



OCTOBER 20, 2024
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
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 3:15-4:15PM
Wednesdays 9:30AM – 6:15PM
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
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-7; Friday 9-5; Sunday 9-noon
Horas: de lunes a jueves 9-7; viernes 9-5; 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

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Upper Darby, PA 19082
Phone: 610-789-2670
FAX: 484-452-6271
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PARISH STAFF

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MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

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Laurentian Senior Group 55+: Dottie Tillger, 610-945-5064



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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, Rectorry

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Tuesdays at 2:00PM, St. Laurence Rectorry

ST. LAURENCE ADULT CHOIR

Thursdays at 7:00PM, Choir Loft

NEEDLECRAFTERS

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

ROSARIO Y CLASE BÍBLICA

Miércoles, después de la misa en español, Iglesia

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

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



If you are interested in baptizing your child at St. Laurence, please call Claudia Jiménez at the rectorry, 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!



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Pro Populo
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
 10:45AM Leon & Eleanore Lavery
 12:15PM Carmela Iorio

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30AM Rosette Jabbour

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30AM Stevie Fitzgerald

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30AM Paul & Martha Whittingham
 (48th Anniversary) (L)

6:30PM Misa Comunitaria

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:30AM Mrs. Rosemary Dias (L)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30AM John & Christine Cashman

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:30AM Soul of Mrs. Blaise D’Cunha
 4:30PM Cannataro Family
 7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Pro Populo
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
 10:45AM Jennifer Long
 12:15PM Gerald & Anne Spross

(L) indicates living

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those suffering from serious illnesses, incurable diseases, & substance abuse.

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. Amen

“MAN’S LIFE COMES FROM GOD; IT IS HIS GIFT, HIS IMAGE AND IMPRINT, A SHARING IN HIS BREATH OF LIFE. GOD THEREFORE IS THE SOLE LORD OF THIS LIFE: MAN CANNOT DO WITH IT AS HE WILLS.”
 -Pope St. John Paul II, Feast day October 22

DONATIONS

**WE GIVE because
 GOD GAVE FIRST**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. -Matthew 6:21

OCTOBER 13

Offertory	\$ 7,810
Online	\$ 511
Capital Campaign	\$ 4,922

BLESSED MOTHER’S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Anna Cugini by Family

ST. JOSEPH’S SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

For World Peace by Katina Vignola

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

donated by Katina Vignola

ELDERCARE

Annual Open Enrollment

Medicare’s annual open enrollment is in full swing. This is a time to explore if you are in the best Medicare Advantage Plan, or Prescription Drug Program for you. I understand that there are significant changes coming in 2025. I can help you look at options, as well as refer you to a Medicare broker. It’s prudent to make the effort to see what changes may affect you.

Free COVID tests

Every US household can order free at-home COVID-19 tests; they will detect the currently circulating COVID-19 variants and are intended for use through 2024. Order at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.COVIDTests.gov).

Bereavement Support Group

Please contact me by email or phone if you or someone you care about is interested in attending a six-week bereavement support group this Autumn that has a Catholic perspective. It would be held at this parish and facilitated by me.

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

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity.

ANUNCIOS



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

Los hermosos días de otoño están pasando rápidamente aquí en la escuela San Lorenzo. Tenemos muchas fechas importantes para que marques en su calendario.

- Halloween Trunk-or-Treat el 28 de octubre en el estacionamiento delantero de 7:00PM a 8:00PM. ¡Ven y únete a la diversión!
- Baile de Halloween para los grados 6 a 8 de 7:00PM a 9:00PM el viernes 25 de octubre.
- No olvides la reunión de todas las clases. Consulta el sitio web de la escuela para comprar artículos divertidos de San Lorenzo Swag.

stlaurence2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/

Que tengas una semana bendecida.
¡Estás en nuestras oraciones todos los días!

33 DÍAS HACIA LA GLORIA EUCARÍSTICA

Le invitamos a la preparación de los 33 días hacia la Gloria Eucarística que comenzará el **20 de octubre**. La consagración se llevará a cabo el 21 de noviembre. Favor de usar el enlace o usar el código QR.

<https://saintlaurence.flocknote.com/signup/182430>



HOY ES EL DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES

Celebramos este día recordando nuestra llamada bautismal: ¡llevar el Evangelio a todas las personas! La colecta de hoy para la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe asegura el trabajo y servicio de la Iglesia Misionera, ya que apoya a los sacerdotes, líderes religiosos y líderes laicos quienes ofrecen la misericordia del Señor y ayuda concreta a las comunidades más vulnerables de las misiones del Papa. Gracias por su generosidad.

