

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church is a community of Catholic Christians who gather together to celebrate the Eucharist, their love of Jesus Christ and their love of one another as children of Christ. We are a diverse community focused on creating an enthusiasm for our faith and enriching the lives for all who come to worship in our parish. Inviting and welcoming liturgies, multiple youth and young adult activities and adult enrichment programs all help make the Word of Christ a living reality at St. Lawrence.

Rev. Nicholas Bozza, Pastor

375 Main Street, P.O. Box 730, Chester, New Jersey 07930

Rev. Rolands Uribe, Parochial Vicar

Deacon William DeVizio, Permanent Deacon

Rev. Mr. Sylwester Pierzak, Transitional Deacon

Trustees: Phil Guidone, Jeanne McCormick

Parish Secretary: Karen Jaworski

Accountant: Sharon McCann

Business Manager: Bill McCormick

Coordinators of Religious Education:

Carla Fuscaldo, Dorothy Kudron, Terry Leing

Cynthia Vittitow— Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Brian Flanagan — Confirmation

Kathleen Galdi — DRE

Music Minister: Joseph P. Tamburro

Youth Minister: Brian Flanagan

Mercy Minister: Cindy Zeis

MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

Daily Mass: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am & 9:00 am, Sat. 9:00 am

Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm

Holy Day: 8:00 am, 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm (bi-lingual)

BAPTISMS:

Baptism Preparation Class: Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

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SPANISH BAPTISMS:

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MARRIAGES:

Please contact the Priest/Deacon whom you wish to officiate at your wedding one year in advance to arrange for Marriage Preparation Sessions.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Every family moving into the parish is requested to register. If you move to another parish or change your address, please notify the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN:

Gr. K-4 & CGS 2: Sun. 9:45-11:15 am

Gr. 1-8 & CGS 1: Thurs. 4:30-5:45 pm

Gr. 5-8: Sun. 4:30-5:45 pm OR Mon 7:00-8:15 pm

Gr. 9-10: Sunday evening

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

RCIA: Sundays (September-Easter)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm, Monday: 6:30-7:00 pm & on request.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Please call the Parish Office anytime for communion calls or visitation of the sick and elderly. Keep us informed so that we can be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital.

Parish Email: parish@stlchester.org

Parish Web Site: www.stlchester.org

Web Master: Joanne Franklin (908-879-6222)

Parish Ministries and Ministry Facilitators

Welcome	Janet Villafane	(908) 879-3032	Haiti Twinning Program	Christine Colannino	(201) 314-9824
Bereavement	Don Martone	(908) 879-7957	Lectors	John Kennington	(908) 872-0575
Good Samaritans	Patsy Soden	(908) 879-3374	Eucharistic Ministers	Loretta Stewart	(973) 222-7492
Grocery Cards	Jean Ward	(908) 334-3442	Ushers	Bob Holl	(908) 876-3488
Moms & Tots	Melissa Altieri	(908) 797-0676	Music Minister	Joe Tamburro	(908) 453-3302
Arimathaea	Arlene McDonald	(973) 584-7319	Spanish Ministry	Louis Villafane	(908) 879-3032
Liturgical Environment	Joanne Carr	(908) 879-5543	Youth Minister	Brian Flanagan	(973) 946-8770
Women's Cornerstone	Judy Irwin	(201) 400-7847	Altar Servers	Chuck Feller	(908) 768-2838
Men's Cornerstone	Marc McFeely	(973) 222-9739	Evangelization	Bob Holl	(908) 876-3488
Pastoral Adv. Board	Jerry Frech	(908) 377-2900	RCIA	Jan Richards	(908) 975-3555
Rosary Society	Marie Holl	(908) 876-3488	Respect Life	Connie Wiczorek	(908) 879-6453
Media Ministry	Jeanne McCormick	(908) 879-6884	Barn Ministry	Ed Wiczorek	(908) 300-0098

Parish Office: 908-879-5371 **Priests' Home:** 908-879-1901 **Religious Ed.:** 908-879-6714 **Youth Minister:** 973-946-8770 **Fax:** 908-879-7701

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE CROSS AND LENT



The season of Lent is called a holy and joy filled season. If during Lent, we are focused on the suffering and death of Jesus, how can this be a season of joy? How can the suffering of Jesus possibly bring us joy?

During Lent, we focus on Jesus' suffering and recall that He underwent it all for us. Without question, Jesus suffered a horrible death. His suffering began long before His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. Each time that He said to His disciples that "the Son of Man must suffer and die and after three days rise again," it is clear that Jesus had the cross on His mind. He suffered horribly in the Garden as He meditated on all that He was about to undergo and on the sins and indifference that would be committed against Him. Christ suffered for us. He suffered to free us and the world from death and sin. His cross is a sign of love and a reminder of His victory. Jesus invites us to remember His Passion and Death and to remember how greatly we are loved!

