



SEPTEMBER 29, 2024  
TWENTY-SIXTH 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  
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### Hospitality Minister & Safe Environment

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

**Hospitality Minister:** Jennifer Jaigua, 610-449-0600,  
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## MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

**Altar Servers:** Father Anthony, 610-449-0600 ext. 213 or  
franthony@saintlaurencedelco.org

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cantormargiek@gmail.com

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**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,  
religioused@saintlaurencedelco.org,  
610-449-0600, ext. 215

**Pre-Jordan (Baptism Prep) Catechesis:**  
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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  
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**Pro-Life Ministry:** Joan Mazur, prolife@saintlaurencedelco.org

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**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

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, Rectory

### PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Tuesdays at 2:00PM, St. Laurence Rectory

### ROSARIO Y CLASE BÍBLICA

Miércoles, después de la misa en español, Iglesia

### ULTRELLA - CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD

Miércoles, después de la misa en español, Iglesia

### NEEDLECRAFTERS

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

### VIGILIA DEL PRIMER SÁBADO

Viernes, 8:00 - 11:00PM, Iglesia



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).

### WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Adoration is offered each Wednesday, 9:00AM to 6:15PM, at which time adoration will end with a simple benediction in order to be ready for 6:30PM Mass in Spanish.



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Pro Populo  
 8:30AM Misa Comunitaria  
 10:45AM Richard Venuti, Jr.  
 12:15PM Pasquale DiGiacomo

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

### ST. JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:30AM Bridget & James O'Donnell

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

### ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:30AM Thomas & Catherine Murphy

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

### HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

8:30AM All Souls of the Dias Family  
 6:30PM Misa Comunitaria

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30AM Grant "William" Bergan

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

8:30AM Memorial Fund Enrollees

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:30AM Cort Vignola  
 4:30PM Nadine Venuti  
 7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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# 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 Thomas J. Higgins: 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

**WE GIVE because  
GOD GAVE FIRST**

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

## SEPTEMBER 22

Offertory	\$ 8,623
Online	\$ 627
Capital Campaign	\$ 6,562

## COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the parish hall after all Masses on Sunday, October 6. Enjoy a delicious treat and fellowship with long-time friends, and make a new friend! See you there!



# ELDERCARE

## 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 held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Contact Michelle for questions or to register at 610-834-1040, ext. 128, or at [rsvpmc.org](http://rsvpmc.org).

## Programs Through COSA

A Matter of Balance is a program that emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. It will be held at the Brookhaven Municipal Building on Thursday mornings starting 10/3. To register, contact [aalfieri@scs-delco.org](mailto:aalfieri@scs-delco.org) or 484-496-2143. There's also a fall risk assessment program offered at Main Line Health Delco locations in October and November. Contact me for more information. There's no fee for either program.

## Anticipating Annual Open Enrollment

Medicare's annual open enrollment starts 10/15. 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.

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

# DEL PASTOR

Algunas cosas para considerar este fin de semana a medida que avanzamos hacia octubre y los últimos meses del año.

Quiero subrayar la importancia de apoyar a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl activa entre nosotros, que trabaja para servir a los pobres y recibe donaciones tanto en comidas como monetarias en las cajas de los pobres a las entradas de la iglesia.

También quiero enfatizar en la necesidad de evitar el mal uso del contenedor azul para donaciones de la Sociedad de St. Vicente de Paúl

I. NO ES UN BOTE DE BASURA. Algunos han depositado basura y esto puede causar insulto, daños a las donaciones y el tener que estar limpiando constantemente.

Espero que las 40 Horas en San Lorenzo traigan mucha bendición y gratitud a nuestra comunidad. Les pido una oración de gratitud por el Padre Pío Mandato, Sor Kelly Francis y sus ministerios, El Padre Anthony y yo agradecemos la dedicación de toda nuestra familia parroquia por su ayuda en las 40 horas, tanto en oración como a los músicos, monaguillos y al comité social que ayudó a organizar el compartir después de la Misa de clausura.

Esta semana tuvimos el primer aniversario de la primera misa en la renovada iglesia, un año lleno de alegría y crecimiento.

Las lecturas de este domingo enfatizan la importancia de la generosidad en nuestras vidas. Exige aceptar la influencia del Espíritu Santo a través de los sacramentos y vivir nuestra fe cristiana en un mundo que busca significado y dirección. También nos animan a dar de nuestros recursos en lugar de acumular cosas que no podemos traer con nosotros cuando seamos llamados ante el Señor. Ayudemos unos a otros a vivir auténtica y generosamente nuestra fe en palabras y obras.