CONFERENCIA LIBERADO (UNBOUND)

7 & 8 de diciembre, 2024

Parroquia San Lorenzo

\$75

Para registrarse: Use este código QR. También puede visitar o llamar a la oficina parroquial.

Para información adicional puede enviar un mensaje a liberado@saintlaurencedelco.org



LAS INTENCIONES PARA las MISAS de 2025

El libro de intenciones para las misas de 2025 se abrirá el 11 de noviembre. Por favor, acérquese al nártex de la iglesia en cualquier momento entre las 9:00AM y las 12:00 DEL MEDIODÍA para hacer sus pedidos. Por orden de llegada.



MES DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

San Lorenzo tendrá velas disponibles para que puedas recordar y honrar a tus difuntos de una manera especial durante el mes de noviembre. Solicitamos una donación de \$7 por vela o \$20 por 3 velas. Estas velas arden durante los tres días de fin de semana del Día de los Difuntos.

AYUDA A ST. VINCENT de PAÚL a ALIMENTAR a NUESTROS VECINOS

Para que la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl pueda llevar a cabo nuestro evento de Acción de Gracias el sábado 23 de noviembre por la mañana, solicitamos una vez más la ayuda de los feligreses. NECESITAMOS los siguientes alimentos vigentes antes del 8 de noviembre:

Papas instantáneas, salsa de pavo enlatada, salsa de arándanos enlatada, mezcla de relleno, batatas enlatadas, maíz enlatado, sopas, salsa para pasta, mermelada, macarrones con queso en caja. De antemano, "bendiciones y gracias" a todos los que están ayudando en nuestros esfuerzos con alimentos o donaciones monetarias para ayudar a nuestros vecinos necesitados.

FROM OUR PASTOR

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: ABORTION IS ABOUT ALL OF US

by Daniel Drain, Ph.D.,

Director, Office for Life & Family for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia



Each year the Church in the United States celebrates October as Respect Life Month, and asks of the faithful a particular, concerted effort to pray for and work toward a culture of life.

For some, the frequent clarification offered by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that abortion remains the “preeminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone” is a source of confusion, frustration, and even a cause for rebellion.

Why must abortion be at the top of the list, particularly in a country so rife with gun violence, opioid usage, political division, homelessness, and the like? Is it truly pro-life to fight against abortion first and foremost?

One voice to which we can turn for clarity is that of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (the theologian who eventually became Pope Benedict XVI). His voice is well worth listening to during Respect Life Month, as he helps us to understand better why abortion is so central. The reason for abortion’s priority has everything to do with its unique and indelible connection to the nature of human freedom itself.

In article written in 1995 titled “Truth and Freedom,” Cardinal Ratzinger argues that to be a human being is to be “from, with, and for” others; each of us is from our parents (and ultimately, of course, from God); each of us is born into a community (our immediate family, our town, our culture, our species); each of us exists “for” or “toward” others (we cannot truly live without loving).

Considering the child in the womb, he sees “simply a very graphic description of the depiction of the essence of human freedom in general.” Children, he clarifies, offer an especially vivid indication of what is true for all of humanity. To construe abortion as a “right” accorded to the freedom of another should give us pause: “Exactly what sort of freedom has even the right to annul another’s freedom as soon as it begins?” His answer goes as follows: “Freedom is tied to a measure, the measure of reality – to the truth. Freedom to destroy oneself or to destroy another is not freedom, but its demonic parody.... Freedom must measure itself by what I am, by what we are – otherwise it annuls itself.”

Baptized Catholics, we who are called “sons and daughters of God,” should understand ourselves as children of God in exactly the sense Cardinal Ratzinger described: from God, with God, for God. And this God knows us, loves us, and has given us his Son that we might dwell with him forever – the highest aim of our freedom.

The reason abortion is the preeminent issue of our time is

because a culture that thinks abortion is a right to exercise when he or she wills is a culture that misunderstands what it is to be a human being in the first place.

While it is true that abortion is the preeminent moral issue of our time, this bespeaks a fundamental crisis at the level of our cultural understanding of what a human being is. Culturally speaking, we reject life, relation, difference, and responsibility. We reject being from, being with, and being for. We reject humanity: the prevalence of abortion is the clearest sign of this.

