



JANUARY 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

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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 Francis Pirrotta, Juliet Mannello, 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.

DONATIONS

BLESSED MOTHER'S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

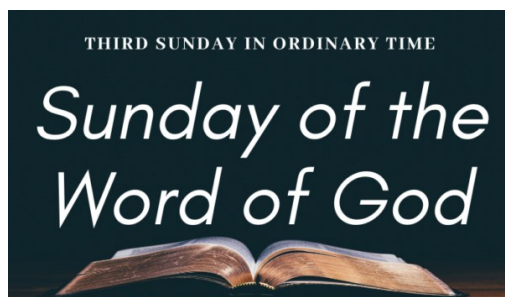
Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

ST. JOSEPH'S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish



MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

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

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Lectors: Maureen Carey, 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:

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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

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Director of Hispanic Social Outreach: 610-306-7370

Hna. Dominica Lo Bianco, OSF

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PARISH STAFF

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

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Hospitality Minister & Safe Environment

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

7:30AM Frank & Gertrude Molling
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Pro Populo
12:15PM St. Laurence Contributors to
Renovation Fundraisers

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF
UNBORN CHILDREN**

8:30AM For an End to Legal Abortion

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30AM All Monks at Holy Cross Abbey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, RELIGIOUS
FOUNDER, & DOCTOR**

8:30AM Joseph Boyce

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE

8:30AM Priests of Diocese of Wilmington

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS, BISHOPS

8:30AM John Gormley

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30AM Francis Nugent

4:30PM Evelyn Curran

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Pro Populo
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Catholic Schools Week
12:15PM Sean Cawley (22nd Anniversary)

THE ST. LAURENCE CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Our choir is looking for new members. If you enjoy singing and can blend your voice with others we would be glad to have you! Members of the choir will be in the main entrance to the church after Mass the weekend of January 20/21 to answer any questions you might have about the choir. We hope you will consider joining our joyful and prayerful group. Contact Margie Kane at 610-446-4072 or cantormargiek@gmail.com.

“When you sing, you pray twice.” St. Augustine

PARISH NEWS

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

COLLECTION	JAN. 14
Weekly Offertory	\$ 8,740
On-Line Giving	\$ 772
Capital Campaign	\$ 5,951
Christmas Envelope	\$ 1,010

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CHESTER COUNTY MARCH FOR LIFE

Sunday, January 21 at 2:30PM

The Chester County Pro-Life Coalition will sponsor their Annual Chester County March for Life. Start at St. Agnes Catholic Church (233 W. Gay St., West Chester) and march to the Historic Courthouse at Market & High Street for a short program of prayer and song. Refreshments following at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

CALLING ALL TEENS!
7TH - 12 GRADE

**DELCO YOUNG DISCIPLES
KICK-OFF!**

January 21, 2024
4pm Youth Mass at St. Charles Borromeo
5:30-7pm: Dinner & Fellowship
All are welcome!

QR CODE | CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE | DELCO YOUNG DISCIPLES



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO

Hna. Regina Matulka

¡Ha llegado el invierno y estamos orando para que todos se mantengan calientes!

- Esta es una semana muy especial en la Escuela San Lorenzo, ya que nuestros alumnos de tercer grado recibirán el Sacramento de la Reconciliación por primera vez el jueves por la noche a las 7:00PM. Por favor, manténgalos en sus oraciones.
- Nuestros maestros y personal continúan trabajando diligentemente en la preparación para nuestra visita a Middle States. Por favor mantenlos en tus oraciones.

Que tengas una bendecida semana.

MARCHA POR LA VIDA DEL CONDADO DE CHESTER

Domingo 21 de enero a las 2:30PM, La Coalición Pro-Vida del Condado de Chester patrocinará su Marcha Anual por la Vida del Condado de Chester. Comience en la Iglesia Católica Santa Inés (233 W. Gay St., West Chester) y marche hasta el Palacio de Justicia Histórico en Market & High Street para un breve programa de oración y canto. A continuación habrá refrigerios en el Salón de los Caballeros de Colón.

ENERO: EL SANTO NOMBRE DE JESÚS

Desde el siglo XVI la piedad católica ha asociado meses enteros a devociones especiales. La devoción al Santo Nombre de Jesús ha sido asociada tradicionalmente al mes de enero. El nombre Jesús fue dado al Santo Niño por mandato de Dios (Lucas 1:31). El Santo Nombre es todopoderoso gracias a la Persona que lo porta; lo honramos por el mandato de Cristo de que oremos en Su Nombre y porque nos recuerda todas las bendiciones que recibimos a través de nuestro Santo Redentor. Por eso San Pablo pudo escribir a los Filipenses: "... al nombre de Jesús se doble toda rodilla en el cielo, en la tierra y debajo de la tierra" (Fil. 2, 10). Por medio de esta devoción también reparamos el uso indebido del Santo Nombre. catholicculture.org

ANUNCIOS

FONDO DE BECAS DE ESPAÑA

En agosto de 2006, Dios inició un Fondo de Becas en Español a través de una madre que quería transferir a su hijo, Brian, a la Escuela Católica St. Barnabas en Filadelfia. Cuando más madres buscaban trasladar a sus hijos nació el Fondo Español de Becas. Este año, el fondo ayudará a más de 500 niños hispanos a un costo de más de \$520,000. Puede ayudar a estos niños y recuperar el 90 % de su donación a través de créditos fiscales de Pennsylvania.

