Catholics is sponsoring an interfaith prayer service on Sunday, January 14 at:

St. Katharine Drexel Church

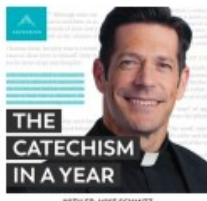
1920 Providence Ave., Chester, PA

2:30PM—Prelude 3:00PM— Prayer Service

Understand Your Catholic Faith with The Catechism in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded



DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life group meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center building is located behind the school.

Upcoming event: National March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB

Catholic men and women ages 52-67 are cordially invited to join the Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests and dine together usually once every three weeks. Our next scheduled event is on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 5:15PM, a B.Y.O.B restaurant event at:

Masami Japanese Hibachi Restaurant
1260 Township Line Rd., Drexel Hill, PA

For more info, call Barb (please do not text) at 610-896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

JANUARY: THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has associated entire months to special devotions. The devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus has been traditionally associated with the month of January, due to its celebration on January 3. The name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The Holy Name is all-powerful because of the Person who bears it; we honor it because of the command of Christ, that we should pray in His Name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians: ". . . at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil. 2:10). By means of this devotion we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name.

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