Many find abortion to be the only answer to their problems. They, too, are victims in need of our prayerful support and tireless action. Our culture is one where abortion is not just possible, not just thinkable, but *convenient*. We must work to make it *unthinkable*.

In the meantime, we give thanks to God for ministries like Project Rachel, retreat opportunities like Rachel’s Vineyard, and all of the numerous active pro-life groups, both volunteer and professional, that are in the territory of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

To best respect life, let’s pause for a moment to consider the original meaning of “respect.” From the Latin *respecere*, meaning to “look back at” or to “regard,” to respect something indicates being able to truly see that thing: to allow it to be seen for what it is, to let it be, to safeguard it. Perhaps now we can appreciate better the wisdom of naming abortion as the pre-eminent pro-life priority; it makes all other pro-life causes more intelligible, and more worthy of our efforts, by drawing us back to the notion that all life is a gift. We are all children willed into existence by our utterly gracious Father. This is why to be pro-life means to care for everyone and to labor to build a culture that does not have to pause to consider whether we ought to care for the hungry, the poor, the sick, the immigrant, the elderly, the oppressed, and all those whom Christ said that “you will always have with you” (Mk 14:7).

Respect Life Month asks that we stop and see life in order to better love it, live it, and protect it. It is good to be from another. It is good to depend upon and be with one another. And it is fundamentally good to live for others. Our role is never to lose sight of this truth, and to live and die for it.

catholicphilly.com/2024/09/commentaries/respect-life-month-abortion-is-about-all-of-us/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTH OF ALL SOULS

St. Laurence will have pillar candles available so that you may prayerfully remember and honor your deceased loved ones in a special way during the month of November. A \$7 donation/candle or \$20/3 candles is requested. Candles will burn in front of the altar for the weekend of all Souls Day.

2025 MASS INTENTIONS OPEN IN NOVEMBER

The 2025 Mass Intentions book will open on November 11, 2024. Please come to the narthex of the church anytime from 9:00AM-12:00PM noon to make your requests. First come, first served. Please call the office with any questions.

DELCO YOUNG DISCIPLES RETREAT

On Sunday, October 20, the DELCO Young Disciples will be kicking off their second season at Malvern Retreat House from 3—7PM. Teens and their families are welcome! For more information, please see our website or call Sue Killeen at 484-432-5695, or email susan.killeen@comcast.net.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



MINISTRY RETREATS

If you are presently

servicing in these ministries or **feel called to serve one in of these ministries**, please attend. Please pray for all those who serve our Lord and our parish in these vital ministries!

Saturday, October 26 - Adult ENGLISH Ministry Retreat (lectors, EMHCs, musicians, ushers, adult youth ministers): 8:30AM daily Mass followed by food and talk by Fr. John Masson in the parish hall until 11:00AM. Please RSVP to:

franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org

Sunday, October 27 - Altar Server/Sacristan Retreat: 12:15PM Mass followed by training and food in the parish hall. You may attend any Mass, but the retreat follows 12:15PM Mass. Please RSVP to: franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

The beautiful fall days are passing quickly here at St. Laurence School. We have many important dates for you to put on your calendar!

- Halloween Trunk-or-Treat on October 28 in the front parking lot from 7:00PM-8:00PM. Come out and join the fun!
- Halloween Dance for Grades 6 to 8 from 7:00PM-9:00PM on Friday October 25.
- Please do not forget the All-Class Reunion. Check the school website to shop for fun Saint Laurence Swag items.

stlaurence2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/

Have a blessed week.

You are in our prayers each day!

HELP FEED OUR NEIGHBORS THIS THANKSGIVING

In order for St. Vincent de Paul Society to hold our Thanksgiving event on Saturday morning November 23, we are seeking your help. We need the following unexpired items before November 8:

Instant potatoes, canned turkey gravy, canned cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, canned corn, soups, pasta sauce, jelly, and boxed macaroni & cheese.

“Blessings and thank you” to all who are assisting in our endeavors with either food or monetary donations to help our neighbors in need.

ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL



ALL-CLASS REUNION

COME BACK TO THE PLACE WHERE WE ALL BECAME A FAMILY.
OUR HOUSE HAS BEEN REBUILT.
BE A PART OF THE FUTURE WHILE RELIVING THE PAST.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024
5 PM WELCOME MASS
6-7 PM SCHOOL TOUR
7-10 PM SCHOOL REUNION
IN PARISH HALL

ENJOY RAFFLES, SLS SWAG, LIVE MUSIC, FOOD &
DRINK, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, EACH OTHER!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!