



AUGUST 18, 2024  
TWENTIETH 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

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:

Monday-Thursday 9-7; Friday 9-5

Horas de Oficina:

De Lunes a Jueves 9-7; Viernes 9-5

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



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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](http://www.saintlaurencedelco.org)

## WEEKLY MEETINGS/ REUNIONES SEMANALES

### ST. LAURENCE MEN'S GROUP

No meetings over the summer. Resumes Sept. 9.

### 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

No meetings over the summer. Resumes Sept. 10.

### 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](mailto:claudia@saintlaurencedelco.org).



### ADORATION EVERY WEDNESDAY

Throughout the summer, weekly adoration will be in the parish hall from 9:00AM until 7:00PM.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

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7:30AM John & Marion Voight

8:30AM Misa Comunitaria

10:45AM Joan Keough

12:15PM Pro Populo

## MONDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30AM Anna Marie Pace Birthday (L)

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

### ST. BERNARD, ABBOTT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:30AM Nicholas Dugan

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

### ST. PIUS X, POPE

8:30AM Gertrude C. Gilligan

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

### QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30AM Fr. Amal & Fr. Jaya Ordination  
Anniversary (L)

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30AM Anne P. & John W. Cullen, Sr. and  
John W. Cullen, Jr.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

8:30AM Soul of Cecilla Dias

4:30PM Hugh J. McFadden, Jr.

7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Pro Populo

8:30AM Misa Comunitaria

10:45AM Albert DiBella

12:15PM John & Susan Marron

(L) indicates living

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of the faithfully departed, especially Michael Nicholas Scogna :

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

# DONATIONS



*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

-Matthew 6:21

## AUGUST 11

Offertory \$ 6,849

Online \$ 1,072

Capital Campaign \$ 5,163

## ST. JOSEPH SIDE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Men of St. Laurence by Katina C. Vignola

## BLESSED MOTHER SANCTUARY LAMP

Bob & Rosemary Kiely

## ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

For all struggling with addiction by Katina C. Vignola

# ELDERCARE

## New STAR Program

Delaware County Department of Human Services recently opened a mental health and substance use stabilization center. The MVP Recovery STAR program offers 24/7: linkage to mental health and substance use treatment; access to certified recovery/peer specialists; access to psychiatric services, and; access to licensed medical professionals for wound care and other healthcare support. For more information, visit [www.mvprecovery.org](http://www.mvprecovery.org) or call 855-687-2410.

## Medicare Counseling Services

Senator Kearney's office in Media now offers in-person Medicare counseling services on the first Monday of the month, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Appointments are required; contact Donna Elms at [donna.elms@pasenate.com](mailto:donna.elms@pasenate.com) or 610-544-6120.

## Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Vouchers are back! If you are 60+ years (or will be by 12/31/24), have an annual income for one of no more than \$27,861 (no more than \$37,814 for household of two), and are a resident of DelCo, you can pick up farmers' market vouchers at senior centers throughout the county. I have the list of locations and times of distribution, applications, and where the vouchers can be redeemed. Contact me for assistance.

Jennifer Rose, 610-449-0600, ext. 234  
[jrose@chs-adphila.org](mailto:jrose@chs-adphila.org)

# ANUNCIOS

## FOOTBALL MANIA



Las entradas para la recaudación de fondos Football Mania estarán disponibles a través de los miembros de Caballeros de Colón en las entradas de la iglesia. Para comprar boletos en línea vaya a <https://www.charitymania.com/give/AE0A1>, haga clic en "Contribuir ahora" y siga las instrucciones. Después del pago en línea se enviará un correo electrónico de confirmación con la información de sus entradas.

## MARCHA POR LA VIDA EN PENNSILVANIA



Harrisburg, PA 23 de septiembre de 2024  
10:00AM – Concierto previo a la manifestación  
11:00AM – Manifestación de la Marcha por la Vida  
12:00PM – Marcha por la Vida en Pensilvania

¡Planifique su viaje!

