



JANUARY 5, 2025
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

Wednesday/Miércoles

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 5:30PM-6:50PM

Wednesdays 9:30AM - 6:15PM

Confessions/Confesiones

Saturday 5:30PM-6:50PM

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

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-7; Friday 9-5; Sunday 9-noon

Horas: de lunes a jueves 9-7; domingo 9-12

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Whittingham, x. 221

Email: frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Anthony Albanese

Email: franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org

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

PARISH STAFF

Director of Parish Operations: Henry Aquino,
610-449-0600, ext. 227 or
henry@saintlaurencedelco.org

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mego@saintlaurencedelco.org

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MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

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franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org

Cantors: Margie Kane, Music Director, 610-446-4072 or
cantormargiek@gmail.com

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Sanctuary Society & Social Committee: Cathleen Albertus,
610-789-8792 or walber33@verizon.net

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610-316-7046 or mcpartland@comcast.net

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults),

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP): Mia Cardenas,
religioused@saintlaurencedelco.org,
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

Finance Council: Joan Mazur, 484-433-0022

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

Prayer Group: Terri Howell, 484-454-5655 or
howellterri457@gmail.com

Pro-Life Ministry: Joan Mazur, prolife@saintlaurencedelco.org

Knights of Columbus: Tom DeFrusco, tommyd55@comcast.net

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Ministerio Hispano/Hispanic Ministry: 215-603-2669

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#

PRE-JORDAN BAPTISMAL CLASSES

Second Monday of the month at 7:00PM, Rectory

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Tuesdays at 2:00PM, Church

ST. LAURENCE ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays at 7:00PM, Choir Loft

NEEDLECRAFTERS

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

ROSARIO Y CLASE BÍBLICA

Miércoles, después de la misa de las 6:30PM, Iglesia



If you are interested in baptizing
your child at St. Laurence, please
call Claudia Jiménez at the rectory,
610-449-0600 ext. 212
or email her at
claudia@saintlaurencedelco.org.



WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Adoration is offered
each Wednesday,
9:00AM to 6:15PM,
when adoration will
end with a simple

benediction in order to be ready for 6:30PM Mass
in Spanish.

Jesus awaits your visit!

Learn More about Our Faith Online

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30AM Hon. Edward J. Zetusk, Jr. & Mary Zetusk
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM For living and deceased members of the Nardozzi family
12:15PM Pro populo

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

8:30AM For our country

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30AM Donna Snyder
4:00PM Pro populo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30AM Janice Wilamowski
6:30PM Misa Comunitaria

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30AM Fr. Anthony Albanese

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30AM Deceased members of Driscoll family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30AM Joe Felix (L)
4:30PM Mary Oanh Kim Pham
7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30AM Living and deceased members of the Scott family
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Nestel and extended families (L)
12:15PM Pro populo

(L) indicates living

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK Please pray for all those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, & substance abuse. Amen

DONATIONS

WE GIVE <i>because</i> GOD GAVE FIRST		For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. -Matthew 6:21
	DEC. 22	DEC. 25
Offertory	\$ 8,130	\$19,626
Online	\$ 702	
Capital Campaign	\$ 6,250	\$ 3,729

EPIPHANY BLESSED CHALK AVAILABLE

A generous donation of chalk kits has been given to the parishioners of St. Laurence for Epiphany. Please take one blessed kit per family and use them to bless your home by chalking your front door. (One kit can be used on multiple houses.) The following blessing may be used: onepeterfive.com/the-chalking-of-the-doors-an-epiphany-tradition-explained/



ELDERCARE

Wills Clinic

If you are a low-income homeowner and need help creating a will, join us at a free clinic to be held at St. Joseph Place in Collingdale on January 9. Contact me for details.

Property Tax or Rent Rebate Applications

Once you receive your financial documents for 2024, I will be glad to assist with completing the rebate application.

