



APRIL 14, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# 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

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

### ROSARIO Y CLASE BÍBLICA

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](http://www.saintlaurencedelco.org)

## DONATIONS

### BLESSED MOTHER'S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

### ST. JOSEPH'S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Joseph Saggiomo by Angelina

### 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](mailto:franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Cantors:** Margie Kane, Music Director, 610-446-4072 or [cantormargiek@gmail.com](mailto:cantormargiek@gmail.com)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Lectors:** Maureen Carey, 610-608-8158, [mecarey52@yahoo.com](mailto:mecarey52@yahoo.com)

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

**Sanctuary Society & Social Committee:** Cathleen Albertus, 610-789-8792 or [walber33@verizon.net](mailto:walber33@verizon.net)

**Church Environment Coordinator:** Diane McPartland 610-316-7046 or [mcpartland@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Finance Council:** Joan Mazur, 484-433-0022

**Pastoral Council:** Harry Dietzler, 484-557-0201

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**Prayer Group:** Terri Howell, 484-454-5655 or [howellterri457@gmail.com](mailto:howellterri457@gmail.com)

**Pro-Life Ministry:** Joan Mazur, [prolife@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:prolife@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Knights of Columbus:** Tom DeFruscio, [tommyd55@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:henry@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Parish Secretary:** Claudia Jiménez, 610-449-0600 ext. 212 or [claudia@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:claudia@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Hospitality Minister & Safe Environment**

**Coordinator:** Meg Orr, 610-449-0600, ext. 210 or [mego@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:mego@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**Welcoming & Hospitality Minister:** Mia Cardenas, 610-449-0600, ext. 216 or [mia@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:mia@saintlaurencedelco.org)

# MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30AM Pro Populo  
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
10:45AM Hugh V. McGee & Mary Clifford  
12:15PM Kathleen "Kitty" Lynch

**MONDAY, APRIL 15**

8:30AM Kathleen Clifford

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

8:30AM Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill (L)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

8:30AM Daniel J. Stickney, Jr.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

8:30AM Tom Chenoweth

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

8:30AM Thomas J. Mullen

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

8:30AM Tim Gillner  
4:30PM Michael Abel  
7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30AM Anne Fitzpatrick  
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
10:45AM Ron Shtofman  
12:15PM Pro Populo

**(L) denotes living**

## VACCINE CLINIC

Bethel AME Church in Ardmore will host a clinic offering the following vaccines: updated COVID-19; Flu; TDAP; Shingles; Pneumonia, and; RSV on **Sunday, April 14 and the evening of Tuesday, April 30**. Advanced registration is strongly encouraged; email [bethelardmore@verizon.net](mailto:bethelardmore@verizon.net) or call (610) 642-8966.

## PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REBATES

Let me know if you would like assistance in completing your property tax or rent rebate application. The income guidelines for renters and property owners have gone up significantly, as has the rebate amount. Contact me to learn if you qualify for a rebate.

Jennifer Rose 610-449-0600, ext. 234  
[jrose@chs-adphila.org](mailto:jrose@chs-adphila.org)

# PARISH NEWS

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

OFFERTORY	APRIL 7
Offertory	\$ 8,578
Online	\$ 1,107
Easter envelopes	\$ 305
Capital Campaign	\$ 5,363

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of the faithfully departed, especially Mary Lou Carey and Kathleen A. Dougherty :

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.

### BABY SHOWER FOR MOTHERS' HOME — APRIL 21

St. Laurence Pro-Life Committee will hold a Baby Shower for Mothers' Home, 51 N. MacDade Blvd., Darby, PA 19023. Please put donated items from the list below in the bins in the narthex (main entrance) of the church on April 21. Our parish has supported the Mothers' Home since its founding in 1991. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Wish List:** Toilet paper, paper towels, new bed pillows/pillow cases (standard size), women's deodorant, Dove soap (bars or liquid), paper plates, disposable eating utensils & cups, Clorox bleach, Clorox/Lysol wipes, dish detergent, Tide laundry detergent (scented), Dreft detergent, unscented baby wipes, diapers – sizes 3, 4, 5, 6. New baby clothes, baby formula. Gift cards – Uber, Amazon, Giant, Target. (Please no blankets or sheets for babies or mothers. They're not needed at this time.)

### Don't forget FORMED!

St. Laurence Parish is pleased to provide a free subscription to FORMED. Go to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org).