<https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania/>

## REGÍSTRESE AHORA para la EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Si usted o alguien que conoce tiene un hijo que comienza el primer grado en una escuela pública, también debería registrarlo ahora para las clases de catecismo (PREP) a partir de septiembre. Es muy importante llamar a la oficina parroquial ahora para programar una cita. Por favor traiga sus certificados de nacimiento y bautismo a la cita. Se devolverán los certificados originales. PREP(Programa Parroquial de Educación Religiosa) es para niños de escuelas no católicas. Además, si amas nuestra fe y disfrutas enseñar a niños o adolescentes, podrías considerar, en oración, convertirte en catequista. Por favor llame a la oficina de Educación Religiosa para iniciar el proceso, 610-449-0600, ext. 215.

## CELEBRACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA ANUAL DE LA FE Y CULTURA PUERTORRIQUEÑA



Jueves, 26 de septiembre

Celebrante Homilista:

Arzobispo Nelson J. Pérez

Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo

6:30PM Procesión del Rosario 7:00PM Misa

Para información: Vicky Fontanéz, 215-329-8100

## ¡LLENEN EL PARQUE!



Los Servicios Sociales Católicos de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia están recolectando pañales y otros artículos para apoyar a las madres primerizas y embarazadas y a sus familias que asistirán al "Baby

Shower más grande de Filadelfia" el sábado 24 de agosto a las 10:00AM.

Aquellos que no puedan asistir pero estén interesados en apoyar a nuestros vecinos necesitados pueden comprar pañales, toallitas húmedas y más en línea a través de la Lista de deseos de Amazon de CSS en [www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/14GNR9PKUZUZZ](http://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/14GNR9PKUZUZZ).

## ENCUENTRO DE DISCIPULADO MISIONERO

Para ayudarte a profundizar en tu amistad personal con Jesús a través de la oración y la conversión personal.

Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov 5., Nov. 12  
Ene. 21, Feb. 4, Feb. 18, Mar. 4, Mar. 18, Mar. 25  
\$100 por 12 sesiones

Registración: Sr. Orlando Crisostomo  
484-201-3549

## CONFERENCIA DE MUJERES CATÓLICAS 2024

*Las alegrías de ser mujer:  
sagrada, amada, y bendecida*

Sábado, 19 de octubre del 2024  
9:00AM a 4:00PM

Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora  
de Czestochowa

654 Ferry Road , Doylestown, PA

REGISTRACIÓN: \$25 por persona

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=3EvVpp>

Para obtener información más detalles sobre los presentadores, temas y otros materiales de promoción visite:

[www.catholicwomensconference.org/espanol/](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org/espanol/)

# FROM OUR PASTOR

## JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

By Fr. Paul de Ladurantaye



The sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel is the source for this week's Gospel passage. The sixth chapter of John is usually known as the "Bread of Life Discourse" because in it, Jesus speaks of Himself as the Bread of Life, given to us as real food and real drink. This week's Gospel provides the occasion for Our Lord's "Bread of Life Discourse" by recording His miraculous feeding of the five thousand.

As we meditate upon this miracle, several points call for our attention. First, we should notice that the initiative for this miracle comes from Jesus Himself. It is He who shows sympathy for the needs of the crowd, He who brings up the problem to Philip, He who orders the five loaves and two fish to be distributed among the people. So often in our lives, it is Christ who showers His graces and blessings upon us, even when we do not ask.

Second, we should notice that, as a result of the Lord's initiative, the theological direction of the Gospel narrative begins to emerge. Jesus asks Philip about the possibility of providing food for the people — even though, as St. John reports, "He himself knew what he was going to do." Jesus wants to reveal that He Himself is the nourishment for our lives even at a natural or physical level. Christ will feed the crowds almost without anything, thereby showing that it is His creative power that sustains our life.

The deeper meaning of the miracle, however, is that it is not simply our bodily life that Christ sustains. Rather, the structure of Our Lord's actions points the way to the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrament of nourishment for our spiritual life. St. John notes that the feeding of the crowds took place when "the Jewish feast of Passover was near." The Synoptic Gospels start the narrative of Christ's passion with the institution of the Eucharist, which takes place at the Passover meal. On the mountain slope, Jesus said, "Have the people recline," which was the normal way of eating a meal in those days, and which

foreshadows the Last Supper at which Jesus "reclined (at table) with the Twelve" (Mk. 14:18). Jesus "took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining." All these actions reflect the institution of the Eucharist and the celebration of the Eucharist by the Church. The whole narrative of the feeding of the five thousand is given a Eucharistic coloring. Thus, the miraculous event reveals Jesus to be the true "bread from heaven."