En San Lorenzo, tenemos un ministerio juvenil en crecimiento y usted ha visto nuestro equipo de monaguillos en expansión. Nos gustaría tratar de recaudar fondos por separado para un presupuesto significativo de \$15,000 para las actividades y subsidios del ministerio juvenil de este año. Como parte de esto, estamos incluyendo a nuestros monaguillos y miembros del grupo juvenil como ayudantes para preparar, limpiar y servir café y donas el primer fin de semana de octubre. En ese momento, tendremos la oportunidad de hacer una donación adicional para este esfuerzo. Esperamos seguir creciendo en todas las áreas de nuestro ministerio juvenil y estamos agradecidos por su apoyo generoso y con oraciones a nuestros jóvenes. Considere donar a esta causa cuando salga de la iglesia el próximo domingo o en Coffee and Donuts. Todas las donaciones se destinarán a financiar nuestro ministerio juvenil el próximo año.

En Cristo,  
*Padre Tomás*

# ANUNCIOS



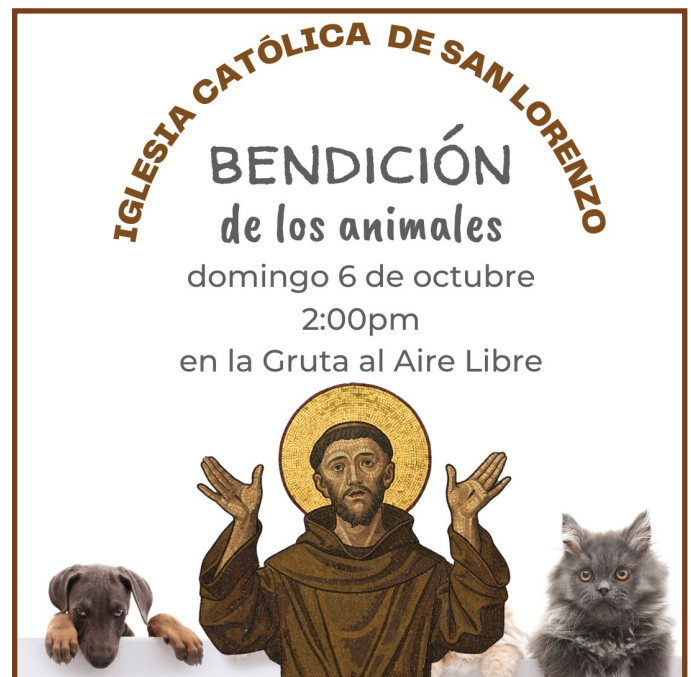
## PARA DESTACAR EN LA ESCUELA SAN LORENZO Hna. Regina Matulka

Estamos orando para que todos hayan tenido una gran semana. Octubre está a la vuelta de la esquina. Los deportes y clubes de otoño están en pleno apogeo y hay mucho movimiento en los pasillos de la escuela.

La venta de dulces está en curso, las barras cuestan \$2.00 y se pueden comprar en la oficina de la escuela o con cualquier estudiante. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

El anuncio de la beca de Philadelphia Children's y las instrucciones para presentar la solicitud para 2025-2026 ya están disponibles.

Que tengan una bendecida semana de otoño.



## 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 es 1 de octubre

# FROM OUR PASTOR



A few items for your consideration this weekend as we move into October and the final few months of the year:

1) Last week we celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul (Sept. 27). At St. Laurence we are blessed with an active St. Vincent de Paul Society that works to serve the poor among us in their time of need on behalf of all of us. We donate the funds from the poor boxes every week to them. We also donate to them the Thanksgiving Day collection every year. In future years there will be several more opportunities to support their work - including an envelope on the weekend closest to his feast day. Please consider bringing a donation for the food pantry which you can leave in the blue bin in the church vestibule any time the church is open. You are also welcome to make donations to the St. Vincent de Paul society directly either via the poor boxes or the parish offices. If writing a check please make the check out to "St. Vincent de Paul Society" rather than to St. Laurence. Thank you for your generosity.

