



APRIL 7, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

ROSARIO Y CLASE BÍBLICA

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

DONATIONS

BLESSED MOTHER'S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners of St. Laurence Parish

ST. JOSEPH'S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Joseph Saggiomo by Angelina

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

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Lectors: Maureen Carey, 610-608-8158, 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 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

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

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

Knights of Columbus: Tom DeFrusco, 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

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

Hospitality Minister & Safe Environment

Coordinator: Meg Orr, 610-449-0600, ext. 210 or mego@saintlaurencedelco.org

Welcoming & Hospitality Minister: Mia Cardenas, 610-449-0600, ext. 216 or mia@saintlaurencedelco.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30AM Sue Connelly
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Yen Van Nguyen
12:15PM Pro Populo

MONDAY, APRIL 8

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:30AM Gordon Johnston Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:30AM George Hamilton

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

8:30AM Sean & Sadie McCrossan

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

8:30AM Sarah Ann & Hugh Boyce

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:30AM Catherine Petz

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:30AM Anna Murray (L)
4:30PM Rita Burke
7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30AM Pro Populo
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Hugh V. McGee & Mary Clifford
12:15PM Kathleen "Kitty" Lynch

(L) denotes living

PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REBATES

Contact Jennifer Rose to learn if you qualify for a property tax or rent rebate, and for assistance with the application. The income guidelines for renters and property owners have gone up significantly, as has the rebate amount. Reach out to me to learn if you qualify for a rebate.

CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT

Evidence-based, free program for six weekly sessions on Friday mornings starting April 12 at Middletown Free Public Library in Media. Register online at delcolibraries.libcal.com/event/12058878 or call the library, 610-566-7828

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

PARISH NEWS

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

OFFERTORY	MARCH 24	MARCH 31
Offertory	\$ 9,562	\$ 10,021
Online	\$ 997	\$ 551
Easter envelopes		\$ 10,970
Capital Campaign	\$ 7,971	\$ 6,954
Holy Thursday		\$ 1,993
Good Friday		\$ 2,024
Lenten Daily Mass	\$ 473	
Easter Remembrance	\$ 343	

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Jim Leitz, Michael Campuzano, Susan Meehan, Kathleen Gallagher, Robert Hartman, and Mary Lou Carey. Also pray for those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, & substance abuse.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of the faithfully departed especially Juliet Manello and Marie Sapienza:

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.

BABY SHOWER FOR MOTHERS' HOME

On April 21, St. Laurence Pro-Life Committee will have a Baby Shower for the Mothers' Home, 51 N. MacDade Boulevard, Darby, PA 19023. Please drop off donated items from the suggested list below in the bins in the narthex (main entrance) of the church on April 21. St. Laurence Parish has supported the Mothers' Home since its founding in 1991. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Wish List Items: Toilet paper, paper towels, new bed pillows (standard), pillow cases (standard size), women's deodorant, Dove soap (bars or liquid), paper plates, disposable eating utensils & cups, Clorox bleach, Clorox/Lysol wipes, dish detergent, Tide laundry detergent (scented), Dreft detergent, unscented baby wipes, diapers – sizes 3, 4, 5, 6. Gift cards – Uber, Amazon, Giant, Target, new baby clothes, baby formula. (Please no blankets or sheets for babies or mothers are needed at this time.)

ANUNCIOS



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

La escuela San Lorenzo está de vuelta en pleno apogeo y hemos comenzado el tercer trimestre escolar.

Estamos avanzando a todo vapor con nuestra recaudación de fondos Soles on Fire. Por favor apoye a los niños de nuestra escuela en este esfuerzo.

Que tengas una bendecida semana durante esta hermosa temporada de Pascua.

¡Que Dios los bendiga!

UN CAMINO DE ESPERANZA – RETIRO BILINGÜE PARA PADRES CON HIJOS CON DISCAPACIDADES Y SUS HIJOS

Únase a nosotros:

el sábado 13 de abril
Escuela parroquial de San Carlos Borromeo
1731 Hulme Road en Bensalem

para un retiro bilingüe que incluirá sesiones para adultos y actividades para todos los niños. El monseñor Joseph Shields será nuestro predicador principal del retiro acompañado por la Hermana Mimi DePaul, IHM.

Los niños con síndrome de Down, autismo, sordera/deficiencia auditiva, ceguera/deficiencia visual, discapacidad intelectual, discapacidad de aprendizaje, discapacidad conductual, discapacidad ortopédica, discapacidad del habla o ADHD (por sus siglas en inglés) son bienvenidos.

Aunque la asistencia es gratuita, aceptamos donaciones voluntarias para el retiro. Le rogamos que inscriba a su familia en línea antes del 5 de abril en www.opdarchphilly.org o llame al 215-587-0500 para inglés o al 215-667-2820 para español.

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Este fin de semana se ofrecerá una oportunidad especial para la confesión con motivo de la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia. Las confesiones de los sábados se ofrecerán a la hora habitual (3:15PM), y las confesiones se ofrecerán por un corto tiempo antes de cada Misa dominical el 7 de abril.