# ANUNCIOS



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

Esta es la semana que estábamos esperando: ¡Soles on Fire! El desafío se llevará a cabo el viernes 19 de abril en el patio de nuestra escuela. Los niños de todos los grados enfrentarán muchos desafíos para recaudar fondos para nuestra escuela. Haga una donación para esta noble causa donando a un niño o entregando su donación en la oficina de nuestra escuela. Estaremos en la torre de la iglesia el domingo 14 de abril para aceptar donaciones y los estudiantes también estarán allí para conseguir patrocinadores. Gracias por tu apoyo. El sábado 20 de abril los niños de nuestra parroquia estarán recibiendo su Primera Comunión. Por favor mantengan a nuestros comulgantes en sus oraciones. Dios los bendiga en este día tan especial. Que tengas una hermosa semana.

### BABY SHOWER PARA CASA DE MADRES

El 21 de abril de 2024, el Comité Pro-Vida de San Lorenzo tendrá un Baby Shower en el Hogar de Madres, 51 N. MacDade Blvd., Darby, PA 19023. Deje los artículos donados de la lista sugerida a continuación en los contenedores del Tower el 21 de abril. Nuestra parroquia ha apoyado el Hogar de Madres desde su fundación en 1991. Gracias por su generosidad.

**Artículos de la lista de deseos:** papel higiénico, toallas de papel, nuevas almohadas de cama para madres (estándar), fundas de almohadas (tamaño estándar), desodorante para mujeres, jabón Dove (barras y líquido), platos de papel, utensilios para comer desechables, vasos desechables, lejía Clorox, Toallitas Clorox o Lysol, detergente para platos, detergente para ropa Tide (perfumado), detergente Dreft para bebés, toallitas húmedas para bebés sin perfume, pañales (tallas 3, 4, 5, 6), ropa nueva para bebés, y formula para bebé. Tarjetas de regalo: Uber, Amazon, Giant, Target. (No se permiten mantas ni sábanas para bebés o madres, por favor. Ya tienen suficientes de estas).



## Peregrinación Eucarística NACIONAL

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**Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia**

**30 de mayo al  
3 de junio**



### LA PEREGRINACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA NACIONAL PASARA POR LA ARCHIDIÓCESIS DE FILADELFIA del 30 de mayo al 3 de junio

Tengamos la oportunidad de acoger y adorar a Jesús en la Santísima Eucaristía cuando la Peregrinación Eucarística Nacional pase por la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia entre el 30 de mayo y el 3 de junio. Todos están invitados a unirse a la peregrinación durante las muchas paradas que harán en nuestras parroquias. Para conocer el horario completo de oportunidades para la oración, procesiones y otros eventos eucarísticos, visite: [phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage)

### LIDERANDO UN GRUPO DE ESTUDIO TRANSFORMADOR

Este taller es para cualquier persona que actualmente lidera un grupo pequeño de estudio o quiere empezar a liderar uno. Exploraremos el poder de los grupos pequeños para lograr la transformación de los corazones. También aprenderá importantes habilidades como facilitador, tales como cultivar conversaciones interesantes, mantener su grupo dentro del tema principal de la conversación, el establecimiento de directrices y cómo manejar diferentes personalidades.

¿Preguntas? Contactar a Paola Herrera  
a [pherrera@archphila.org](mailto:pherrera@archphila.org)

Sábado, mayo 18 – 9 a 12 del mediodía  
Centro Pastoral de la Arquidiócesis, Filadelfia

# FROM OUR PASTOR

EXCERPT FROM: THE RESURRECTION AND THE GOSPELS:

APOSTOLIC EYEWITNESSES

by Sister Anna Marie McGuan



The readings during the Easter Season, especially during the octave of Easter, the eight days from Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday, go through several apparitions of the risen and glorified Jesus to his apostles and disciples. There are several different stories, and not all of them appear in all the Gospels. This may lead one to question their veracity: Why didn't the Gospel writers share the same stories? Why did some talk about Jesus' Resurrection appearances in detail, like John, and some almost not at all, like Mark? Do such discrepancies mean that the Resurrection is a falsehood?

Quite the contrary, actually. The diversity of the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection attests more strongly to their authenticity. The reasoning goes like this: if the Gospel writers were going to make up the Resurrection of Jesus or if the Apostles taught a made-up doctrine to the first Christians, they would have been united in their story. It would have been something rehearsed, perhaps even memorized, among the Apostles and evangelists. Instead, each Gospel writer offers a unique perspective. As Craig Blomberg, author of *The Historical Reliability of the New Testament*, writes: "... [T]he fact that the four writers each include enough unique material to their narratives, while overall clearly narrating the same event, suggests a greater degree of literary independence ... decreasing the likelihood of collusion" (B&H Academic, 2016). In other words, the Gospel writers each had a way to tell the great story of Jesus. [...]

One of those essentials is that the new humanity of the risen Jesus was different than before. The Resurrection seemed so unbelievable that Jesus himself had to convince his Apostles time and again that it was really he who was in their midst. That is why he ate with them, even cooked for them, and invited St. Thomas the Apostle to touch His wounds. Thomas' exclamation has echoed down the ages in the Church as the quintessential act of faith in the risen Jesus: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28).

