



DECEMBER 10, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# 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

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**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](http://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

### 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 Eric Keffer. Also pray for all those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, and substance abuse.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of all the faithfully departed, especially Jean Ann Robinson. 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 STAFF

**Director of Parish Operations:** Henry Aquino,  
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## MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

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**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP):**  
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Hna. Dominica Lo Bianco, OSF

**Laurentian Senior Group 55+:** Dottie Tillger, 610-945-5064

## DONATIONS

### BLESSED MOTHER SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Frank Cunningham by Dora



### ST. JOSEPH SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Mary & William Ambrosine  
by Angelina Saggiomo

### ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

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Our Faith Online

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 7:30AM Pro Populo
- 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
- 10:45AM Hugh & Susan McGee
- 12:15PM Mary Cullen

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 8:30AM Pete Lloyd (1st Anniversary)

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- 8:30AM For the unborn and an end to abortion

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

### ST. LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

- 8:30AM Kate Fox

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- 8:30AM Louis DeSantis

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 8:30AM Gorman Family

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 8:30AM George Tahopoulos
- 4:30PM Fitzpatrick Family

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 7:30AM Anthony Callos
- 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
- 10:45AM Pro Populo
- 12:15PM Benny Family

### DECEMBER 12 EVENTS

**5:00AM**

Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Spanish

**6:00AM**

Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Spanish

**8:30AM**

Mass in honor to Our Lady of Guadalupe in English



### ST. LAURENCE CHURCH RENOVATION DRAWING

**Donation \$5 or 5/\$20**

Drawing to be held Dec. 16, 2023 in the Parish Hall.  
Tickets are available after Mass.

# PARISH NEWS

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
- Matthew 6:21

COLLECTION	DECEMBER 3
Weekly Offertory	\$ 8,122
On-Line Giving	\$ 510
Capital Campaign	\$ 6,197
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 1,201



**Saturday, December 16 4:30 PM Mass**

**You are cordially invited to welcome Archbishop Pérez as he celebrates Mass in English and Spanish and consecrates our altar and rededicates our renovated church.**

**This is a special, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.**

**Please join us for a reception in our parish hall after Mass. All are welcome!**

## ST. LAURENCE PARISH



*You Pick Two*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS OPTIONS

**Dec. 23 & 24**

4:30pm (Vigil), 7:30am & 10:45am  
(all 3 in English)  
8:30am (Spanish)  
10:30 am in Vietnamese  
(at St. Alice)

### CHRISTMAS MASS OPTIONS

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**

4:30pm Christmas Eve (English)  
8:00pm Christmas Eve (English)

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25**

Midnight Mass Eng. & Span.  
7:30am & 10:45am (English)



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

Estamos orando para que estés teniendo un bendito Adviento.

¡Está empezando a parecer como Navidad en la escuela San Lorenzo! Estamos celebrando el Adviento en las aulas y pasillos del colegio y van apareciendo símbolos de la Navidad.

- Recuerde devolver sus tarjetas de regalo para familias necesitadas esta Navidad antes del 17 de diciembre en la caja de regalo especial al lado del Árbol de Donaciones .
- Los niños se están preparando para nuestro certamen navideño. Se celebrará el 19 de diciembre a las 7:00PM en la iglesia. ¡Todos están invitados a asistir!
- Seguimos orando por todos en nuestra comunidad y les pedimos que oren por nosotros aquí en la escuela mientras nos preparamos para la llegada de la Navidad y el Niño Jesús.

Que tengas una bendecida segunda semana de Adviento.

**CONSAGRACIÓN A JESÚS POR MARÍA**

Vamos a comenzar el año nuevo haciendo la consagración a Jesús por María. Las personas interesadas, favor de dejar su número de teléfono y su nombre al final de la Misa a Mérida Cambi. Se va a enviar un mensaje de texto cada día y se tendrá una reunión semanal para discutir los temas de la consagración mariana de esa semana. O, si se desea, se puede enviar el mensaje "Consagracion" al número de teléfono 202-765-3441 para inscribirse. Al final, vamos a tener la Consagración y la inscripción del Escapulario Marrón. Más detalles después.



**LA RIFA de RENOVACIÓN  
de la IGLESIA de SAN LORENZO**

Primer Premio \$5.000 Segundo Premio \$1.000  
La rifa se realizará el 16 de diciembre en el Salón Parroquial de San Lorenzo.  
Los boletos están disponibles después de la Misa.

**ANUNCIOS**

**EVENTOS DEL 12 DE DICIEMBRE**

**5:00AM**

Serenata a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en español

**6:00AM**

Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en español

**8:30AM**

Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en inglés



**sábado, 16 de diciembre de 2023 4:30 PM Misa**

Está cordialmente invitado a darle la bienvenida al Arzobispo Pérez mientras celebra la Misa en inglés y español, consagra nuestro altar y vuelve a dedicar nuestra iglesia renovada.

Esta es una oportunidad especial, única en la vida.

Únase a nosotros para una recepción en nuestro salón parroquial después de la Misa. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

**AYUDA A QUE SEA UNA FELIZ NAVIDAD**

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!

