



SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 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

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
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
Hospitality Minister: Jennifer Jaigua, 610-449-0600, ext. 210 or jennifer@saintlaurencedelco.org

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): Mia Cardenas, religiouised@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
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
Laurentian Senior Group 55+: Dottie Tillger, 610-945-5064



Learn More about Our Faith Online



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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#

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



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 7:00PM in the parish hall. Beginning Sept. 18, adoration will return to the church and end with a simple benediction at 6:15PM to be ready for 6:30PM Mass in Spanish. Jesus awaits your visit!



MASS INTENTIONS

DONATIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Donata & Mario Gallozzi
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
 10:45AM Yen Van Nguyen
 12:15PM Pro Populo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

STS. CORNELIUS, POPE, & CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

8:30AM William J. Albertus, Sr. (20th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30AM Soul of Baptist Fernandes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30AM All Souls in Purgatory
 6:30PM Misa Comunitaria

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30AM Alice Marie & Michael J. McNicholas, Sr. & Brendan J. McNicholas

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, & PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, RED & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

8:30AM Clara Bergan

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:30AM Anthony Callos
 4:30PM Michael Abel
 7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Daniel Duffy
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
 10:45AM Howell Family
 12:15PM Pro Populo

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	SEPTEMBER 8
Offertory	\$ 7,330
Online	\$ 1,552
Capital Campaign	\$ 5,128

ST. JOSEPH SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

Jean & Steve Muschynka by Angelina Saggiomo

BLESSED MOTHER SANCTUARY LAMP

For all those struggling with child care
 by Katina C. Vignola

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

For the homeless by Katina C. Vignola

ELDERCARE

Time Off

I will be out of the office from Thursday, September 19 through Monday, September 30. My last day in the office will be Wednesday, 9/18 and I will return Wednesday, 10/2. I will leave instructions with the rectory and on my voicemail and email how to reach my colleague if you have a need during that time.

Programs Through COSA

COSA has two programs coming up shortly. One is an online program for chronic pain self-management. The first session starts on Monday, 9/16 at 9:30AM. Register at williamse@co.delaware.pa.us or 610-499-1937. The second program is regarding managing concerns about falls. It will be held at the Brookhaven Municipal Building on Thursday mornings starting 10/3. To register, contact aalfieri@scs-delco.org or 484-496-2143. There's no fee for either program.

Virtual Tech Drop-In Sessions

Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or computer? Do you know someone who has questions but doesn't know who to ask? RSVP says no question is too small! Sessions are being held from 6 to 7:30PM on 9/18, 9/24, and the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Contact Michelle for questions or to register at: 610-834-1040, ext. 128, or at rsvpmc.org.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of the faithfully departed especially, **Andrea Paraison**.

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

ANUNCIOS

EL DOMINGO de CATEQUÍA el 14 Y 15 de SEPTIEMBRE

Bendeciremos a los maestros de las escuelas católicas y de PREP en todas las misas. El enfoque de este domingo está en el importante trabajo y misión de nuestros maestros, especialmente en la transmisión de nuestra fe católica a nuestros jóvenes.

CAMBIO AL HORARIO DE MISAS Y ULTRELLA EN ESPAÑOL

A partir del 18 de septiembre, habrá una misa en español a las 6:30PM **todos los miércoles**. Esto eliminará la misa en español del "último martes del mes". La **Ultrella**, la reunión del Cursillo en español, se reunirá el último miércoles del mes después de la misa en español. La clase de Biblia en español se realizará los otros miércoles después de la misa en español.



FORMACIÓN MUSICAL: FORMACIÓN PASTORAL PARA MINISTERIOS DE LA MUSICA

Dos clases en línea (7:00PM) —Teoría de la música martes 10 y 17 de septiembre

Dos clases en persona (7:00PM)—Clases practicas viernes 27 de septiembre y 4 de octubre

Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano
222 N 17th Street, Filadelfia
Inversión: \$50

Para información y registro,
llamar al 215-667-2824

CONFERENCIA DE MUJERES CATOLICAS 2024

Las Alegrías de Ser Mujer
sábado, 19 de octubre

9:00AM — 4:00PM

Nuestra Señora de Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA
pherrera@archphila.org

\$25—Ultimo día de registraci3n 1 de Octubre



PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO

Hna. Regina Matulka

Esta semana en San Lorenzo comenzamos nuestra colecta anual de dulces.

