



DECEMBER 3, 2023
FIRST 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

Phone: 610-449-0600

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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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In Residence: Rev. Anthony Raymundo

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

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Upper Darby, PA 19082

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Principal:

Sr. Regina Matulka, IHM

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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

HORA SANTA EN ESPAÑOL

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 Eric Keffer. 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 Helen McManus. 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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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

Frank Cunningham by Dora



ST. JOSEPH SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Mary & William Ambrosine
by Angelina Saggiama

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

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Our Faith Online

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30AM Pro Populo
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Ralph D'Ambrosio
12:15PM Frank Cunningham

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30AM Mary A. Salotto

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30AM Denise DeFino

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30AM Patty Lutz (5th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:30AM Alice Becker
5:30PM VIGIL Richard E. Venuti (2nd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30AM Anna Cappelletti
12:00 NOON Hugh Boyce & Pro Populo
7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30AM Mary A. Salotto
4:30PM Denise DeFino

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30AM Pro Populo
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Hugh & Susan McGee
12:15PM Mary Cullen

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, DECEMBER 8

For this holy day of obligation, Mass will be offered:

Thursday, December 7 - 5:30PM Vigil Mass (English)

December 8 - Mass (English) at 8:30AM & 12 Noon

December 8 - Mass (Spanish) at 7:00PM

ST. LAURENCE CHURCH RENOVATION DRAWING

First Prize \$5,000 Second Prize \$1,000

3rd Prize: \$500 4th - 7th Prizes: \$250

Donation \$5 or 5/\$20

Drawing to be held Dec. 16, 2023 in the Parish Hall.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to continue renovating our church! Tickets are available after Mass at the main entrance of the church.

PARISH NEWS

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

COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 26

Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,228
On-Line Giving	\$ 1,395
Capital Campaign	\$ 5,786
Thanksgiving Day	\$ 2,165



Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:30 PM Mass

You are cordially invited to welcome Archbishop Pérez as he celebrates Mass in English and Spanish and consecrates our church and the renovated altar.

This is a special, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

There will be a reception in our parish hall after Mass.

All are welcome!

BOYS PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY CLASS

Boys in grades 8-12 are invited to attend a weekly class on Prayer and Spirituality, led by Archdiocesan priests and deacons, including our own Fr. Anthony Albanese and Fr. Anthony Raymundo! Classes are Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00PM at St. Francis of Assisi parish library. Boys can join anytime during the year. There is no cost, no preparation, no homework or tests! If your son is interested, email Bob and Carol Cardie at cbcardie@gmail.com. You can view topics for discussion on the following website (more topics will be added for the second semester):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nSc1lzn440I-RMnIXcDKSOfRdrfst8VT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109186988252712656508&rtpof=true&sd=true>

St. Francis of Assisi, 136 Saxer Ave, Springfield, PA



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

El tiempo santo de Adviento ha comenzado en la Comunidad Escolar San Lorenzo. Todas las clases realizarán actividades en sus clases individuales. La escuela en su conjunto celebrará todos los lunes juntos durante el Adviento. Nos reuniremos para encender la vela de la corona de Adviento en el pasillo del primer piso durante una ceremonia especial. También comenzaremos a rezar la Novena navideña de San Andrés durante las semanas de Adviento.

- ¡Reserva! El 19 de diciembre es el desfile navideño de nuestra escuela. Más información la próxima semana.
- Recuerde sacar un sobre del Árbol de Donaciones en la entrada principal de la Iglesia. Devuelva los sobres antes del 17 de diciembre con sus tarjetas de regalo o donación en la caja de regalo especial al lado del Árbol de Donaciones .
- ¡Un visitante especial vendrá el 6 de diciembre para ayudarnos a celebrar la fiesta de San Nicolás!

Dios los bendiga mientras preparan sus corazones para la Natividad.

INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE MARÍA VIERNES 8 DE DICIEMBRE

Para este día santo de precepto se ofrecerá Misa:
Jueves 7 de diciembre - Misa de Vigilia a las 5:30PM (inglés)

8 de diciembre - Misa (inglés) a las 8:30AM y 12 del mediodía

8 de diciembre - Misa (español) a las 7:00PM

LA RIFA de RENOVACIÓN de la IGLESIA de SAN LORENZO

Primer Premio \$5.000 Segundo Premio \$1.000

3^{er} premio: \$500 4^{to} - 7^{mo} premios: \$250

Donación \$5 o 5/\$20

La rifa se realizará el 16 de diciembre en el Salón Parroquial de San Lorenzo.

¡Tienes que jugar para ganar!

¡Gracias por apoyar nuestros esfuerzos para continuar renovando nuestra iglesia! Los boletos están disponibles después de la Misa en la entrada principal de la iglesia.



ANUNCIOS

NOVENA y FIESTA de NUESTRA SEÑORA de GUADALUPE

A partir del 2 de diciembre, nuestra comunidad hispana inició una novena de oración previa a la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

El 12 de diciembre a las 5:00AM se ofrecerá una serenata a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe seguida por una misa en español a las 6:00AM. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!



AYUDA A QUE SEA UNA FELIZ NAVIDAD

El pasado Día de Acción de Gracias, con la generosidad de nuestros feligreses, nuestra conferencia de San Vicente de Paúl pudo proporcionar más de 100 bolsas de alimentos a más de 50 familias, junto con una tarjeta de supermercado y pavos a quienes querían uno, varios de los cuales fueron donados por la escuela. ¡Más sinceras gracias a todos!