Unfortunately, the crowds who witnessed the miracle saw its practical side — they had been fed and were no longer hungry — but they failed to see the meaning of the miraculous deed. They concluded that Jesus was the expected Messiah-King and were ready to bring Him triumphantly into Jerusalem. The crowds were eager to support Jesus when He gave them what they wanted. However, this was not the way Our Lord would exercise His Messiahship or bring about His kingdom. Christ's way is the way of the Cross; His power is revealed through self-emptying love. Again, St. John sees in the Lord's words and actions a clear connection between the Eucharist and the Cross. Jesus, who fed the multitudes by breaking bread for them, will feed us also by breaking the Bread that is His Body and pouring out His Blood in the cup of the New Covenant.

The whole of Chapter Six of St. John's Gospel is a commentary on the meaning of the Eucharist. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, which we were not witnesses to, is but a foreshadowing of that daily miracle of the Blessed Sacrament, to which we are witnesses. Jesus, who once fed the crowds with bread, continues today to feed us, His followers, with the Bread of Life so that we might, in Him, live and never die.

<https://catholicexchange.com/jesus-is-the-bread-of-life/>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## FOOTBALL MANIA TICKETS

The Knights of Columbus are now selling their Football Mania Fundraiser tickets. You can purchase tickets from K of C members at the entrances to the church in the coming weeks. Or you can print the pdf document attached to this week's Flocknote message, fill it out and give it to one of the Knights in the Church. To purchase tickets online go to: <https://www.charitymania.com/give/AE0A1> and click on "Contribute Now". After payment online a confirmation email will be sent with your ticket information. You can tell family and friends about the online site no matter where they live and they'll be able to support Knights of Columbus' charitable outreach programs.

## MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-68)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join the Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests and dine together usually once every 3 weeks. Our next scheduled event is on **Sunday, August 18** at 5:15PM at:

Masami Japanese Hibachi Restaurant

1260 Township Line Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026

For info, please call (please do not text) Barb at 610-896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate and enjoy our various restaurant events, house parties, and special events.

## HEALING MASS

All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima's Quarterly First Friday Mass and Healing Prayer Service on September 6. Praise & Worship begins at 6:45PM and then 7:00PM Mass with the Healing Prayer Service. The pastor, Rev. Roland Slobogin, is the celebrant. Prayer teams will be available for individual healing afterwards. Martha's House will provide music.

Our Lady of Fatima, 1 Fatima Dr., Secane, PA 19018

<https://www.archphilaccr.org>

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The next in-person experiences are **October 11-13** and **November 15-17** at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org>.



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

**COACHES NEEDED!** Saint Laurence School would love to have a soccer and a volleyball team in the fall. If anyone is interested in volunteering to coach, the children would be most grateful.

St. Laurence School is seeking a part-time school **librarian**. Additionally, the school is seeking a part-time (two days/week) **music teacher**. Ideally, the music teacher would be able to lead the children's choir as well.

Please contact Sister Regina at 610-789-2670 if you are interested in either position.

## FILL THE PLAYPEN!

Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is currently collecting diapers and other items to support new and expecting mothers and their families who will attend "Philly's Biggest Baby Shower" on Saturday, August 24 at 10:00AM.

Those who cannot attend but are interested in supporting our neighbors in need can purchase diapers, wipes, and more online through CSS' Amazon Wish List at [www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/14GNR9PKUZUZZ](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/14GNR9PKUZUZZ).

## PENNSYLVANIA



September 23, 2024

10:00AM – Pre-Rally Concert

11AM – March for Life Rally

12 Noon – Pennsylvania

March for Life

Plan your trip to Harrisburg, PA!

<https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania/>

## DELCO YOUNG DISCIPLES



**AUGUST 26 7:30 — 8:30PM**

**Pop-Up Adoration Theme: Trusting God**

Confession will be available. Praise & Worship music and silence. Followed by Reception until 9:00PM. Contact Tina Angelo to be put on the email list: [tangelo212@yahoo.com](mailto:tangelo212@yahoo.com)