- A partir del 19 de septiembre, puede comprar una deliciosa barra de chocolate de nuestros estudiantes. Las ganancias de esta venta se destinarán a apoyar nuestros programas académicos, el desarrollo estudiantil y mucho más. La colecta de dulces termina el 4 de octubre.
- Reserve la fecha para nuestra primera cena familiar fuera de casa este año el 18 de septiembre desde las 5:00PM hasta las 8:00PM a Chick-Fil-A en Springfield. Venga y conozca a algunas de nuestras familias y disfrute de una deliciosa cena.
- PREP comienza este martes 17 de septiembre. Gracias y que tenga una semana bendecida.

EVENTO DE SALUD COMUNITARIA CLÍNICA CONTRA LA GRIPE 2024

Zoomies Pediatrics Direct
Care Medical Center
organizará una clínica
comunitaria contra la gripe
en San Lorenzo el sábado 21
de septiembre de 4:00PM a
7:00PM, antes y después de



la misa de vigilia para los feligreses locales. Las vacunas están cubiertas por la mayoría de los seguros principales.

Se recomienda registrarse, pero se aceptan personas sin cita previa. Puede llamar al 267-291-4225 para obtener ayuda con el registro. Para registrarse en línea, siga estos pasos:

-Vaya a patients.vaxcare.com/registration o escanee el código QR

-Escriba el código de inscripción PA10508

-Elija la ubicación (9/21 St. Laurence)

-Complete su información personal/de seguro

-Responda las preguntas de salud y firme el consentimiento

FROM OUR PASTOR

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

By Joseph LaCombe



Denying ourselves, sacrificing ourselves for the sake of others, bearing our daily crosses, and offering all of that up to God for the merits of others – not our own merit. I think about these things when I reflect on the readings for today. Jesus tells us that to follow Him, *we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow.*

This is a blessing, a grace of the crosses that come our way. Just as with Jesus, He announces to the disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly, and be killed. He must do this for the world. He must bear His literal cross, and be crucified, and die for us, so that the ship can be righted, so to speak. Peter gets so upset at this and tells Jesus that this will never happen! But Peter didn't listen to the rest of Jesus' words – *that on the third day, He would be raised.*

There was a reason and a purpose for all that Jesus was to do and undergo, and there was a joy and a gift – a joy of salvation and a gift of eternal life.

And so, in our daily crosses, we too can find joy. We too can receive gifts and graces. God doesn't send the suffering and tragedy our way, saying *"Ha! let's see how Joe deals with this!"* I know many people think that, asking why would a good God let suffering happen? Why would a good God let such tragedy and wrongs happen to innocent people? Why would God send a hurricane to Texas and let it dump 50 inches of rain in an area with millions of people and watch their lives be destroyed by flooding? And that's just here in the United States. This is happening in other parts of the world too. Why would a good God do this, we ask...?

God doesn't do this. It is a fallen world, people have free will. We live in a world where there is nature and science, disease and weather – things just simply happen. Hurricanes hit. People get into car accidents. Planes crash. People get cancer. People get depressed. These things just happen, for no apparent reason. People get persecuted for their faith, for trying to stand-up to the negative and do something good.

I've experienced these or know people directly impacted by every one of these occurrences. Every time, I have questioned – why? I never get an answer as to why. I know that God does not send these things our way, but I do know that He uses them for the better when they do occur, as opportunities for us to reach out to Him, to rely and trust in Him, to let Him guide us, and to grow our faith. To pull us towards Him.

I do know that our crosses in life, can purify us, shape our soul, our character, and our strength – if we trust in and rely on God to get us through, even if we don't understand.

And I do know, that if we deny ourselves, sacrifice our own will and our selfish desires for the will of God, and offer up our sacrifices and suffering to Him for the good of someone else, that there is merit here. Not only does this purify our own soul, but I've seen prayers answered – for others – in this

very act.

And so as much as I hate to see and experience any kind of trial and suffering or tragedy, there is joy and grace and a gift to be found there if we use these as an opportunity to love. To love and lean on Christ, and use these as an opportunity to love others.