Para obtener información, llame al 610-389-8536. ¡Gracias!

SEMANA DE LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS

28 de enero - 2 de febrero
Unidos en Fe y Comunidad

Domingo: Celebre nuestra Diversidad

Jornada de puertas abiertas después de la misa
en español de las 8:30AM

10:45AM Misa de apertura

Jornada de puertas abiertas 11:30AM a 1:00PM
La Feria del Libro comienza y continúa toda la semana

Lunes: Celebra nuestra Fe

Colecta de mantequilla de maní y jalea
Concurso de Religión en la mañana Grados 1-4
(cafetería)

Concurso de Religión 1:00PM Grados 5-8

Martes: Celebra nuestra Comunidad

Día de Carrera Grados 5-8

Día de los abuelos para PreK - Grado 4

Miércoles: Celebra a nuestros Estudiantes

PM - Bingo para toda la escuela

Día de vestimenta informal para estudiantes

7:00PM Concierto de banda

Jueves: Celebramos nuestras Vocaciones

Presentaciones Vocacionales Virtuales
Hermanas y sacerdotes de SLS hablarán a los niños sobre las vocaciones

13:00-13:30 Intercambio de profesores

Viernes: Celebre a nuestros Profesores y Personal

12:00 Mediodía Salida

Desayuno para profesores patrocinado por H&S

Misa escolar 9:30AM y procesión de Candelaria

Concurso de cuestionarios para profesores y estudiantes

FROM OUR PASTOR

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: RADICAL SOLIDARITY



In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: *“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another”* (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church’s entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: “Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.” As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for “to love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it.”

Fulfilling Christ’s command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity “is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new *opportunities* and new *responsibilities* to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called “choice,” but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: *“In firmly rejecting ‘pro-choice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro woman,’ promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone.”*

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, “she is even capable of heroism.” Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to

address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity “refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*.” A culture of radical solidarity “gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.” We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, “What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?”

Inspired by Christ’s own example of love, may we “enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep.” May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

To learn more about the call to radical solidarity — including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community — visit respectlife.org/radical-solidarity.

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Today is also The Word of God Sunday. May I suggest reading Scripture at least one or two times a week for 10-15 minutes? See what God might be saying to you!

Fr. Tom

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

Winter has arrived, and we're praying that everyone is keeping warm!

- This is a very special week at St. Laurence School as our third graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday evening at 7:00PM. Please keep them in your prayers as they experience this healing sacrament.
- Our teachers and staff continue to work diligently at preparing for our Middle States visit. Please keep them in your prayers.

Have a blessed week!

SPANISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In August 2006, God began a Spanish Scholarship Fund through a mother who wanted to transfer her son, Brian, to St. Barnabas Catholic School in Philadelphia. When more mothers sought to transfer their children, the Spanish Scholarship Fund was born. This year, the fund will help 500+ Hispanic children. You can help these children and get 90% of your donation returned through PA tax credits. For information, call 610-389-8536.

SUPPORTING THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES

Saturday, January 27, 2024 9:15AM-2:30PM

It is estimated that one in five adults in the U.S. lives with a mental illness (anxiety, depression, bipolar, OCD, etc.) Among children and teens, the numbers are increasing dramatically. This means that every parish and church institution - and many families - have members who struggle in this way, and often in silence. This workshop is designed to give parish leaders, as well as family members and friends, practical tools to help you support those who experience mental health struggles. Speaker: Dave Eckert, M.Div., CPRP

St. Cecilia Parish Auditorium

535 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111

For more info, visit archphila.org/support.

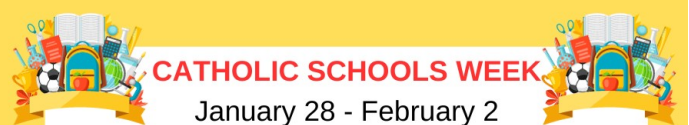
MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER TONIGHT!

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, at 5:15PM**, a B.Y.O.B restaurant event at:

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

For more information call Barb (please do not text) at 610-896-6542.

Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 28 - February 2

United in Faith & Community

Sunday: Celebrate our Diversity

Open House following 8:30AM Spanish Mass

10:45AM Opening Mass led by students

Open House 11:30AM-1:00PM

Book Fair begins & continues all week

Monday: Celebrate our Faith

Student Council Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

Religion Bee in AM Grades 1-4 (cafeteria)

Religion Bee 1:00PM Grades 5-8

Tuesday: Celebrate our Community

Career Day grades 5-8

Grandparent Day for PreK - Grade 4

Wednesday: Celebrate our Students

PM - All School Bingo

Students Dress Down Day

7:00PM Band Concert

Thursday: Celebrate our Vocations

Virtual Vocation Presentations in classrooms

SLS sisters and priests will speak to the children about vocations

1:00PM-1:30PM Teacher Swap

Friday: Celebrate our Faculty and Staff

12:00 Noon Dismissal

Breakfast for faculty sponsored by H&S

School Mass 9:30AM & Candlemas procession

Faculty & Students Quizo Competition