



AUGUST 4, 2024
EIGHTEENTH 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

FAX: 610-449-4299

Phone: 610-449-0600

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

FAX: 484-452-6271

Phone: 610-789-2670

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
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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
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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: 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
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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

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

HORA SANTA EN ESPAÑOL

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.



ADORATION EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS

DONATIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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7:30AM Good Health—Fernandes Family
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Yen Van Nguyen
12:15PM John Burke

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30AM Raymond DePrince, Sr.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:30AM Tracy Arden Romine

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30AM Philomena Kyles

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST

8:30AM James Thomas Picard, Jr.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30AM Denise DeFino

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

ST. LAURENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

8:30AM Pro Populo
4:30PM Pro Populo
7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Anna Cugini
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Theresa & Kevin McArdle (2nd Anniversary)
12:15PM Honorable Joseph T.F. Quinn (1st Anniversary)

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 James T. McFarland: 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

IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR ANSWERED PRAYERS

Lord, we thank You for the gift of good health, both physical and emotional, and we are grateful for Your healing power. *Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.* (Psalm 103:2)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce. - Proverbs 3:9

JULY 28

Offertory	\$ 6,989
Online	\$ 682
Capital Campaign	\$ 6,525

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Out of the Office

I will be out of the office Friday, August 2 and Monday, August 5, but this does not affect my schedule at St. Laurence.

Medicare Counseling Services

Starting this month, Sen. Kearney's office in Media will offer 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 or 610-544-6120.

Townhall Meeting

DelCo residents are invited to attend the meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 13 from 4:30 to 6:30PM at 100 N. Providence Rd., Wallingford. The committee wants to hear what your community needs to be healthy and safe. This will help local hospitals with the 2025 Regional Community Health Needs Assessment. Contact RCHNA2025@gmail.com with questions.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Vouchers are back! If you are 60+ years (or will be by 12/31/24), have an annual income of \$27,861 or less (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. Contact me for distribution locations/times, applications, and redemption information.

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

ANUNCIOS

EL HORARIO DE OFICINA PARROQUIAL

de lunes a jueves de 9:00AM a 7:00PM y
los viernes de 9:00AM a 5:00PM.

LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL ESTARÁ CERRADA EL VIERNES 9 DE AGOSTO

en conmemoración de la festividad
de San Lorenzo.

¡San Lorenzo, ora pro nobis!

EN ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS A DIOS POR LAS ORACIONES RESPONDIDAS

Señor, te agradecemos por el don de la buena salud y estamos agradecidos por tu poder sanador, tanto físico como emocional. *Alaba, alma mía, al Señor, y no olvides ninguno de sus beneficios* (Salmo 103:2).

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.

CELEBRACION EUCARISTICA 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



GRUPO DE JÓVENES PARROQUIAL

Querido joven: Queremos que sepas que eres un joven muy importante para Dios y también para nosotros como Iglesia; que Dios tiene un plan para tu vida y que nuestra intención es guiarte para que lo descubras. Si estás entre 5° y 12° grado, ven a nuestra segunda reunion... te invitamos a continuar y participar. con nosotros, y sé parte de nuestro GRUPO DE JÓVENES PARROQUIAL; un grupo de jóvenes que han decidido marcar la diferencia. Nos vemos el viernes 9 de agosto desde las 6:00PM hasta las 8:30PM en el sótano de la iglesia (el salón). Por favor avísanos que vayas a asistir:

<https://tinyurl.com/YouthGroupAug9>

No te lo pierdas, te esperamos, recuerda que todo es completamente gratis y tendremos juegos, música, comida y lo más importante un encuentro con Jesús.

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

FROM OUR PASTOR

BREAD OF LIFE: BELIEVE AND THEN RECEIVE

By: Thomas Smith



The Gospel of John has rightly been called the Eucharistic Gospel. At first blush, this appellation may surprise some readers. After all, the Gospel of John contains no narrative of the Last Supper that includes the words of Eucharistic institution, as the Synoptics offer us. Instead, the Gospel is filled with Eucharistic images and language intended to help us go deeper into that mystery of Christ's Body and Blood. It is the fruit of decades of spiritual reflection on this gift by Jesus's Beloved Disciple, the last of the Gospel writers.

