



OCTOBER 22, 2023
TWENTY-NINTH 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

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:

franthonys@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

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

ULTRELLA - CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD

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

Sam Cardillo and Baby Aria Asadullina-Coughlin.
Also pray for all those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, and substance abuse.

PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of the faithfully departed, especially Brian Joseph Russell & John Patrick Mahoney : 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.

WHY ARE VOTIVE CANDLES USED?

Biblically, the root of this practice is the notion of a "burnt offering." The smoke was a symbol of the sacrifice of praise ascending to God.

Catholics who light candles are making an offering to God of prayer and praise. The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love.

The consuming of the candle symbolizes the oblation (offering) of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say "Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray."

Excerpt from:

simplycatholic.com/why-are-votive-candles-used/

MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

Altar Servers: Father Tom, 610-449-0600 ext. 221 or frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org

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

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

Parish Secretary: Claudia Jiménez, 610-449-0600 ext. 212 or claudia@saintlaurencedelco.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Lectors: Maureen Carey, mecarey52@yahoo.com

Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers): Father Tom 610-449-0600 ext. 221 or frtom@saintlaurencedelco.org

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

Church Environment Coordinator: Diane McPartland 610-316-7046 or 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 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

Finance Council: Joan Mazur, 484-433-0022

Pastoral Council: Harry Dietzler, 484-557-0201

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

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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

Florence E. Rishel 17th Anniversary
By Anne and Craig

ST. JOSEPH SIDE ALTAR CANDLE

Florence E. Rishel 17th Anniversary
By Anne and Craig

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Pro Populo
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
 10:45AM Philomena, Joseph, & Baby Joseph Trifiletti
 12:15PM Stevie Fitzgerald (L)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30AM Paul & Martha Whittingham (L)
 (47th Wedding Anniversary)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:30AM Soul of Francis X. Dias

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30AM Michael Heneghan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:30AM Blaise D’Cunha

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30AM Eleanor “Ellie” Pacitti

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

8:30AM Denise DeFino
 4:30PM Nick & Pat Cangi

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TODAY,

we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis' call to keep our "Hearts on fire, Feet on the Move." On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and Missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today directly aids priests, Religious and lay leaders in the Pope's Missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in need. Let's walk together with them through our prayers and generosity to make them burn with the word of God. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!



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	OCTOBER 15
Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,169
Capital Campaign	\$ 6,098
On-Line Giving	\$ 1,064

DO YOU WANT TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER?

We will light six-day candles in the Church for a \$10 donation per candle. They will be offered on a first come, first served basis. We plan to light the candles on Sunday, October 29. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

All Saints Day Feast:

Vigil Mass: Tuesday, October 31: 5:30PM

Masses: Wednesday, November 1:
 8:30AM, 12 NOON

Mass in Spanish: Wednesday, November 1
 at 7:00PM

All Souls Day, Tuesday, November 2

English Mass: 8:30AM

Spanish Mass: 7:00PM

CELEBRATE NEWLY ORDAINED FR. ANTHONY!

The Serra Club of Philadelphia cordially invites members and friends of St. Laurence Parish to celebrate Rev. Anthony Albanese at the Annual Mass & Luncheon for Newly Ordained Priests on

November 9

Mass: 10:30AM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
 1723 Race Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

Luncheon: Immediately following Mass

Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown
 201 N. 17th Street

Cost: \$60 per person

Parking: Discounted at \$20 for up to 6 hours

Parking is not permitted in the Pastoral Center lot.

Luncheon reservations: Contact Lou Ferrero, VP of Membership, at lou.ferrero@gmail.com or 610.517.0835 by November 1.



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

Se acerca Halloween a la escuela San Lorenzo.

- Nuestra celebración anual Trunk or Treat es el miércoles 27 de octubre a las 7:00PM en el patio delantero de la escuela. Todos nuestros pequeños fantasmas y duendes estarán allí para recoger golosinas de forma segura. Esperamos verlos allí.



- El miércoles 1 de noviembre, estaremos celebrando la Fiesta de Todos los Santos. Ese día no habrá clases. Durante el mes de noviembre estaremos orando por cada una de nuestras familias y aquellos seres queridos que hemos perdido.



