



MAY 5, 2024
SIXTH 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

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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

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Sr. Regina Matulka, IHM

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PARISH STAFF

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MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

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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

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 - 9:00PM, Iglesia

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

Tercer jueves de cada mes, 6:30PM, Rectoría



ADORATION THIS WEDNESDAY

Due to the 5:30PM Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension, the **Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 5:15PM.**

SHARE THE NEWS & EVENTS AT ST. LAURENCE

If you have an announcement that you would like to place in an upcoming bulletin, please submit any content 10-12 days before the issue date. Content may be edited or omitted based on space limitations. Submit content to: bulletin@saintlaurencedelco.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 5

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30AM Robert Acton
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
 10:45AM Yen Van Nguyen
 12:15PM Rosemary Kiely

MONDAY, MAY 6

8:30AM Charles & Marie Hill

TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:30AM Ethel Flynn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

8:30AM John Alesandro
 5:30PM Rosemary Kiely

THURSDAY, MAY 9

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

8:30AM Pro Populo
 12NOON Catherine Murphy
 7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:30AM Benjamin "Benny" Petronsky

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:30AM Nadine Venuti
 4:30PM Pro Populo
 7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

SUNDAY, MAY 12

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30AM Mother's Day Mass Intentions
 8:30AM Intenciones de Misa del Día de la Madre
 10:45AM Mother's Day Mass Intentions
 12:15PM Mother's Day Mass Intentions

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PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Jim Leitz. 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 Joan Brandolini and Alice Corvaglia.

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 NEWS

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY	APRIL 28
Offertory	\$ 8,421
Online	\$ 932
Capital Campaign	\$ 7,057

COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 5

Please join other parishioners for fellowship and treats after all Masses in the Parish Hall!

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

This week, we have the gift of attending Mass to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord, a holy day of obligation. Mass times are:

Wednesday Vigil Mass, May 8, 5:30PM
 Thurs., May 9, 8:30AM, 12NOON, 7:00PM in Spanish.



UPCOMING MARIAN EVENTS

Saturday, May 11, 12 noon: PUBLIC SQUARE

ROSARY RALLY in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at the St. Laurence Church grotto. Rain or shine. Bring your lawn chairs and umbrellas.

Monday, May 13: MAY PROCESSION will follow the daily 8:30AM Mass. Our school children be in attendance.

ELDERCARE

NEW SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE

Catholic Housing and Community Services newest building is now accepting applications in preparation for opening. It is for people 62+ years of age and is in the Eastwick section of Philadelphia (Island Ave.). Contact me for information and an application.

PAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

COSA is co-sponsoring a chronic pain self-management program online. Components of the evidence-based program include: learning exercises to improve strength, flexibility, and endurance; using medications effectively, and; nutrition. This free program is for people 60+ years of age and will be held on Zoom for six consecutive weeks starting May 9. Register by calling 610-499-1937 or emailing: williamse@co.delaware.pa.us

Jennifer Rose -610-449-0600, ext. 234

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ANUNCIOS



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

Esta semana es ¡Celebraremos y honraremos a nuestros maestros esta semana por la Semana Nacional de Agradecimiento a los Maestros! No habrá clases el jueves mientras celebramos la Solemnidad de la Ascensión.

Felicitaciones a nuestros niños que hicieron su Primera Comunión el 4 de mayo y a aquellos niños que hoy reciben la Eucaristía por primera vez en la Misa de las 12:00PM.

¡La primavera está aquí y todas las mujeres necesitan un bolso nuevo! Únase a nosotros para el Bingo de bolsos de diseñador el viernes 10 de mayo a las 7:00PM. Ven a pasar una noche agradable con amigas. Te veo allí.

Dios los bendiga a todos con una hermosa semana.

BOLSA DE BINGO VIERNES 10 DE MAYO

Únase a San Lorenzo Casa & Escuela para una divertida noche de bingo con bolsas. Habrá premios en puerta, rifa de canastas y rifa 50/50. Este evento es BYOB/BYOF.

Puertas abiertas a las 6:00PM.

Primer partido a las 7:00PM.

\$30 por adelantado hasta el 6 de mayo

\$35 en puerta (solo efectivo)

Los cheques se pueden hacer a nombre de St. Laurence Home & School.

