



NOVEMBER 19, 2023  
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST. LAURENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WWW.SAINTLAURENCEDELCO.ORG  
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

FAX: 610-449-4299

**Phone:** 610-449-0600

**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

FAX: 484-452-6271

**Phone:** 610-789-2670

**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

### ROSARIO Y CLASE BÍBLICA

Miércoles, 7:00 - 9:00PM, Iglesia

### CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

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

### NEEDLECRAFTERS

Fridays 1:30 - 3:30PM, St. Michael Room in the rectory

## 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 **Mary Maureen Stucke, Kathleen "Kitty" Lynch**, and all the faithfully departed: 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.

Father in Heaven,

Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

Open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

**Altar Servers:** Father Anthony, 610-449-0600 ext. 213 or [franthonys@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:franthonys@saintlaurencedelco.org)

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

**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)

**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 19

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Teresa O'bleck  
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
10:45AM Jennifer Long  
12:15PM Pro Populo

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:30AM Denise DeFino

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

### PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30AM The Benny Family

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

### ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8:30AM Rev. Bob Ianelli (L)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

### THANKSGIVING DAY

8:30AM Mary A. Salotto

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

### ST. ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

8:30AM Michelle Dougherty

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:30AM A. Claire McGuire  
4:30PM Elizabeth & Charles Nagle

## 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

(L) denotes living

### PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE TUESDAY AT NOON

On November 21, the office will close at noon. The staff will celebrate the retirement of Angie, our parish secretary, and thank her for her many years of dedicated, caring service to the parish.

Enjoy your retirement, and may God bless you!

### DECEMBER 16 CONSECRATION MASS

You can be part of something that you may not have witnessed before: the Mass for the consecration of our church and renovated altar. On December 16 at 4:30PM, Archbishop Nelson Pérez will celebrate the Mass and consecrate the altar and church. There will be a reception in the parish hall after Mass. All are welcome!

# 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 12
Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,524
Capital Campaign	\$ 6,467
On-Line Giving	\$ 1,250

### PLEASE RETURN FILLED BABY BOTTLES TODAY

Please fill the baby bottles which you took home on October 29 — with loose change, bills, or checks! Please return the filled bottles on **November 19 ONLY**.



Thanks to all St. Laurence parishioners!

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY APPEAL: WELCOME, COLE MASE!

Cole Mase, III Theology seminarian at the Seminary, will be visiting St. Laurence this weekend and will speak at all the Masses in support of the 2023-24 Seminary Appeal.

*Through your support of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal, you are participating in a critical mission within the Church.*

To support the appeal, please visit::

<https://www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/>

WITH GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR  
HIS MANY BLESSINGS

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

8:30AM ENGLISH & SPANISH  
MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 &  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24.



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

- Gracias a todos los que donaron productos enlatados y pavos para nuestra entrega de pavos. La gente de San Lorenzo definitivamente será bendecida por su generosidad en esta temporada de Acción de Gracias.
- La escuela tendrá su Liturgia de Acción de Gracias a las 9:30AM el lunes 20 de noviembre. Los estudiantes saldrán a las 12:00 del mediodía el 22 de noviembre. Los maestros tendrán una reunión de desarrollo profesional ese día por la tarde.

Deseamos a todos y cada uno de los miembros de la comunidad de San Lorenzo un bendito Día de Acción de Gracias. Estamos agradecidos por usted. Dios lo bendiga.

### 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 desde el 4 de noviembre 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

Con gratitud a Dios por sus muchas bendiciones,  
**¡FELIZ DÍA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS!**

8:30AM: Misa en inglés y español  
el día de Acción de Gracias

La oficina estará cerrada el jueves 23 de noviembre  
y el viernes 24 de noviembre.

### ¡DEVUELVA LAS BOTELLAS LLENAS HOY!

Por favor recuerde llenar los biberones vacíos que se llevó a casa de la iglesia el 29 de octubre. ¡Se aceptan monedas sueltas, billetes o cheques! **Devuelva las botellas llenas ÚNICAMENTE el 19 de noviembre.** El grupo San Lorenzo Pro-Vida estará en todas las misas para recibir sus generosas donaciones.

¡Muchas gracias a los feligreses de San Lorenzo!