The Bread of Life Discourse

Over the next few weeks, the Sunday Gospel readings will lead us through the most explicit language of Jesus regarding his flesh and blood offering. It's called the Bread of Life Discourse (John 6:35-58). This teaching of Jesus follows on the heels of the feeding of the multitude, a Eucharistic symbol in itself. I have a special fondness for this discourse because, like many converts, it played a part in my conversion to Catholicism. I marvel, even now, that somehow I missed or minimized the very clear teaching of Jesus regarding this gift.

Why don't non-Catholics see the Eucharist in John Chapter 6?

One of the keys to understanding how our non-Catholic friends may miss the Eucharist in this sermon is to understand one of the primary lenses through which they read the Scriptures. For many, the primacy of the doctrine of *sola fide* (that we are saved by faith *alone*) becomes a "way" of reading not only Paul, but also Jesus. It colors how they see many texts. For me, as a Protestant minister, this discourse was about saving faith. I wasn't completely wrong on that point, as you will see, but that singular focus blinded me to the Eucharistic elements that follow.

Let me explain.

The Bread of Life Discourse is divided into two parts: John 6:35-47 and John 6:48-58. The divisions are discerned literarily by Jesus's words "I am the bread of life" which begins the first half (vs. 35-47) and it's repetition opens the second (vs 48).

In the first half, Jesus will focus on believing in him. Take a moment to read [John 6:35-47](#) and note that "believing" in Jesus will open eternal life to us. In fact, even earlier Jesus says, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29). Those are the verses that captured my attention as a non-Catholic, and somehow I mentally stopped there. But, Jesus's focus on faith was strategic. We must truly believe in his divinity and that he is sent by the Father in order to receive the second half of the discourse where Jesus explicitly teaches about consuming his flesh and blood (vs. 48-58).

From Believing to Eating

Notice, while reading the second part of the discourse, that the primary verb changes from believing to eating. His audience in Capernaum did not miss this language shift. Look at their response in vs. 52, "'How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?' In the next verse, the language is unambiguous, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). "Amen, amen" is a way of telling your audience to pay special attention to what follows, as it is of great importance.

Many, who didn't possess the necessary faith in Jesus's divinity and origin, rejected this teaching and stopped following Jesus (John 6:66). Jesus asked the Twelve whether they will leave also. Peter, speaking on behalf of those who believe, declared, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69). It is their belief in who Jesus is (part one) that opens their hearts to receive his teaching about the Eucharist (part two). It is only in reading the discourse as a whole that we see the complementarity of believing in Jesus so we may then receive him in the Eucharistic meal.

media.ascensionpress.com/2015/08/02/bread-life-part-1-eucharistic-gospel/

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ST. LAURENCE YOUTH GROUP

Dear young person: You are very important to God and to us as a Church; that God has a plan for your life and that our intention is to guide you to discover it. If you are in grades 5-12 or older and couldn't come to our first meeting in July, please come to our second meeting **Friday, August 9** from 6:00 - 8:30PM in the parish hall. We invite you to participate in our parish youth group, a group of young people who have decided to make a difference. Everything is free. We will have games, music, food, and most importantly—an encounter with Jesus. Please let us know you're coming, <https://tinyurl.com/YouthGroupAug9>

SCHOOLS OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

Ten Wednesdays beginning September 18, 2024, 9:15AM-12:15PM

The Schools of Missionary Discipleship are a 10-session, intensive training in the habits and skills of missionary discipleship sponsored by the Office for the New Evangelization. The purpose of these Schools is two-fold: to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ (discipleship) and to be equipped with skills for helping others come to know Jesus' love for them (mission).

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish

3050 Walton Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA

For full details, course content, and to register

visit: phillyevang.org/schools

Cost is \$100 for all 10 sessions.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY AUGUST 9

in observance of St. Laurence Feast Day.

St. Laurence, *ora pro nobis!*



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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This year, the Solemnity of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) falls on a Thursday. Margie Kane, Music Director, would like to have children who are interested in helping her sing for this holy day to attend practice for an hour on **Tuesday and Wednesday, August 13 & 14** at 9:30AM in the church. We will then sing at one of the masses on the Assumption. For more information, parents should contact Margie Kane at 610-446-4072 or cantormargiek@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNE PACE ON HER 101ST BIRTHDAY!



Anne is a loyal member of St. Laurence Parish and an active member in the Laurentian Senior Club.

May God be with you, Anne!