Cashapp \$78meech **Venmo** Michelle-ODonnell-7
Salón Parroquial de San Lorenzo

Cualquier duda contacta con casa y escuela al:
slshomeandschool@gmail.com

CAFÉ Y DONAS HOY, el 5 de MAYO

¡Únase a sus compañeros feligreses para disfrutar de compañerismo y delicias después de todas las Misas el domingo 5 de mayo en el Salón Parroquial! ¡Haz nuevos amigos y ponte al día con amigos de toda la vida!

ASCENSIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR

Esta semana, tenemos el regalo de asistir a Misa para celebrar la Ascensión de Nuestro Señor, un día santo de precepto. Muchos horarios de Misa están disponibles para su conveniencia:

Vigilia del miércoles: 5:30PM

Jueves 9 de mayo:

8:30AM, 12 del mediodía, 7:00PM en español

PEREGRINACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA NACIONAL

DOMINGO 2 DE JUNIO 7:00PM

Tendremos la oportunidad especial de recibir y adorar a Jesús en la Santísima Eucaristía a las 7:00PM el domingo 2 de junio en la Iglesia San Lorenzo como parte de la Peregrinación Eucarística Nacional. Habrá adoración y testimonios. Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros.

Para conocer el calendario completo de oportunidades para oración, procesiones y otros eventos eucarísticos, visite:

phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage

PROGRAMA CUIDADOS

¡Los programas PreK y CARES de Escuela San Lorenzo ahora tienen licencia! El primer beneficio para ustedes como padres, si cumplen con los requisitos, es ayuda para pagar los costos de cuidado infantil. Debe presentar la solicitud en el condado donde vive. Puede conectarse en línea para completar la solicitud en www.compass.state.pa.us. Nos quedan dos meses de escuela, le animo a que presente su solicitud hoy para recibir asistencia durante el resto de este año.

El ELRC, Centro de Recursos de Aprendizaje Temprano, determinará si usted es elegible. Si necesita ayuda para completar la solicitud, comuníquese con ELRC al 610-713-2115.

¿Está interesado en bautizar a su hijo en San Lorenzo? Por favor llame a la rectoría a Claudia Jiménez, 610-449-0600 ext. 212 o envíele un correo electrónico a claudia@saintlaurencedelco.org

FROM OUR PASTOR

THE CRITICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A MASTER

by Fr. Gaetano Piccolo



“Two that walk together are, in fact, more able both to think and to act.”

– Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, book VIII

Long ago Aristotle had already recognized that friendship was often based on mutual self-interest, while in other cases it could be based on the simple pleasure of being together, yet these types of friendship didn't last. On rare occasions, however, a friendship was founded on the Good, that is, on the desire to give oneself freely to the other and on a shared value.

Thus it shouldn't surprise us that true friendship is becoming more and more rare. We live in a culture based on self-interest and the desire for possessions. Meanwhile, friendship requires the willingness to give something of oneself with no guarantee of getting anything in return.

In the times of Aristotle, and also those of Jesus, the difference between the friend and the slave was more clear and obvious. Today, however, many forms of slavery are dressed up in the appearance of love and many slaves and masters have chosen each other.

Sometimes we think that in order to be in a relationship, we must change. It's true that in some circumstances it is important to adapt but some people spend their entire lives thinking that the only way to be in a relationship is to be a servant. The other person is always the master who must be gratified and must not be disappointed.

One can live as the servant of his wife or of her husband, but also a servant of one's parents, one's friends, even of neighbors and acquaintances. If we find ourselves often saying things like “whatever you want to do,” “as you wish,” or “I don't want to disappoint you” we are probably dwelling in the marketplace of affection.

The person that lives out their life as a servant often does so out of insecurity. His or her low self-esteem makes them think that they don't have the right to be loved freely. The servant must earn his bread as well as any love he wishes to receive. The servant lives in fear of being sent away. In the same way, anyone in a relationship of servitude is always afraid of being abandoned.

Servants and masters are both driven by fear: the servant fears losing the crumbs that give meaning to his or her day while the master fears being abandoned.

These roles can last a lifetime if the servant never claims his dignity and his right to be loved.

The friend however, since antiquity, has been the symbol of a healthy relationship. The friend is the person who never makes me feel indebted. The friend does not measure his or her love.

No matter how many types of relationships we come across, the friend is always the model of a healthy relationship.