Deadline for Real ID

Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID or another form of federally-acceptable identification to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building that requires ID beginning May 7, 2025. For more information: <https://www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID/Pages/default.aspx>

I am managing a family member's illness, and may be less available than usual. If you need assistance urgently, please contact the rectory and ask staff to contact me. Thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility.

Jennifer Rose, 610-449-0600, ext. 234
jrose@chs-adphila.org

ANUNCIOS



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

Estamos en el año 2025 y los estudiantes de la escuela San Lorenzo estarán en los pasillos una vez más mañana. Todos esperamos con ansias un gran comienzo de año nuevo. Asegúrese de enviar sus formularios de inscripción a la escuela para que sepamos cuántas vacantes tendremos para el próximo año escolar. Esperamos tener noticias suyas.

Esperamos un increíble 2025 con muchos eventos emocionantes. Estamos planeando la semana de las escuelas católicas. Esté atento a las fechas para reservar.

Oramos para que toda la comunidad de San Lorenzo tenga un maravilloso 2025.

VISITA DE COMUNIÓN

Si usted, o alguien que usted conoce, no puede salir de casa, está enfermo o deshabilitado y desea recibir la Comunión, llame al Diácono Samuel al 215-603-2669.

El miércoles 8 de enero de 2025, durante nuestro tiempo de adoración habitual durante todo el día, tendremos la intención de los seminaristas de Filadelfia. Tendremos el cartel de los seminaristas expuesto en el frente de la Iglesia durante todo el día. Se les anima a todos a seleccionar una hora para orar por los seminaristas. En este sitio web, <https://heedthecall.org/poster/>, encontrarán el cartel de todos los seminaristas y también sus historias. Elijan al menos un seminarista por el que orar y luego ténganlo como su intención para su Hora Santa el 8 de enero. La oración es una parte fundamental de la vida espiritual y sus oraciones ayudarán mucho a los seminaristas actuales en su camino vocacional hacia el sacerdocio.

¡Que Dios continúe bendiciéndolos
abundantemente!
Padre Anthony

Peregrinación a Roma, Asís, Padre Pío y Santuarios de Italia con el P. Tom

EN ESPAÑOL

\$5,599.00

En el año jubilar 2025 y gana las
indulgencias!

del 5 al 18 de octubre



VISITAREMOS:

Roma, Orvieto, Assisi, Lancia, Loreto,
San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina,
Monte Cassino entre otros.

Para más información usa el Código QR,
Or llamar al 855-842-8001



¿TIENES DERECHOS COMO INMIGRANTE?

¿HAS ESCUCHADO LOS ÚLTIMOS RUMORES?

**DOMINGO 12 DE ENERO, después de la Misa de
las 8:30 AM en el salón parroquial**

Hay tantos rumores y tanta desinformación en comunidades predominantemente latinas pero todas inmigrantes sobre sus derechos, privilegios, obligaciones y las formas en que pueden cumplir con la ley.

Christine Flowers es una abogada que ha ejercido en el área de inmigración durante casi tres décadas. Tiene experiencia en peticiones familiares, casos de empleo y visas humanitarias como asilo, peticiones de cónyuges maltratados y peticiones para víctimas de delitos. Ha representado a clientes en muchos de los tribunales de inmigración de todo el país, especialmente en Pensilvania y Nueva Jersey, y habla con fluidez español, francés e italiano. Christine creció en el condado de Delaware y su familia pertenece a la parroquia de San Lorenzo desde 1969.

FROM OUR PASTOR



This weekend there are 7 young adults affiliated with our parish who are partaking in a journey to the SEEK Conference in Salt Lake City. They are joining more than 15,000 other college students and young adults at this conference. This group is accompanied by Fr. Tom and another parish facilitator. Our hope is that these young people will enjoy this time of growing closer to the Lord Jesus and from this experience be ready to assume greater leadership in our parish life. Please pray for us and for the other participants in this incredible experience. You can learn more about FOCUS (www.focus.org) and this conference at (seek.focus.org)



Focus.org

As the parish celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday I leave you with a beautiful, ancient homily by Pope St. Leo the Great about this event. You can find this reflection and learn more about related sermons or other reflections on the Epiphany at:



Pope St. Leo
Homily

www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/epiphany-star-invites-all-nations-to-find-christ-leo-the-great/

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The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you.

