



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

# 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

## 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

## 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

### ULTRELLA - CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD

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.

**PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of all the faithfully departed, especially Maria Cavaliere. 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.

### PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

*O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King.*

*All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows.*

*I renounce Satan, his pomp, and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian.*

*And, in particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church.*

*Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe.*

Amen



## MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

**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)

**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, [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

**Men's Group:** Harry Dietzler, 484-557-0201

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

**Pro-Life Ministry:** Barbara DiLossi, 610-209-5822 or [murrayb378@gmail.com](mailto:murrayb378@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus:** Tom DeFrusco, [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

## DONATIONS

### BLESSED MOTHER SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Anna & Anthony Cugini  
by Family

### ST. JOSEPH SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Deceased Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

### ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

### SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30AM Sr. Maureen Cecilia, IHM  
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
 10:45AM The Benny & Varghese Families  
 12:15PM Pro Populo

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30AM Mary Daly

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30AM Herb & Kay O'Donnell

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30AM Gertrude Magowan

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:30AM Memorial Fund Enrollees

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:30AM Rosalie Cardarelli (L)

4:30PM Anna Holland

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

**(L) denotes living**

### THE CATHOLIC PARENT: FREE ON FORMED!

The Catholic Parent is a video series created for Catholic parents by Catholic parents! Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, the short episodes in this stunning video series feature real Catholic parents sharing their struggles and victories. The Catholic families featured reflect the rich diversity of families in the Church: large and small, families with young children and older children, single-parent families. This supports every Catholic family in its unique faith journey.

As St. Laurence parishioners, you have free access to FORMED! Enjoy this series.



# PARISH NEWS

*Each person should give as much as he has decided in his heart, not with reluctance or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

COLLECTION	NOVEMBER 19
Weekly Offertory	\$ 8,687
On-Line Giving	\$ 610
Capital Campaign	\$ 6,127

### SAINT LAURENCE CHURCH RENOVATION DRAWING

First Prize \$5,000      Second Prize \$1,000  
 3rd Prize: \$500      4th - 7th Prizes: \$250  
**Donation \$5 or 5/\$20**

The drawing will be held December 16, 2023  
 in St. Laurence Parish Hall.

You have to play to win! Thank you for supporting our efforts to continue renovating our church!  
 Tickets are available after Mass in the Tower.

### HELP SVDP MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS

This past Thanksgiving, with the generosity of our parishioners, our St. Vincent de Paul conference was able to provide 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, SVDP will be doing our Christmas distribution. We ask that any food replenishments (peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, canned meats, tuna) and Advent tree gift cards be dropped off 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!

### UPDATING THE ST. LAURENCE DATABASE

We would like to welcome our newest parish employee, Mia Cardenas. One of her duties will be verifying that our parish database has the most up to date information for us all, so Mia and others may call you to verify the information we have on file. If you're uncomfortable discussing this information on the phone, you're welcome to come by the office in person. Thanks in advance!



## PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO

Hna. Regina Matulka

- ¡El Día de Acción de Gracias ya llegó y se fue! Esta semana el Árbol de Navidad estará en la entrada principal de la iglesia. Tome un sobre del árbol y devuélvalo con una tarjeta de regalo antes del domingo 10 de diciembre a la caja de regalo en la entrada de la iglesia. Todas las tarjetas de regalo se distribuirán a las familias necesitadas de la parroquia el domingo 17 de diciembre. Luego, las familias podrán hacer compras para sus hijos. Gracias por su apoyo a este regalo tan especial para los niños de esta parroquia.
- En la escuela comenzamos nuestra celebración de la corona de Adviento cada lunes de Adviento. Mientras nos preparamos para la venida del Niño Jesús, aquí en la escuela ofrecemos nuestras oraciones y sacrificios por todas las personas de la Comunidad San Lorenzo y sus intenciones especiales.

Gracias y que Dios los bendiga con una hermosa temporada de Adviento.

### CABALLEROS DE COLÓN CONSEJO DE LA TRINIDAD #3132 VENTA DE LA TEMPORADA NAVIDEÑA



Los artículos destacados por 2023 son los famosos Capt'n Chucky crab cakes, crab balls, sopa de cangrejo rojo de Maryland, salsa marinara de cangrejo, raviolos de cangrejo y raviolos de langosta.