2) On a related note - please note that the blue bin for the St. Vincent de Paul donations is NOT A TRASH CAN. Recently people have begun disposing of trash in the bin. This adds insult to injury by damaging the food donations and requiring cleaning every time. It should be obvious to everyone that this is not the purpose of the blue bin. If you see someone misusing the food donation bin, please help us all - and the poor - by stopping them. Thank you in advance!

3) I hope that our parish's 40 Hours devotions were a time of grace and blessing for all of us. Please offer a prayer of gratitude to God for Fr. Pio Mandato and Sr. Kelly Francis for their ministry to us over the past three days. Please also know of my thanks for all of you who joined us in prayer during the times of Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, for those who attended our evening devotions each night or the closing Mass on Saturday at 7:00PM. Particular thanks to the musicians and altar servers that have assisted us and to the social committee that is helping organize our very simple celebration after the closing Mass. We couldn't have done it without all of you chipping in as One Body in Christ!

4) Our scriptures this Sunday call us to generosity. The first reading calls us to generously accept the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us via the sacraments - and to

respond by living our Christian faith out loud as prophets in a world that is searching for meaning and direction. The second reading calls us to generously give of our resources rather than hoarding away that which is finite and passing - those things we can't take with us when we are called from this world to our eternal judgment. The Gospel calls us to generously serve those around us in need (see #1 above) and to generously repent - leaving behind in this life anything that would hold us back from preparing for eternal life in heaven. May we push each other to authentically and generously live our faith in word and in deed.

5) This week marked the one-year anniversary (9/24) of our first Mass in the renovated church. It's been an amazing year as the church has continued to take shape and the work has come nearly to completion. Truly God has done great things for us, and we should be filled with joy as we reflect on the miracles among us and the continued growth of our parish. Know that Fr. Anthony and I are incredibly grateful for the generosity, the dedication, the zeal, and the joy of our Saint Laurence family. May God bless us with many more joyful anniversaries and many more members of our Saint Laurence parish family!!!

6) Many parishes are concerned about a lack of youth presence and participation. At St. Laurence - we have a growing youth ministry, and you have seen our expanding team of altar servers. We would like to try to separately fundraise a significant \$15,000 budget for this year's youth ministry activities and subsidies. As part of this, we are including our altar servers and youth group members as helpers to set up, clean up, and serve coffee and donuts the first weekend of October. At that time, we will have the opportunity to make an additional donation toward this effort. We look forward to continued growth in all areas of our youth ministry outreach, and we are grateful for your prayerful and generous support of our young people. Please consider donating to this cause as you leave the church next Sunday or at Coffee and Donuts. All donations will go toward funding our youth ministry this coming year.

In Christ,  
*Father Tom*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Fr. Anthony Albanese will host a meeting **October 10, 6:30-7:30PM** in the school cafeteria for people interested in going on a pilgrimage to Italy in the summer of 2025. For more information, go to: <https://www.206tours.com/cms/stssimonandjude/>

## CHOIR SEEKS NEW MEMBERS!

If you enjoy singing and can blend your voice with others please consider joining St. Laurence's Adult Choir. 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](mailto:cantormargiek@gmail.com).

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

## CAMILLA HALL OKTOBERFEST AND CRAFT FAIR

**Saturday, October 5 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM**

It will be held 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](http://camillaoktoberfest.org).


## RESPECT LIFE MONTH: DELCO LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is on **Sunday, October 6, from 1:00PM-2:00PM** on Baltimore Pike starting at Saxer Ave. in Springfield. Let us witness to the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.

**SAINT LAURENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**BLESSING**  
of the Animals

Sunday, October 6  
2:00pm  
at the Outdoor Grotto



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

We are praying that everyone had a great week. October is right around the corner. Fall sports and clubs are in full swing and there is much excitement in the classrooms.

The Candy sale is on-going. The bars are \$2.00 and can be purchased in the school office or from any student. Thank you for your support! Philadelphia Children's Scholarship announcement and instructions for applying for 2025-2026 are available now. Have a blessed Fall 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!

Volunteers are needed to work at the reunion. Please respond by email to [reunion@saintlaurencedelco.org](mailto:reunion@saintlaurencedelco.org).

## TEEN REJUVENATION CONFERENCE

**October 12**

Fun prizes, breakout groups, discussion. Bonner & Prendie High School

First 50 to register win a gift card! Registration fee: \$10.  
To register, call 267-574-0038.

**9:00AM-3:00PM**

Registration Fee: \$10