If we conform ourselves to the world, to society, and let this overcome us, and we wallow in our own self-pity and selfish desires, we will be destroyed – eternally. But with each cross that comes our way, if we look at it as an opportunity to renew and grow our prayer life, and our spiritual relationship with God, and deny our wills and look to these crosses as a way to help others somehow, and ask God to show us that – we will grow immensely and we, too will be raised after our death and live eternally with Christ.

This is the joy to be found in our daily crosses. But we must deny ourselves. We must deny our will, and discern the will of God. We've got to deny our own wants, our own sorrows, our own selfish desires and simply let Him guide us, so that we can follow.

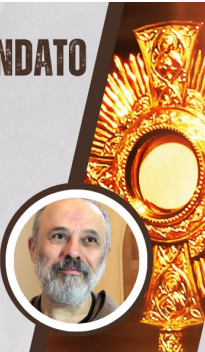
We must not ask the question, why would God let this happen – but ask what is God wanting me to learn from this experience? What is God wanting me to do – right now – as a result of this cross? What is God wanting me to share with others based upon what I am experiencing? Where is God pulling me closer to Him?

In every single instance, we will be tempted *not* to do this. We will be tempted to give in to our own will and desires, and focus on ourself, and turn away from Christ. We will have obstacles come before us, trying to prevent us from thinking this way, and following God. This is when we exclaim, as Jesus did, *"Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle to me."*

Jesus will be there, to show us the way, to renew and deepen our understanding of Him, and lead us to all that is good and pleasing and perfect.

<https://www.acatholic.org/sunday-9317-take-up-your-cross/>

40 HOURS with **FR. PIO MANDATO**
SEPTEMBER 26– 28
Three evenings of homilies,
40 Hours of personal prayer and
community prayer
in the presence of the Lord.
MORE DETAILS TO COME



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 14-15 IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

We will bless Catholic School and PREP teachers at all Masses. The focus of this Sunday is on the important work and mission of our teachers especially as they pass on our Catholic Faith to our young people.

CHOIR SEEKS NEW MEMBERS!

St. Laurence Adult Choir is looking for new members. If you enjoy singing and can blend your voice with others please consider joining us. Practices are held Thursdays at 7:00PM in the choir loft. We hope that you will consider joining our joyful and prayerful group. For more information contact Margie Kane at 610-446-4072 or cantormargiek@gmail.com.

"When you sing, you pray twice." St. Augustine

COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENT FLU CLINIC 2024

Zoomies Pediatrics Direct Care Medical Center is hosting a flu clinic at St. Laurence Saturday, September 21, 4:00 – 7:00PM, before and after the Saturday Vigil Mass. Vaccines are covered by most major insurance companies.

Registration is recommended but walk-ins are welcome. Call 267-291-4225 for help with registration. To register online, follow these steps:

- Go to patients.vaxcare.com/registration or scan the QR code
- Type in enrollment code PA10508
- Choose location (9/21 St. Laurence)
- Fill out your personal/insurance information
- Answer the health questions and sign consent

CAMILLA HALL OKTOBERFEST AND CRAFT FAIR

The Camilla Hall Oktoberfest & Craft Fair will be Saturday, October 5 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM on the grounds of Camilla Hall. Craft vendors, food, children's games, basket raffle, white elephant flea market, and more! Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and healthcare center for the IHM Sisters. For info, visit: camillaoktoberfest.org.



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

This week at St. Laurence we are beginning our annual candy drive.

- Beginning September 19, you can purchase a delicious chocolate bar from our students. Proceeds from this sale go to support our academic programs, student development, and so much more. The candy drive ends October 4. Thank you for your support!
- Save the date for our first family dine out night this year on September 18 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM at Chick-Fil-A in Springfield. Come out and meet some of our families and enjoy a delicious dinner.
- PREP begins this Tuesday, September 17.
Thank you and have a blessed week.



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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOTBALL MANIA

The football season has begun, but ticket order forms can still be found in the narthex of the church if you wish to join in the fun. They are in a brochure rack on the right hand side as you enter the narthex from the main parking lot. Thank you for your support!