**LAS POSADAS BILINGÜE**

Sábado, diciembre 16-24, a las 6:00PM de la tarde; 24 después de la misa de las 4:00PM, Sta. Katarina Drexel, 1920 Providence Road, Chester PA 19013

# FROM OUR PASTOR



## DECEMBER 16 CONSECRATION OF ST. LAURENCE CHURCH: PART 1

In preparation for the December 16 Consecration of our church by Archbishop Pérez, I hope to share a brief tutorial or outline for the unique rituals of the Mass. For next week's column, I hope to highlight some of the changes to the church building and our usage of it once the building is consecrated.

Mass on the 16<sup>th</sup> begins ideally with a procession to the church. Since we anticipate cold weather, we will simply gather inside. The many concelebrating priests will gather at the main entrance to the church where some of the staff and participants in the renovation will hand over to the Archbishop the plans and some details of the renovation work as a symbolic handing over of the church to be consecrated. Some of those items will eventually be included in the commemorative plaque / display we will install that memorializes the date of our consecration as a reminder to celebrate the anniversary every year going forward on 12/16.

The Archbishop will then open the doors and invite everyone to proceed into the church. Normally Mass begins by kissing the altar and then proceeding with the prayers. In this particular Mass we are going to go through a symbolic initiation of the church building. Full initiation for Catholics involves Baptism, then Confirmation, and finally Holy Eucharist (First Communion). In this Mass we will see a symbolic version of Baptism and Confirmation – and of course we will then use the new altar for the first time to offer the sacrifice of the Mass and distribute Holy Communion.

The “Baptism” happens right at the start when the walls of the church and the people are sprinkled with Holy Water. This water will be blessed at the beginning of Mass and Fr. Albanese and I will

assist the Archbishop with sprinkling the people and the walls of the church.

Later, prior to celebrating the Eucharist, the Archbishop will anoint the altar with Sacred Chrism – the same oil used at Confirmation. Once that is completed Fr. Albanese and I will assist with anointing the walls of the church with Chrism underneath the 12 consecration candles recently mounted on the walls of our church. Once the church has been anointed there will be a large brazier of incense lit on the altar to fill the church with rising smoke that symbolizes our prayers rising to God. The altar will then be dressed and the decorations around it put into place. The candles will be lit – along with the 12 dedication candles on the walls of the church.

Finally, the Archbishop and concelebrating priests will celebrate the Holy Eucharist on the newly consecrated altar. For the first time we will all receive Holy Communion from the main altar instead of the temporary altar used since Sept. 24.

The totality of these signs represents the church building itself being fully initiated and set apart solely for the worship of almighty God. In the same way that these rites show us how the church is special, holy, set apart, consecrated to God – the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist make each of us holy, separated from the world, and consecrated to God our Father. I hope this beautiful Mass will inspire each of us to grow in appreciation of the power of these sacraments and the importance of our full participation in the Christian life.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
*Fr. Tom*



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

We are praying that you have a blessed Advent. It is beginning to look like Christmas at St. Laurence School! We are celebrating Advent in the classrooms and hallways and symbols of Christmas are appearing.

- Please remember to return your gift cards for families in need by December 17 in the special gift box beside the Giving Tree.
- The children are preparing for our Christmas pageant. The pageant will be held on December 19 at 7:00PM in the church. All are invited to attend!

We continue to pray for all in our community and ask that you pray for us here at school as we prepare for the coming of Christmas and the Christ child.

Have a blessed second week of Advent.

**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.

**HELP SVDP MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Next Saturday morning, Dec. 16, St. Vincent de Paul will have its Christmas distribution. Please deliver food replenishments (peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, canned meats, tuna) and Advent tree gift cards by Tuesday, December 12. We need time to sort food and prepare envelopes. As usual, monetary donations would also be greatly appreciated!

Blessings and thanks to all!

**FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT**

The Munier Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra will present a free holiday concert including Christmas carols, holiday songs, and mandolin orchestra music on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:00PM in the church.

Saint Philomena Catholic Church  
41 East Baltimore Ave Lansdowne, PA 19050

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

You are Invited to a  
**Christmas Market**

Shop handmade gifts from local artists, sample refreshments from our chef, and enjoy the opportunity to pray with neighbors & friends.

<b>13</b> December	St. Raphaela Center 616 Coopertown Road Haverford, PA 19041	4:00PM to 7:30PM
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**FREE ENTRY**

4:00 – Market Opens  
5:30 – Outdoor Tree Lighting  
5:45 – 7:15 – Candlelight Labyrinth Walks  
7:30 – Taize Prayer Service in our Chapel

Contact: Jackie News, [jnews@straphaelacenter.org](mailto:jnews@straphaelacenter.org)

**MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SKILLS SERIES:  
HOW TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE**

**6:00-9:00PM, Thursday,  
January 11, 2024**



Every missionary disciple needs to be equipped with skills that will help him/her more intentionally accompany others into personal friendship with Jesus. One of those skills is the readiness to pray spontaneously with someone for their needs and intentions. Instead of saying, "I'll pray for you," we want to be ready to say, "Can I pray with you right now for that?" Join us for a training that will teach you this skill and give you a greater comfort level with praying with others.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium  
222 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia 19103  
For more details, visit : [https://phillyomy.org/  
event/intercessory-prayer-training/](https://phillyomy.org/event/intercessory-prayer-training/)