La Navidad se acerca rápidamente. El sábado 16 de diciembre por la mañana, SVDP realizará nuestra distribución navideña. Solicitamos que cualquier reposición de alimentos (mantequilla de maní, gelatina, salsa para pasta, papas instantáneas, carnes enlatadas, atún) y las tarjetas de regalo del árbol de Adviento se entreguen ANTES del martes 12 de diciembre. Necesitamos tiempo para clasificar los alimentos y preparar los sobres. ¡Por supuesto, cualquier donación monetaria sería muy apreciada!

Bendiciones y gracias a todos!

ACTUALIZACIÓN de la BASE de DATOS de SAN LORENZO

Nos gustaría darle la bienvenida a nuestra nueva empleada parroquial, Mia Cardenas. Mia y otras personas van a llamarlo para verificar que nuestra base de datos parroquial tenga la información más actualizada para cada feligrés. Si no se siente cómodo hablando de esta información por teléfono, puede venir a la oficina en persona. ¡Gracias de antemano!

FROM OUR PASTOR

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: A FAMILY ACTIVITY



The Advent wreath probably has its origins in the customs of pre-Christian Germanic people, who used wreaths with lit candles during December in anticipation of the light of the coming spring. Eastern European Christians kept the tradition alive, and, by the 16th century, Advent wreaths were used to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.



You will need a Bible and four candles to celebrate this blessing.

Before your family has gathered for the blessing, select one of the following Scripture passages to be read during the blessing: Isaiah 11:1-4, 61:1-2; Mark 1:1-8; James 5:7-10; or Philippians 4:4-7. Have someone volunteer to read the passage.

Place the Advent wreath on a table and have your family gather around it. Lower the light level in the room to create an appropriate atmosphere for the blessing. Place the four candles (symbolizing the four weeks of Advent) on the table and light a single candle for the first week of Advent. Have someone lead your family in the following prayer.

Leader:

This week we begin the season of Advent, when the days grow short and darkness closes in. We are preparing to celebrate at Christmas the birth of Jesus, who is the light of the world. Let's spend some quiet time being aware of the darkness and longing for the light.

(Pause a few moments and then pray the Sign of the Cross.)

Leader:

Lord God, bless this wreath and bless us as well. May this wreath remind us of the hope and joy that Jesus brings into the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

Leader:

Advent means "arrival." In the season of Advent, the church prepares to celebrate the coming of Jesus. We recall the past, celebrate the present, and look to the future with hope. We prepare to celebrate not only the birth of Jesus but also his presence in our family. We wait for the return of the Lord at the end of time when all hopes will be fulfilled. We await the coming of the light that will shine in the darkness, shining light on our path to peace.

Reader:

A reading from [name of book in Bible].
(Reader reads selected passage.)

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

All:

Amen.

(Pray the Lord's Prayer.)

www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/about-advent/advent-links-to-explore-and-share/blessing-an-advent-wreath/



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

The St. Laurence School Community has begun celebrating the holy season of Advent. All classes will be conducting activities in their individual classes. The school as a whole will celebrate each Monday together during Advent. We will come together to light the advent wreath candle in the first floor hallway during a special ceremony. We will also pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena during Advent.

- Save the date! December 19 is our school's Christmas pageant. More information to come next week.
- Please remember to take an envelope off the Giving Tree in the main entrance of the Church. Please return the envelopes with your gift cards or donation by December 17 in the special gift box beside the Giving Tree.
- A special visitor will be coming on December 6 to help us celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas!

God bless you as you prepare your hearts for the Nativity.

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN NEEDED

Saint Laurence School is looking for a part-time librarian. Flexible hours to meet with classes, catalog, and shelve books. Clearances are needed. If interested, please call the school and ask for Sister Regina, 610-789-2670.

COFFEE & DONUTS THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER ALL MASSES

Please enjoy fellowship and delicious treats with our parish family!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DINNER

On the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, Tuesday, December 12, please join us for dinner at 6:00PM at the Paxon Hollow Country Club in Broomall. Your only cost is any donation to St. Pius X Respect Life. We celebrate Mass at St. Pius X Church at 5:00PM. Priests, nuns, children, and senior citizens are always free! Mark Houck will be our main speaker. For reservations, call John Williamson's office at 610-446-5600 or email jpw0077@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with the Archbishop at Mother of Divine Providence Parish, King of Prussia on Monday, December 4, for the *2023 Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all the priests of the Archdiocese:



*Lord our God, who in governing your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant to these men a persevering obedience to
your will, so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

EVERY LIFE
cherished • chosen • sent

MONTHLY DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly pro-life meeting on Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00PM at St. Francis of Assisi Rectory in Springfield. Entrance is from the parking lot down the outside steps.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

HELP SVDP MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The generosity of our parishioners provided over 100 bags of food to 50+ families, along with a grocery card and turkeys to those who wanted one - several of which were donated by the school. Sincerest thanks to all!

Christmas is rapidly approaching. On Saturday morning, December 16, St. Vincent de Paul will be doing its Christmas distribution. Please drop off any food replenishments (peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, canned meats, tuna) and Advent tree gift cards by Tuesday, December 12. We need time to sort food and prepare envelopes. Of course, any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated!

Blessings and thanks to all!