



FEBRUARY 25, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

# 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

### ULTRELLA - CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD

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

Martin & Mary Stanton by the Family

### ST. JOSEPH'S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

### 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 [religiously@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:religiously@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:** Joan Mazur, [prolife@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:prolife@saintlaurencedelco.org)

**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

## 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, FEBRUARY 25**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30AM Robert Voight  
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
10:45AM Nadine & Richard Venuti, Jr.  
12:15PM Pro Populo

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

8:30AM Thomas Higgins

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

8:30AM Thomas & Margaret Murphy  
6:30PM Misa Comunitaria

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

8:30AM Msgr. David Diamond (L)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

8:30AM Michael Nardozi (L)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

8:30AM Memorial Fund Enrollees

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

8:30AM Bob Burns (13th Anniversary)  
4:30PM John & Rita Burke  
7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30AM Pro Populo  
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
10:45AM Fr. Tom Whittingham (L)  
12:15PM Carmela DeSimone

**(L) denotes living**

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for Michael Scogna, Helen Glowacki, Stephen Taggart, and Renate Meeley. Also pray for all those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, substance abuse.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of the faithfully departed, especially William Dougherty and Carmen Martella.

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.

## COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join your fellow parishioners for fellowship and treats after all Masses on **Sunday, March 3rd** in the Parish Hall!  
Make new friends and catch up with longtime friends!



# PARISH NEWS

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

COLLECTION	FEB. 18	ASH WED.
Offertory	\$ 7,814	\$ 4,307
On-Line Giving	\$ 618	
Capital Campaign	\$ 5,173	
Daily Mass Offerings during Lent		\$ 235

## EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia rejoices that three of her priests have been chosen by Christ and named by our Holy Father to be elevated to the dignity of the episcopal office:

*Bishop-elect Keith J. Chylinski*

*Bishop-elect Christopher R. Cooke*

*Bishop-elect Efren V. Esmilla*

A special holy hour of intercession for the bishops-elect will be offered on March 6, 2024 at 7:30PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and is open to the public. All are invited to attend. At the Ordination Mass on March 7, seating in the Cathedral is by invitation only, given space limitations. All are encouraged to participate in the Mass via livestream that day.

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 2:00PM

<https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN CRAB CAKE SALE

We are selling orders at Masses now through March 3. Pickup will be in the cafeteria after all Masses on the weekend of March 9-10.

**Only pre-paid orders** can be accepted.

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 at the church doors.**

# ANUNCIOS



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

- Un gran agradecimiento a nuestra comunidad por apoyar nuestra noche de cena en Pica. Las ganancias que recibimos de esto y de todas nuestras cenas fuera de casa se destinan a nuestro programa de aulas de baile de quinto grado. ¡GRACIAS!
- Ore por todos nuestros profesores y personal mientras continuamos trabajando para lograr nuestra reacreditación en Middle States.
- Próximamente: la recaudación de fondos Soles on Fire para nuestra escuela. ¡Más información la próxima semana!

Gracias y Dios te bendiga por todo lo que haces. Que tengas una semana maravillosa mientras nos preparamos para la Pascua.

### VENTA de CUARESMA de CABALLEROS de COLÓN



Artículos destacados de 2024:

Crab cakes (paquetes de 4, 6 o 12),  
Raviolis de cangrejo o langosta, Sopa de cangrejo,  
Salsa marinara de cangrejo, Crab balls

Estamos vendiendo pedidos en las Misas hasta el 3 de marzo. La recogida será el fin de semana del 9 al 10 de marzo en la cafetería después de todas las Misas. Debido a que esta es una época del año de gran demanda, solo se pueden aceptar pedidos pagados por adelantado.

Efectivo o cheque al momento del pedido a nombre de:

Consejo Trinidad de Caballeros de Colón #3132

Envíe los cheques y el formulario de pedido a  
KOC # 3132, 2 N. Carol Blvd,  
Upper Darby, PA 19082

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



## LA CUARESMA

*Oración - Ayuno - Penitencia*

### MARCA TUS CALENDARIOS: CUARESMA 2024 VÍA CRUCIS

7:00PM miércoles - Vía Crucis en español

7:00PM viernes - Vía Crucis en inglés

#### CONFESIONES

3:00 - 4:15PM sábados, **excepto** Sábado Santo

1:30 y 7:30PM, hasta completar las filas,

martes 12 de marzo

9:00 - 10:00AM Sábado Santo, 30 de marzo, **no**

**hay** confesiones a las 3:00PM el sábado santo.

### CAFÉ Y DONAS

¡Únase a sus compañeros feligreses para disfrutar del compañerismo y las delicias después de todas las Misas el domingo 3 de marzo en el Salón Social Parroquial!

### ¡GRACIAS!

Estamos agradecidos de haber recibido una donación de varios estantes usados de una despensa de alimentos que cerró recientemente y que se pondrá a trabajar para expandir nuestras operaciones de alimentos a través de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl aquí en San Lorenzo. ¡Un agradecimiento especial a Rogaciano Aguilera y su equipo de voluntarios que se encargaron de la recogida y descarga!



Primer grupo consagrado a Jesús por María.

# FROM OUR PASTOR

## PARISH PRIORITY PLAN: ENVISIONING AND IMPLEMENTATION



Dear Parishioners,

In the past 32 months we have worked diligently to address the most urgent concerns around our parish property. As you all know we have celebrated great accomplishments in this arena – most recently with the reopening and the consecration of our renovated church. While the work inside continues with finishing touches – it is time to begin looking to the most important part of our parish: our people – the Body of Christ!