Debido a que esta es una época del año de alta demanda, solo se pueden aceptar pedidos **pagados por adelantado**.

Venderemos pedidos en las Misas hasta el 3 de diciembre. La recogida será el fin de semana del 9 al 10 de diciembre en la cafetería después de todas las Misas. Los precios son de \$12 a \$75.

Efectivo o cheque al momento o pedido a nombre de:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Trinity Council #3132  
Envíe los cheques por correo a KOC #3132,  
2 N. Carol Blvd, Upper Darby, PA 19082.

Los formularios de pedido están disponibles en las puertas de la iglesia. ¡Gracias!

# ANUNCIOS

## 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 pueden 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

## JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE ROMAN CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



*The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is, but the kingdom of God is within us (cf Luke 17:20-21), for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart (cf Deuteronomy 30:14).* Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it may grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him, Christ reigns, according to the words: *We shall come to him and make our home with him (cf John 14:23).*

Thus the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle's words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his *kingdom to God the Father (cf 1 Corinthians 15:24), that God may be all in all (1 Corinthians 15:28).* Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: *Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come (Matthew 6:10).*

Note this too about the kingdom of God. It is not a *sharing of justice with iniquity, nor a society of light with darkness, nor a meeting of Christ with Belial (cf 2 Corinthians 6:14-15).* The kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin.

Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way *should sin reign in our mortal body (cf Romans 6:12); rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth (cf Colossians 3:5)* and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with His Christ. In us, the Lord will sit at

the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become *his footstool (cf Hebrews 10:13),* and every principality, power, and virtue in us is cast out.

All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: *O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? (1 Corinthians 15:55)* And so, what is *corruptible* in us must be clothed in holiness and *incorruptibility (cf 1 Corinthians 15:54);* and what is *mortal* must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father's *immortality.* Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection.

<https://catholicexchange.com/jesus-christ-king-universe/>



*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!

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

Thanksgiving is here and gone already!

- This week the Christmas Giving Tree makes its debut in the church tower. Please take an envelope from the tree and return it with a gift card by Sunday, December 10 to the gift box in the tower. All gift cards will be distributed to the parish families in need on Sunday, December 17. The families will then be able to shop for their children. Thank you for your support of this very special gift giving for the children of this parish.
- We have our Advent wreath celebration each Monday in Advent. As we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child, here at school we offer our prayers and sacrifices for all the people of the St. Laurence Community and their special intentions.

Thank you and God bless you with a beautiful Advent season.

**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.



**PERMANENT DIACONATE  
INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Delaware and Chester Counties  
December 4 7:00PM  
Sts. Simon & Jude Parish  
8 Cavanaugh Ct., West Chester, PA 19382

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

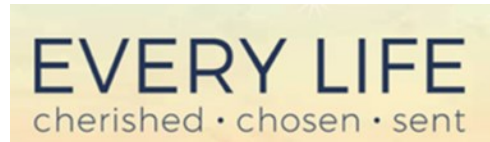
**MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)**

Catholic men and women are cordially invited to join The Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests and dine together usually twice a month. Our next scheduled event is on Sunday, December 3 (with a backup bad weather date of Sunday, December 10), at 5:15PM at

Jin Ding Chinese Restaurant

1051 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

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



**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.

Your prayers and suggestions are welcome.

*Jesus, protect and save the unborn.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLIDAY  
SEASON CRAB CAKE SALE**

2023 featured items: **Capt'n Chucky's** Famous Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes, Crab Balls, Red Maryland Crab Soup, Crab Marinara Gravy, Crab Ravioli, & Lobster Ravioli. **Only pre-paid orders** can be accepted.



We will be selling orders at Masses **through December 3**. Pickup will be the weekend of December 9-10 in the cafeteria after all Masses.

Cash or check at time of order made out to:

Knights of Columbus Trinity Council #3132

Mail checks & order form to

KOC #3132, 2 N. Carol Blvd,

Upper Darby, PA 19082

**Order forms are available by the church doors.**

Thank you!