Oramos para que usted y su familia tengan una semana bendecida.

CELEBRE EL RECIÉN ORDENADO PADRE ANTONIO

El Club Serra de Filadelfia invita cordialmente a miembros y amigos de la Parroquia San Lorenzo a celebrar al Rev. Anthony Albanese en la Misa y Almuerzo Anual para Sacerdotes Recién Ordenados el **9 de noviembre, Misa: 10:30AM** Catedral Basílica de los Santos Pedro y Pablo, 1723 Race Street Filadelfia, PA 19103

Almuerzo: Inmediatamente después de la Misa Sheraton Filadelfia Centro, 201 N. Calle 17

Costo: \$60 por persona

Estacionamiento: Descuento de \$20 por hasta 6 horas; No se permite estacionar en el estacionamiento del Centro Pastoral.

Reservas para almuerzos: comuníquese con Lou Ferrero, vicepresidente de membresía, en lou.ferrero@gmail.com o al 610.517.0835 antes del 1 de noviembre.

ANUNCIOS

21/22 DE OCTUBRE: DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES

Hoy celebramos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, atendiendo al llamado del Papa Francisco a mantener nuestros "corazones en llamas, pies en movimiento". En este día reflexionamos sobre nuestra promesa bautismal de ser discípulos y Misioneros, compartiendo la Buena Nueva. La colecta de hoy ayuda directamente a sacerdotes, líderes religiosos y laicos en las Misiones del Papa, permitiéndoles ministrar y ayudar a las comunidades necesitadas. Caminemos junto a ellos a través de nuestra oración y generosidad para hacerlos arder con la palabra de Dios. ¡Gracias por tu sincero aporte!

¿QUIERES RECORDAR A TUS SERES QUERIDOS DURANTE LA PRIMERA SEMANA DE NOVIEMBRE?

Encenderemos velas de seis días en la Iglesia por una donación de \$10 por vela. Se ofrecerán por orden de llegada. Planeamos encender las velas el domingo 29 de octubre. ¡Gracias!

MARCA TUS CALENDARIOS: TODOS LOS SANTOS Y TODAS LAS ALMAS



Fiesta del Día de Todos los Santos:

Misa de Vigilia: martes 31 de octubre: 5:30PM

Misa miércoles 1 de noviembre:

8:30AM y 12 del mediodía

Misa en español: miércoles 1 de noviembre a las 7:00PM

Día de Todos los Difuntos, martes 2 de noviembre

Misa en inglés: 8:30AM

Misa en español: 7:00PM

LIBRO DE INTENCIONES DE MISA 2024 ABIERTO el 13 y 14 de NOVIEMBRE

El libro de intenciones de la Misa estará abierto en el Salón Parroquial el lunes 13 de noviembre y el martes 14 de noviembre de 9:30AM a 1:30PM SOLAMENTE. Inicie sesión cuando llegue y espere a que llamen su nombre.

FROM OUR PASTOR

GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S

BY FR. PAUL DELADURANTAYE



The Gospel scenes of the past few weeks have shown us Jesus in conflict with the religious leaders of His people over their failure to accept Him as the Messiah. Now, in this week's Gospel, Our Lord's opponents go on the attack. They hope to discredit Him in the eyes of the people by laying a trap for Him with their question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" At a time when the emperor was worshipped as a god, many believed that payment of taxes amounted to idolatry. If Jesus said it was lawful to pay the tax, He would seem to be allowing insult to God. If Jesus said it was not lawful to pay the tax, He would be reported to the Roman officials for treason. Christ, however, gives His opponents a profound response, which goes far beyond a simple "yes" or "no." He tells them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's." What Our Lord is reminding us is that, as citizens, we have an obligation to render to the state whatever material and personal services are required for the common good of society. Christians are called upon to obey the just laws of the state, to vote for those who seek public office, to participate as well as we can in the political and social life of the community. At the same time, the Lord makes it clear that we are citizens not only of the state but also of the Kingdom of God ("give to God what is God's"). The state does not enjoy absolute power and dominion. Civil authorities are obliged to act with justice in the distribution of goods and services. They must serve the common good without looking for personal gain. They have to legislate and govern with the greatest respect for the natural law and the rights of people. This includes the protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death, the defense of marriage and the family, ensuring religious liberty, and safeguarding the rights of parents regarding the education of their children. Jesus recognized the rights that the civil power enjoys but He also stated that we have to respect the rights of God. Human activity cannot be reduced to strictly social