### LLAMAMIENTO DEL SEMINARIO SAN CARLOS BORROMEO: DAMOS LA BIENVENIDA A COLE MASE

Cole Mase, seminarista de Teología III en el Seminario, visitará San Lorenzo este fin de semana y hablará en todas las Misas en apoyo de la Campaña del Seminario 2023-24.

*A través de su apoyo a la Campaña del Seminario San Carlos Borromeo, está participando en una misión crítica dentro de la Iglesia.*

Para apoyar la apelación, visite:  
<https://www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/>



# FROM OUR PASTOR



## A THANKSGIVING REFLECTION ON FAITH AND GRATITUDE

With Thanksgiving approaching this month, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the significance of gratitude in the Christian faith. The Bible contains over 150 verses about gratitude, and countless more reflecting a general attitude of praise to the Lord. Why do we give thanks to God, and why is it important?

### Christians are Commanded to Give Thanks

We give thanks, first and foremost, because it is God's will that we do so. God's Word is replete with exhortations to thanksgiving, both in the Old and New Testaments, and especially in the Psalms:

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** – *In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:6** – *Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God*

**Psalms 118:1**— *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.*

It is God who has created us and sustains us; God has provided for our salvation through His sacrifice, has given us grace, and shown us love. As God's love for us is unconditional and everlasting, so too should our gratitude be never-ceasing, regardless of our temporal circumstances.

**Hebrews 12:28** – *Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe.*

**James 1:17** – *All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.*

### Gratitude: An Appropriate Response

Gratitude is the appropriate response to God our Creator, Lord, and Savior, who, in His goodness, redeems and sustains us. Conversely, ingratitude is at the heart of sin, associated with those who are in rebellion against God, as the Scriptures say:

**Romans 1:21** – *For although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened.*

### Following Christ's Example of Thankfulness

By practicing an attitude of thanksgiving in our daily lives, believers follow the model set by Jesus himself, who expressed gratitude to the Father throughout His life and ministry (Matthew 26:27; Mark 14:23; Luke 22:17–19; 1 Corinthians 11:24). It is for this reason that the Eucharist begins with a prayer of Thanksgiving, after the example of Jesus at the Last Supper.

As Pope Francis has remarked:

*Gratitude is always a powerful weapon. Only if we are able to contemplate and feel genuine gratitude for all those ways we have experienced God's love, generosity, solidarity and trust, as well as his forgiveness, patience, forbearance and compassion, will we allow the Spirit to grant us the freshness that can renew... our life and mission. Like Peter on the morning of the miraculous draught of fishes, may we let the recognition of all the blessings we have received awaken in us the amazement and gratitude that can enable us to say: 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man' (Luke 5:8). Only then to hear the Lord repeat his summons: 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be fishers of men' (Luke 5:10). 'For his mercy endures forever.'*

May the Word of the Lord strengthen your own devotion and inspire you to practice gratitude in your life.

**As you give thanks to the Lord for His good and perfect gifts, we invite you to join us in worship at St. Laurence on Thanksgiving Day at 8:30AM Mass.**

[nationalshrine.org/blog/a-thanksgiving-reflection-on-faith-and-gratitude/](http://nationalshrine.org/blog/a-thanksgiving-reflection-on-faith-and-gratitude/)





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

- Thank you to everyone who donated canned goods and turkeys for our turkey drop off. The people of St. Laurence will definitely be blessed for their generosity this Thanksgiving season.
- The school is having its Thanksgiving Liturgy at 9:30AM on Monday November 20. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 NOON on November 22. The teachers have a professional development meeting in the afternoon that day.

We wish each and every member of the St. Laurence Community a blessed Thanksgiving. We are grateful for you. God bless you.

**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

**MASS & HEALING SERVICE**

**FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

Praise & Worship: 6:45PM Mass: 7:00PM  
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018  
Music provided by Martha's House.  
Prayer teams will be available.

# 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.

**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!

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL: COME EXPERIENCE THE  
PEACE OF NIGHTTIME ADORATION**

On Thursday, November 30 from 6:00PM—midnight, you are invited to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 3500 School Lane, Drexel Hill. Each hour will begin with a short prayer time followed by silent adoration. For more information, contact Tina Angelo at 610-513-8731 or [tangelo212@yahoo.com](mailto:tangelo212@yahoo.com)