



# ST. LAURENCE PARISH PRIORITY PLAN



## MEET OUR ENVISIONING TEAM

### FR. TOM WHITTINGHAM

Fr. Tom Whittingham is the pastor of St. Laurence and the Dean of Deanery #1 covering the Eastern half of Delaware County. He was ordained in 2012 and is approaching 12 years as a priest. He previously served at St. Katharine Drexel in Chester and at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales. He studied at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary from 2006–2012 before ordination. Prior to the seminary he earned his Bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee and a Master's in Statistics at the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania. Fr. Tom grew up in East Tennessee and his family's roots are in Wisconsin.

### SR. REGINA MATULKA

Sister Regina Matulka IHM, current principal of Saint Laurence School, began her educational career as a 5th grade teacher at the Cathedral in Lincoln, Nebraska. Professed in 1983, Sister has since shared her love of educating children in the diocese of Trenton, NJ, Philadelphia, PA, Metuchen, NJ, Hartford, CT, Allentown, PA, and Lima, Peru, in South America. She is in her third year as principal here having arrived in the summer of 2021. Sister's previous mission was as principal at Saint Monica School in South Philadelphia. In addition to her work as principal, Sister is a member of the parish and finance councils and teaches in the Prep Program, preparing high school students for the sacraments.

### VERÓNICA JAIME

I grew up in Tijuana, Mexico and emigrated to Orange County, California. I am married to Hanz and together we have a son, Hanz Jr. My husband and I moved to Oceanside, California and we served in various ministries for 15 years in the Mission San Luis Rey Parish. In December 2019 we moved to Drexel Hill, PA and registered in St. Laurence Parish. After several months, I started serving the Church as a Lector.

### CLAUDIA JIMÉNEZ

I was born in "The Athens of South America" - Bogotá in the beautiful country of Colombia. I graduated from the Politécnico Grancolombiano University as a Computer Systems Engineer. I lived through the drug wars in my country and by God's grace, I was able to come to this country. I was looking for the opportunity and means to help my family. In 2012, my father and I moved from NYC to the Philadelphia area for its diversity. After 17 years in the insurance field, in prayer I asked God to show me how to use my talents to serve Him. He opened the way through a job at the Vocations Office, then at St. Peter the Apostle Church, where I became familiar with St. John Neumann. Later I became the part-time DRE at St. Laurence. Shortly after Fr. Tom Whittingham became pastor, I was offered a full-time position at St. Laurence. I enjoy my work in our parish, and I want to help in any way I can.



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### MAUREEN CAREY

I have been a member of St. Laurence parish since 2013. I am married and have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. I am retired, but I work with our lectors and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. My hope for our parish is that the continuing presence of a vibrant & welcoming atmosphere in the St. Laurence community will provide a strong witness of God's presence & love to everyone we meet.

### THALÍA LEÓN-GUAMÁN

My name is Thalía León-Guamán. I have been attending Saint Laurence since 2014. I'm happily married to Pablo León. We have a 2-year-old daughter, Sarah, and are expecting another child soon. I am currently working at the Children's Crisis Treatment Center as a Family Based Clinician. My role is to prevent out-of-home placement of children and adolescents with serious emotional issues. My hope for the envisioning team is that we would be able to increase engagement in parish activities from all our parishioners.

### PABLO LEÓN

My name is Pablo León. I have been attending Saint Laurence since 2018. I'm married to Thalía León-Guamán, and we have a 2-year-old daughter, Sarah, and will have our second child soon. I own a construction company. As a business owner it is my responsibility to secure contracts and manage properties to ensure my clients' satisfaction and provide full-time employment for my team so they can provide for their families. My hope is that we will be able to create a welcoming environment for all.

### DAVID ELLIS

My family has belonged to St. Laurence Parish for about 13 years. My wife Wanda & I have 5 beautiful children: Ayanna, Gabriel, Maria, Juliana, & Michael. The younger three attend St. Laurence School. Our oldest son is a freshman at Cardinal O'Hara and our oldest daughter is a senior at Bonner Prendie High School. I graduated from Msgr. Bonner H.S. and attended Temple University. I have worked for CNO Financial as a Senior Insurance Agent for 12 years. I currently serve as a lector for our parish and have been involved in the Pro-Life Committee. I look forward to growing our parish and help plan for our continued evangelization to bring our community to Christ.