and political spheres of action. Every individual has a profound religious dimension to his or her life. Whenever we engage in public affairs, we cannot behave as if this religious dimension were reserved only for church on Sunday. Christians, on the contrary, are challenged to be light and salt in the midst of the world. We are called to transform the environments in which we live so as to make them more human. When it comes to fundamental questions of social morality, we should be fully aware of the fact that our faith serves as a powerful light illuminating the whole of life. The teachings of God and His Church are not an obstacle to human welfare or scientific progress. They are, rather, a sure guide for authentic growth and development. When, for example, we uphold the indissolubility of marriage, we are showing the way to guaranteeing the health of society. When we defend the sanctity and dignity of human life in the face of abortion, euthanasia, or techniques that treat human beings as mere objects, we are promoting a civilization of love. When we act with the firm conviction that the Church's teachings are the only source capable of filling our modern age's terrible religious and moral void, we show ourselves to be true children of God and followers of the Lord Jesus. In spite of all social pressures and propaganda to the contrary, every Christian should imitate Christ the Lord, who was described by His opponents in this way: "You court no one's favor and do not act out of human respect." As we recognize and fulfill both our civic obligations and our religious ones, we will find ourselves living a coherent and consistent life. Then we will be able to do as Jesus demands: "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

<https://www.catholicherald.com/article/columns/gospel-commentary-give-to-caesar-what-is-caesars/>



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

Halloween is coming to St. Laurence School.

- Our annual Trunk or Treat celebration is Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00PM in the front school yard. All of our little ghosts and goblins will be there to safely collect treats. We look forward to seeing you there.



- Wednesday, November 1 we will be celebrating the Feast of all Saints. There will be no school on that day. During the month of November we will be praying for each of our families and those loved ones we have lost.



**STAND UP FOR LIFE ANNUAL DINNER
CELEBRATING 41 YEARS**

Sponsored by Pro-Life Union of Philadelphia
Sunday, November 19, 4:30PM
Philadelphia Sheraton Downtown
201 N. 17th Street



Tickets \$90 each/Table of 10: \$825
Student Tickets \$65/Student Table of 10: \$625
Ask to be seated at the St. Laurence Table.
Purchase tickets online at prolifeunion.org

For information call Joan Mazur at 484-433-0022

**ALL-CLASS REUNION AT ST. FRANCIS IN
SPRINGFIELD**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Springfield, Delco, is celebrating it's 100th Anniversary. On Saturday, November 25 we are having an All-Class Reunion starting with the 4:00PM Mass followed by the Reunion in Leonard Hall on campus. Only those over 21 years of age can attend. Admission will be \$40.00. Looking forward to seeing our grads. We will also have some Sisters of St. Joseph in attendance. Please contact Bill Clark at ltbuck5@hotmail.com for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE TO BENEFIT MOTHER'S
HOME IN DARBY**

At the Masses on October 22 and October 29, empty baby bottles will be available for you to take and fill with your loose change, (dollars and checks accepted



also) to benefit the Mother's Home in Darby. The Mother's Home provides a safe haven for vulnerable pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. Feel free to take as many bottles as you need. If you would, please return the filled bottles on **November 12 and 19 ONLY**. The St. Laurence Pro-Life group will be at all the Masses to receive your generous donations. For the last 12 years, St. Laurence has raised over \$27,000 for the Mother's Home. The "change" really adds up. Many thanks to St. Laurence parishioners! You are all the best!

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD
A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION**

November 3-5 at IHM Spirituality Center
210 IHM Drive, Malvern, PA 19355

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion, a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion.

Contact Susan at 610-716-4795 to register or for questions.

**2024 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK
OPEN NOVEMBER 13 & 14**

The Mass intentions book will be open in the Parish Hall on Monday, November 13 and Tuesday, November 14 from 9:30AM to 1:30PM **ONLY**.



PLEASE SIGN IN WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND WAIT FOR YOUR NAME TO BE CALLED.