CAFÉ Y DONAS

¡Únase a sus compañeros feligreses para disfrutar de compañerismo y delicias después de todas las Misas el domingo 7 de abril en el Salón Parroquial! ¡Haz nuevos amigos y ponte al día con amigos de toda la vida!

BABY SHOWER PARA CASA DE MADRES

El 21 de abril de 2024, el Comité Pro-Vida de San Lorenzo tendrá un Baby Shower en el Hogar de Madres, 51 N. MacDade Boulevard, Darby, PA 19023. Deje los artículos donados de la lista sugerida a continuación en los contenedores del Tower el 21 de abril. La parroquia de San Lorenzo ha apoyado el Hogar de Madres desde su fundación en 1991. Gracias por su continua generosidad.

Artículos de la lista de deseos: papel higiénico, toallas de papel, nuevas almohadas de cama para madres (estándar), fundas de almohadas (tamaño estándar), desodorante para mujeres, jabón Dove (barras y líquido), platos de papel, utensilios para comer desechables, vasos desechables, lejía Clorox, Toallitas Clorox o Lysol, detergente para platos, detergente para ropa Tide (perfumado), detergente Dreft para bebés, toallitas húmedas para bebés sin perfume, pañales (tallas 3, 4, 5, 6), tarjetas de regalo: Uber, Amazon, Giant, Target, ropa nueva para bebés, formula para bebé. (No se permiten mantas ni sábanas para bebés o madres, por favor. Ya tienen suficientes de estas).

FROM OUR PASTOR

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: THE BASICS



Our Lord said, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

What is Divine Mercy Sunday, and how did it come about? In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary, entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day. Liturgically the Easter Octave has always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave.

As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995, "The whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man

in the whole Easter mystery."

Given the liturgical appropriateness of the title "Divine Mercy Sunday" for the Octave Day of Easter, therefore, the Holy See did not give this title to the Second Sunday of Easter merely as an "option," for those dioceses who happen to like that sort of thing!

Rather, the decree issued on May 5, 2000, by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and The Discipline of the Sacraments clearly states: "the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II has graciously determined that in the Roman Missal, after the title Second Sunday of Easter, there shall henceforth be added the appellation 'or [that is] Divine Mercy Sunday.'"

Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, is not an optional title for this solemnity; rather, Divine Mercy is the integral name for this Feast Day. In a similar way, the Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord was named by the Church "The Feast of the Mother of God."

In three places in her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces on Divine Mercy Sunday: I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).

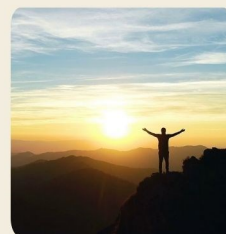
Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699). To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

thedivinemercy.org/articles/divine-mercy-sunday-basics

**Unbound Freedom in
Christ Conference at
St. Laurence Parish**

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

Saint Laurence School is back in full swing, and we have begun the third trimester.

We are running full steam ahead with our Soles on Fire Fundraiser. Please support the children of our school in this endeavor.

Our school library needs a simple bench for students' use. If you have a bench less than 90 inches long and about 17 inches high that you would be willing to donate to the school, please contact Rebecca 858-964-8608 or reger@saintlaurence.org

May you have a blessed second week of Easter!
God bless you!

PART-TIME SPANISH TEACHER NEEDED

SLS has need of a part-time Spanish teacher, for Grades 5-8, two days a week, seven 55 minute classes. Qualified applicants need to have: up-to-date clearances, teaching experience, good classroom management, and knowledge of technology. Please call the school and ask to speak with Sister Regina: 610-789-2670.



SLS FLEA MARKET SAT., APRIL 13

9:00AM—3:00PM at St. Laurence School

Interested in being a Vendor? Email Sister Regina at srmatulka@saintlaurence.org or call 610-789-2670 x315

The cost of a space (one parking spot) is \$25.

Tables are **NOT** provided.

Options to Pay:

- Check made out to St. Laurence School
- Credit Card or Cash accepted at the school

COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Please join your fellow parishioners for fellowship and treats after all Masses in the Parish Hall! Make new friends and catch up with longtime friends!



A PATH OF HOPE – BILINGUAL RETREAT FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Saturday, April 13

St. Charles Borromeo Parish School
1731 Hulme Road, Bensalem

Bilingual retreat includes sessions for adults and activities for all children. Msgr. Joseph Shields will be our retreat leader, accompanied by Sister Mimi DePaul, IHM. Children with Down Syndrome, autism, impairments (deafness/hearing, blindness/vision, orthopedic, speech, ADHD), disabilities (intellectual, learning, behavioral) are all welcome.

While there is no cost to attend, we accept free will donations. Register your family by April 5 at www.opdarchphilly.org or call 215-587-0500 for English or 215-667-2820 for Spanish.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CONFESSIONS

A special opportunity for confession will be offered this weekend for the Feast of Divine Mercy. Saturday confessions will be offered at the usual time (3:15PM), and confessions will be offered for a short time before each Sunday Mass on April 7. Jesus promised St. Faustina:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy. Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/graces