C.S. Lewis said that a friendship is born when one person says to the other “What! You too? I thought I was the only one!...”

The servant and the master see each other as adversaries. The friend, on the other hand, sees something of himself in his friends. Discovering a friend means discovering something of oneself. For this reason, friendship helps us grow in our own self-knowledge.

To give one's life for a master means bowing one's life to an inevitable destiny. The masters in our lives are various ideologies we could come under the influence of or the demands of our own needs. These masters strip us of our dignity all the while making us believe that they are doing us a favor.

Jesus frees us from the risk of living out our relationship with God in the way that slaves love their master. He invites us into a relationship of friendship and not one of servitude. God is not a master but rather longs to respond to our desire, which He Himself placed in us, to feel loved and wanted. God is not an idea that we enslave ourselves to; God is the relationship in which we feel loved.

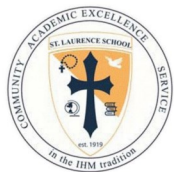
The friend and the servant express two ways to be in relation.

If we want to escape from a relationship, perhaps it's because we feel that the other is not a friend but a master. When what we feel towards another is friendship, we long to remain. At the beginning of John's Gospel, the disciples stayed with Jesus on the day they met him, but later the circumstances of life led them to escape from that relationship. It's not insignificant that the word to stay, to remain, appears again at the end of the Gospel of Luke: “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening...” The disciples have discovered the friend par excellence and ask him to stay. This desire is the sign that their relationship with God has returned to health; it is a healed relationship.

Jesus does not simply ask us to love each other, but to love each other as He has loved us. If we were to look for the model of love in one another, we would continue to hurt each other. But we can seek to live out this love between us from a place beyond us: it is Jesus that teaches us how to live in friendship. Without Jesus, we would continue to measure our love for others in a downward spiral that can only lead to the destruction of our relationships.

<https://catholic-link.org/the-critical-difference-between-a-friend-and-a-master-sunday-gospel-reflection/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

We will celebrate and honor our teachers this week for National Teacher Appreciation Week!

Thursday there is **no school** as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension.

Congratulations to our children who made their First Holy Communion on May 4 and to those children who are receiving the Eucharist today for the first time at the 12:00PM Mass.

Spring is here, and all the ladies need a new handbag! Please join us for designer Bag Bingo on Friday, May 10 at 7:00PM. Come have an enjoyable night with friends. See you there.

God bless all with a beautiful week.

CARES PROGRAM

Saint Laurence School Pre-K and CARES programs are now licensed! The first benefit to you as parents, if you meet the requirements, is help in paying your child care costs. You can complete the application online at www.compass.state.pa.us. You can apply to receive assistance for the remainder of this year. Contact the ELRC at 610-713-2115 for help.



American
Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Laurence Parish Hall
Sunday, May 12 9:00AM-2:00PM

BAG BINGO

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Join St. Laurence Home & School for a fun night of bag bingo in the Parish Hall. Door prizes, raffle baskets and 50/50 raffle! This event is BYOB/BYOF.

Doors open at 6PM First game at 7PM

\$30 in advance **by May 6.**

\$35 at the door (Cash only).

Make checks out to St. Laurence Home & School.

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Any questions, please contact Home & School at:

slshomeandschool@gmail.com

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

If you would like your mother remembered in the **Mother's Day Mass Intentions on May 12**, please fill out the Mother's Day Remembrance donation envelope (included in the monthly envelope mailing) and bring it to the Parish Office. Your mothers will be prayed for during all the Masses.



YOUNG DISCIPLES YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY DINNER WITH JESUS

May 19 — ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

How to Equip Yourself for Spiritual Warfare

<https://sites.google.com/view/delco-young-disciples/home>

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-68)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join The Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests and dine together once or twice a month. Our next scheduled event is today, Sunday, May 5 at 5:15PM:

Masami Hibachi Japanese Steak House

1260 Township Line Rd. Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Call (please do not text) Barb 610-896-6542.

Catholic men are encouraged to participate. You must join the club in order to attend our events.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 7:00PM

We will have the special opportunity to welcome and adore Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist at 7:00PM Sunday, June 2 in **St. Laurence Church** as part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. There will be adoration and testimonies. All are invited to join us.

For the full schedule of opportunities for prayer, processions and other Eucharistic events, visit:

phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage.

May 30 to
June 3