In fact, the Apostles were absolutely certain that the Jesus who appeared to them was the same Jesus who had died on Good Friday. His humanity was changed, but he was the same person. Only God could do such a thing, could create such a new reality. That is the message that the Apostles proclaimed from the very beginning when they preached. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "Christ's apostles knew that they were called by God as 'ministers of a

new covenant,' 'servants of God,' 'ambassadors for Christ,' 'servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God'" (No. 859). Their relentless witnessing to Jesus, which was inspired by the Holy Spirit and mandated by Jesus himself, got them into trouble time and again, but they did not stop. They and their followers were arrested by the Jewish authorities and sometimes killed. If they were not executed by the Jews, then they were killed by the Roman government. Both St. Peter and St. Paul, for example, were martyred in Rome. The only apostle who did not suffer martyrdom was St. John, the beloved disciple, although he did endure torments and exile. They went to their deaths proclaiming the reality of Jesus's resurrection from the dead and salvation for all people through him. Before they died, the Apostles ensured that the life and person of Jesus would continue to be preached and that the sacraments would be celebrated. [...]

In John, Jesus breathes on the disciples, imparting to them the Holy Spirit: "'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (Jn 20:21-23). As the Catechism states: "Thus the risen Christ, by giving the Holy Spirit to the apostles, entrusted to them his power of sanctifying: they became sacramental signs of Christ. By the power of the same Holy Spirit they entrusted this power to their successors" (No. 1087). The apostles made sure that their authority would not die with them. Since it came from Jesus himself, it was meant to be a part of Jesus' Church forever.

The Holy Spirit pushed the Apostles out and into the world, to preach and teach people about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Forgiveness of sins was offered in Jesus' name, and the Apostles had the authority to teach that and to offer that forgiveness to each and every person. They were impelled to share the Gospel, to freely give away what they had received. They passed on that apostolic mission to their successors and, in this way, empowered the Church of all times to make disciples of all nations.

[simplycatholic.com/the-resurrection-and-the-gospels-apostolic-eyewitnesses/](https://simplycatholic.com/the-resurrection-and-the-gospels-apostolic-eyewitnesses/)



**UNBOUND FREEDOM IN CHRIST**  
**CONFERENCE AT ST. LAURENCE PARISH**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 - SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**

**REGISTER NOW**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

This is the week we have been waiting for: Soles on Fire! The challenge takes place on Friday, April 19 in our back schoolyard. Children in all grades will be facing many challenges to raise money for our school. Please make a donation for this worthy cause by donating to a child or dropping off your donation to our school office. We will be in the tower of the church on Sunday, April 14 to accept donations and students will be there as well to get sponsors. Thank you for your support.

On Saturday April 20, the children of our parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Please keep our Communicants in your prayers. God bless them on this very special day.

Have a beautiful week.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Give blood. Help save lives.



St. Laurence School Cafeteria  
8245 West Chester Pike  
Upper Darby, PA 19082  
Sunday, May 12  
9:00AM-2:00PM



### YOUNG DISCIPLES YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY DINNER WITH JESUS

- **APRIL 21 - ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE**  
\*The What, Why and How of Adoring our Lord
- **MAY 19 - ST. CHARLES BORROMEO**  
\*How to Equip Yourself for Spiritual Warfare
- **JUNE 9 - ST. LAURENCE, UPPER DARBY**  
\*Arise Youth Event

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL THE DETAILS AND  
TO JOIN US IN SERVICE:

[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/VIEW/DELCO-  
YOUNG-DISCIPLES/HOME](https://sites.google.com/view/delco-young-disciples/home)



### WALKS FOR LIFE!

**Saturday, April 20:** benefits Amnion Pregnancy Care Medical Center in Drexel Hill, at Ridley Creek State Park Pavilion 11, 9:00AM check-in, 10:00AM start. For info and registration, see [friendsofamnion.org](http://friendsofamnion.org).

**Saturday, April 27:** benefits the Delaware County Pregnancy Center in Chester, at Chester Park. 9:00AM check-in, contact Holly at [holly@dpcpcchester.org](mailto:holly@dpcpcchester.org) to register.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

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**Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

**May 30 to  
June 3**



### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE PASSES THROUGH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

**May 30-June 3**

We will have the opportunity to welcome and adore Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage passes through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia between May 30 and June 3. All are invited to join in the pilgrimage as it makes stops at many of our parishes. For the full schedule of opportunities for prayer, processions and other Eucharistic events, visit:

[phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage).

### PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR STREETS

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia opens its doors every Sunday from 5:30-6:30PM for anyone to come and pray that the Lord will come to our aid, bring an end to violence, and restore us with His peace.