



AUGUST 25, 2024
TWENTY-FIRST 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
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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

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:
Deacon Mark Wallace, 610-449-0600

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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
howellterri457@gmail.com

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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**



@FatherTomW  @saintlaurencedelco
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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

ULTRELLA - CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

8:30AM Maureen Higgins

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

ST. MONICA

8:30AM Frank Curran
6:30PM Misa Comunitaria

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:30AM Richard & Margaret Cullen

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:30AM Henry & Alejandra Aquino (L)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30AM Peter McEaney, Sr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30AM Millie Burns (7th Anniversary)
4:30PM Jennifer Hyatt
7:00PM Misa Comunitaria

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30AM Pro Populo
8:30AM Misa Comunitaria
10:45AM Cawley Family
12:15PM Amelia Petrick

(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.

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

DONATIONS



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

-Matthew 6:21

AUGUST 18

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| Offertory | \$ 7,719 |
| Online | \$ 382 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 5,004 |
| Assumption | \$ 2,444 |

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

Memory Lane Gallery Project

Delaware County Library System, and the Delaware County Department of Recreation have developed an initiative to acknowledge the contributions our seniors have made. It is called the Memory Lane Gallery Project. Seniors use the Memory Lane Gallery Project to identify their favorite decade, share a fun or impactful memory from their favorite decade, and share copies of favorite photos/memories. Seniors can register at <https://forms.gle/zE23rqcoSkyg62U58>. Submissions will be used to create a Memory Lane Gallery to be displayed in Delaware County Libraries.

Medicare Counseling Services

Sen. Kearney's media office 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 or 610-544-6120.

New STAR Program

DelCo Department of Human Services recently opened a mental health and substance use stabilization center. The MVP Recovery STAR program offers 24/7: mental health and substance use treatment; access to recovery/peer specialists; access to psychiatric services; and access to medical professionals for wound care. For info, visit www.mvprecovery.org or call 855-687-2410.

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

ANUNCIOS



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

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 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

DISCÍPULOS JÓVENES DE DELCO

26 de agosto 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Tema de adoración emergente: Confiar en Dios
Habrá confesiones disponibles. Música de alabanza y adoración y silencio. Seguido de recepción hasta las 9:00PM. Comuníquese con Tina Angelo para que la incluyan en la lista de correo electrónico: tangelo212@yahoo.com

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/>

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/

FROM OUR PASTOR

AT 21, MAN CONSUMES SOLID FOOD FOR FIRST TIME EVER AND IT'S THE HOST

By Cerith Gardiner



Paul Ganucci is a young man who has never been able to consume solid food. Born with Noonan syndrome -- a genetic disorder that impedes a person's physical development and can create heart defects, too -- he had to have doctors place a feeding tube directly into his stomach at the tender age of 3 months old, as he was just too weak to eat.

At six months old he had to undergo heart surgery, and at just one year of age he'd already had a new heart transplanted.

As an adult Ganucci is still tube-fed and has never actually managed to eat solid food ... until recently.

Ganucci is one of four siblings and has grown up in a family of faith. Although he has learning disabilities he shared his deep desire to receive his First Holy Communion. His parish pastor, Fr. Richard Kunst of St. James in Duluth, Minnesota, could see just how determined the young man was, especially after Ganucci had witnessed his niece's First Holy Communion.

Impressed by his knowledge and strong desire, Fr. Kunst, who'd accompanied him on his receiving of the Sacrament of Reconciliation two years previously, decided to help the young Catholic on his difficult journey to receiving the Blessed Sacrament.

As he shared with the National Catholic Register: "I knew Paul's faith was strong and his desire was strong." Ganucci's parents were equally supportive, with his father Rob explaining to the National Catholic Register: *Paul has a very simple faith. He has great trust. We had been wanting Paul to receive all the sacraments for years, and we put it in God's hands to determine when that time would come. Our whole family trusted that Jesus would make this happen.*

It was decided that Ganucci would not receive the consecrated wine, in fear it might interfere with the medication he has to take to avoid rejecting his heart. Fr. Kunst therefore gave him a sleeve of unconsecrated hosts to practice consuming before his First Holy Communion. It was a lengthy process, with Ganucci's father giving his son just fragments of a host each night to try and swallow with some water. The task proved very difficult for Ganucci, with him gagging over the smallest of fragments. However, finally his perseverance paid off. With his incredible will-power, after a few

months the young man managed to consume a host that was roughly the size of a quarter. Although this was an incredible achievement, Fr. Kunst asked Ganucci to continue practicing for a further three months to avoid any gagging on a consecrated Host.

While Ganucci was ready for his First Holy Communion, he was on a real mission of faith. He also wanted to be confirmed. With the support of the bishop of Duluth, Daniel Felton, Fr. Kunst was able to arrange both his First Holy Communion and Confirmation on June 3.

Ganucci picked as his patron saint Padre Pio, from whom his family had often sought intercession during their nightly Rosary, and with whom he'd grown close. On the Big Day, Fr. Kunst addressed the 45-strong congregation and explained what was going to happen during Mass. Unsurprisingly there were tears from some of the parishioners when Ganucci finally received the Host for the first time. Annette Gannucci, Paul's mom, shared how some of the parishioners came to her after the Mass to explain how they'd been inspired for relatives or friends they knew who were equally unable to consume the Host, thanks to her son's determination.

Since his special day, Ganucci has continued to receive the Host when he goes to Mass. His father hopes his son's incredible story and determination can inspire Catholics: "The biggest thing is that it is truly Jesus that we are receiving. So many Catholics nowadays don't even believe in that -- when they have such a great treasure! We know how important it is to receive Jesus. Other people maybe will rethink it if they don't believe in the True Presence."

Ganucci's story couldn't have come at a better time during this period of Eucharistic renewal. As Fr. Kunst pointed out:

"Here we have a young man who worked for a whole year to receive the Eucharist! Paul's story and his earnest desire for this will inspire people, including those of us who might take it for granted because we receive it all the time. God's timing is perfect."

Our prayers and congratulations to Paul, his family, and Fr. Kunst! aleteia.org/2024/08/16/at-21-man-consumes-solid-food-for-first-time-ever-and-its-the-host

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, September 19

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
1400 Evans Rd., Ambler, 19002

7:00PM - 9:00PM

Register: <https://archphila.org/deacon/>



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 followed by Mass at 7:00PM 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>

NOCTURNAL ADORATION OPPORTUNITY

The St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society of Drexel Hill will meet from 7:30PM to 8:30PM on Thursday, September 5 for one hour of Eucharistic adoration. All are welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FIVE HAIL MARYS EACH DAY

Petition Our Blessed Mother for the end of abortion through the conversion of hearts and minds. *Jesus, protect and save the unborn.*



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL Sr. Regina Matulka

COACHES NEEDED! We would love to have a soccer and a volleyball teams 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.

YOUTH GROUP TAKING OFF AT ST. LAURENCE

One of our Parish Goals was to establish a vibrant youth group to serve the spiritual needs of our young people and establish community centered on Jesus and Catholic fellowship. Thank you for helping this come to fruition! At the most recent meeting on August 9, 59 young people attended. We look forward to growing and strengthening this group along with pursuing our other vital Parish Goals.

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

St. Charles in Drexel Hill. Confession will be available. Praise & Worship music and silence. Followed by Reception until 9:00PM. Contact Tina Angelo to join email list: tangelo212@yahoo.com