This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name. Again, the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

On Wednesday, January 8, 2025, during our normal adoration time throughout the day, we will have the intention of the Philadelphia seminarians. We will have the poster of the seminarians displayed at the front of Church all day. You are all encouraged to select an hour to pray for the seminarians. On this website, [https://](https://heedthecall.org/poster/)

heedthecall.org/poster/, you will find the poster of all the seminarians and their stories as well. Please pick at least one seminarian to pray for and then have him as your intention for your Holy Hour on January 8. Prayer is such a pivotal part of the spiritual life,



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and your prayers will go a long way in helping the current seminarians on their vocational journeys towards priesthood. May God continue to bless you abundantly!

Father Anthony

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DO YOU HAVE RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT? HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST RUMORS?

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 after the 8:30 AM Mass
in the Parish Hall**

There are so many rumors, and so much misinformation in predominantly Latino but all immigrant communities about their rights, privileges, obligations and the ways that they can remain in compliance with the law.



Christine Flowers is an attorney who has practiced immigration law for almost three decades. She has experience with family-based petitions, employment cases, and humanitarian visas such as asylum, abused spouse petitions, and petitions for victims of crime. She has represented clients in many of the immigration courts around the country, especially in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and is fluent in Spanish, French and Italian. Christine grew up in Delaware County, and her family has belonged to St. Laurence Parish since 1969.

COMMUNION VISITS

If you, or someone you know, is homebound, sick, or disabled and would like to receive Communion, please call Deacon Samuel at 215-603-2669.

EL CAMINO CAFÉ: A COFFEE HOUSE GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Saturday, January 18, 2025 7:00PM-9:00PM

Whether you're questioning, seeking, or simply curious, El Camino Café invites you to a chill, faith-filled evening! Bring a friend, grab a cup of coffee, and join us to reignite your passion for our faith.

Holy Innocents Catholic Church, 1337 E. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia
PARKING AVAILABLE

This event is intended to be a social event especially for young adults who don't go to church...Mass-going young adults, invite your friends to join you. RSVP using the QR code. Questions? elcaminocafeofficial@gmail.com.



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL

Sr. Regina Matulka

It is 2025 and Saint Laurence School students will be in the halls once again tomorrow. We are all looking forward to a great fresh start of the new year. Make sure to send your enrollment forms back to school so that we will know how many openings we will have for next school year. We look forward to hearing from you.

Looking forward to an incredible 2025 with many exciting events. We are planning for Catholic Schools week. More details to come!

We pray that the St. Laurence Community has a wonderful 2025.

THE MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB

Catholic men & women (ages 52-68) are cordially invited to join The Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests & dine together regularly. Our next event is Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 5:15PM at Carmine's Eatery Restaurant 3570 West Chester Pike, Newtown Sq., PA. 19073 For more information, call (please do not text) Barb at 610-896-6542.

PHILLY CATHOLIC SINGLES 30-45: 2025 EVENTS

Join other Catholic singles for fun events! We host friendly events for marriage-minded Catholics ages 30-45.

Singles Board Game Night - St. Norbert's Parish, Paoli Saturday, January 18 at 7:15PM. \$20 covers entry & snacks.

Singles Wine Tasting - Vino Bambino, Broomall Sunday, February 9 at 1:00PM. \$80 covers wine tastings, private room rental, and pizza.

All Comers 30-45 Lenten Holy Hour - St. Bridget's Parish, East Falls on Friday, March 7, time TBD, Presider: Fr. DeLacy. (Free) Both couples and singles 30-45 are welcome!

Email PhillyCatholicSingles@Gmail.com to join our email list. Our chaplain is Fr. DeLacy. Learn more at www.PhilllyCatholic.Singles