About one year ago we were presented as a parish with the opportunity to participate in a collaborative pilot program with the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) to chart a course for our parish and tap into the expertise and connections of the leadership consultants at CLI to address the most pressing areas of “parish priorities” here at St Laurence. We of course joyfully said yes to this opportunity.

The first step in this process was to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey. You will recall 2 years ago we were able to participate and the responses from our parish members helped to form part of the input that we considered in developing our parish priority plan.

The second step was to solicit the participation of a representative group of the parish for a fixed 6–9 month period of processing information about the parish and current trends along with brainstorming and sharing our own hopes and dreams for our parish. During the first six months of last year this dedicated team of parishioners met to envision a purpose and immediate priorities for our parish. Given the demands of the construction projects and the capital campaign I failed to adequately communicate these developments to you at the time they were undertaken; however, now is the moment to remedy that oversight on my part. The bios of this dedicated group of parishioners are being distributed as part of this communication process. They are also available on our parish website at:

<https://www.saintlaurencedelco.org/priorityplan>

The members of this team who graciously dedicated their time to developing the current parish purpose,

vision, values, and priority plan were the pastor, Fr. Tom Whittingham, Sr. Regina Matulka, IHM, Pablo León, Thalía León-Guamán, David Ellis, Claudia Jiménez, Maureen Carey, and Verónica Jaime. We were led in this process by our CLI leadership consultant, Linda Banecker. I am incredibly grateful for the hard work and the courageous sharing that all members of this team put forth. We eventually arrived at a draft of a parish priority plan. Their current service is concluded, and we have successfully handed off the plan from those who conceived it to those who will achieve it (by God’s grace!) – the Implementation Team.

As we transition from envisioning to implementation, I want to thank those who have stepped up to be members of the implementation team for St Laurence. It is comprised of Fr. Tom, Fr. Albanese, Henry Aquino, Claudia Jiménez, and Harry Dietzler. This overall steering team will guide our efforts as a parish toward achieving the goals laid out in our parish priority plan. As is often the case, in beginning to make progress toward these goals we have already made slight modifications to the goals and priorities to better reflect the always changing reality in our parish.

At this time, I encourage you to look at the parish priority plan for St. Laurence and begin to commit to memory and to prayer the purpose, the values, the vision, and the priorities laid out for our parish. As a family, as One Body in Christ, we are now tasked with working together to reach these goals. While the implementation team is the top-level coordinating group – the actual work where the rubber meets the road will be done by many of you in the pews. In the weeks and months ahead some of you will be asked to become members of teams working on the seven goals in our parish priority plan. I encourage you to be as generous in responding to God’s call as you are able. Together we can truly grow in holiness and soon make progress on our threefold mission of Making Disciples, Communicating Transparently, and Uniting Cultures.

Gratefully yours in Christ Jesus,  
*Father Tom*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

- A big thank you to our community for supporting our Pica's dine-out night. The profit we receive from this and all of our dine out nights goes towards our fifth grade dance classrooms program. THANK YOU!
- Please pray for all our faculty and staff as we continue to work towards our Middle States reaccreditation.
- Coming in the near future: the Soles on Fire fundraiser for our school. More info to come next week!

Thank you and God Bless You for all you do.  
Have a wonderful week as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

## MONSIGNOR BONNER & ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT

**Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00PM**

Bonner & Prendie Catholic High School  
403 North Lansdowne Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School (Bonner & Prendie) in Drexel Hill (Delaware County) will host Sister Mary Scullion R.S.M., President and Executive Director of Project HOME, as part of a lecture series. All are welcome to attend.

Sister Mary will speak to the Bonner & Prendie community about her life's work, the inspiration that led to her desire to care for the homeless in Philadelphia, and her mission at Project HOME.

## THANK YOU!

We are grateful to have received a donation of several used shelves from a Food Pantry that recently closed. They will be put to work to expand our food operations through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Laurence. Special thanks to Rogaciano Aguilera and his crew of volunteers who handled the pickup and unloading!

## MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE:

**Saturday, March 2**

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic men from the Archdiocese for the Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference at Cardinal O'Hara HS. World renowned speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Pérez. To register: [www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com)

## "A NIGHT WITH THE PSALMS"

**Monday, March 4, 7:00PM** St. Matthew Church, 3000 Cottman Ave, Philadelphia. Free concert by Catholic composer Francesca LaRosa, with teaching on how and why we pray the psalms in the Mass. A great Lenten opportunity to strengthen one's faith. Please RSVP (required) to: [events@stmmayfair.org](mailto:events@stmmayfair.org)

## ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE DEAF COMMUNITY, FAMILY, FRIENDS & CAREGIVERS

**Sunday, March 10 at 3:00PM**

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul  
Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Nelson Pérez  
Reception to Follow Mass.

Mass will be streamed live to via the Archdiocesan Vimeo Channel (<https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>).

RSVP at [ODParchphilly.org](http://ODParchphilly.org)

## DELCO YOUNG DISCIPLES

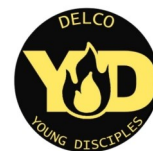
Sunday Dinner with Jesus

**March 17**

Annunciation, Havertown

Visit our website for all the details  
and to join us:

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



## COMING TO ST. LAURENCE PARISH! UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE

**Friday, April 26, 2024 - Saturday, April 27, 2024**

More details coming SOON!

<https://heartofthefather.com/events/unbound-freedom-in-christ-conference/>