The Eucharist is the most important practice in the season of Lent. In the Eucharist, we come into contact with the Holy Sacrifice of Calvary. The Stations of the Cross also give us the opportunity to reflect on the Passion and Death of the Lord. The Divine Mercy devotions also are important because they flow from the Death of the Lord.

The death of the Lord is an expression of God's love for us. And returning to the initial question, His love is the source of our joy!

Father Nick

FLOWER PROGRAM



Parishioners have the opportunity to sponsor a floral arrangement for the church altar (\$125), the tabernacle (\$75) or the chapel altar (\$100) for a special intention. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 908-879-5371

to choose an available Sunday (and other than Easter or Christmas).

NEW TO THE AREA?

We welcome those who have recently moved into the area. If you would like to become a registered parishioner of St. Lawrence Church, please obtain and fill out a registration form by either:

- ◇ Coming by the parish office during the week
- ◇ Calling 908-879-5371 to have a form mailed to you
- ◇ Signing up on the church website

CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESSES

Parish Office:

parish@stlchester.org

Faith Formation Office:

fft@stlchester.org

Please update your address book accordingly.

Thank you!

MOVING?

LOCAL ADDRESS CHANGE?

Please notify the parish office by phone or email if you are moving or if your address has changed. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish directory up to date.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK**Sunday**

- FF - 9:45 am, 4:30 pm
- Confirmation classes

Monday

- FF - 7:00 pm

Thursday

- CGS I - 4:30 pm
- FF - 4:30 pm

Saturday

- Gr. 10 Retreat - 10:30 am
- CGS Meditation - 3:45 pm

Sunday

- CGS II - 9:45 am

**TRAVELING MARY**

Our “Traveling Mary” is a statue of Our Lady of Fatima which will spend the week in your home. We are asking that families say the rosary together during that week. Please find a prominent place to set up the statue so that everyone in the family may see it daily. Along with the statue are some pamphlets on how to say the Rosary, a DVD for younger children and some rosary beads for you to use. Pick up and drop off will be during any of our Faith Formation

Class sessions or during normal business hours on weekdays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

If you are interested in taking part in this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 908-879-6714.

Say the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.
~ Our Lady of Fatima

*Among all the devotions approved by the Church,
none has been so favored by so many miracles as the
devotion of the Most Holy Rosary.*
~Pope Pius IX

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
March 18-19

5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am	11:30 am	6:00 pm
CB- Chase Mantione	CB- Daniel Kudron	CB- Ally Blackwell	CB-Victoria Alban	CB-Andrew Guido
S1- Evan Tusa	S1- Patrick Kudron	S1- Tommy Blackwell	S1- Maria Arostegui	S1- Ali Wallace
S2-	S2-	S2- Liam Brandt	S2- Nick Weah	S2- Aidan Howell

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**Monday**

- Good Samaritans - 7:00 pm
- Confession - 7:00 pm

Tuesday

- Consoling the Heart - 8:30 am
- Tutoring - 4:30 pm
- Rosary Society - 7:00 pm
- Women's Cornerstone - 7:00 pm

Wednesday

- Holy Hour - 7:00 pm
- Consoling the Heart - **8:00 pm**
- ESL - 7:30 pm
- TNL - 7:30 pm

Thursday

- Moms & Tots - 10:00 am
- Bell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Adult Choir - 7:00 pm
- Mary's Moonflowers - 7:00 pm

Friday

- Adoration - 9:30-10:30 am
- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm
- Stations - 7:00 pm

Saturday

- Men's Cornerstone - 7:30 am
- Tin Pan Casserole Drop Off - 9:00-10:00 am

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND FATIMA

Due to a cancellation, two spots have opened up for the Pilgrimage trip to Lourdes and Fatima May 19 - 27. **If you are interested in going, please contact Anne Breslin at 201-825-3725 by Monday, March 20.**

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK . . .

Kirsten Mumma, William Ware, Julio Carrera, Sebastian Quinn, Ralph Bozza, Sister Eucharia, Father Eugene Romano, Father Paul Knauer, Father Rafael Perez, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Msgr. Richard Rusconi, Patrick John Moran, Ann Kelly, Bill Basso, Lloyd Matsamoto, Helen Crowe, Eileen George, Jane Alt, Patrick Pronio, Allison Spina, Lesley Pawar, Tom Walsh, Steve Briggs, Brian Graham, Colleen Saito, William Kelly, Mary Norwood, Diane Sones, Mary Lanzara, Rocco Colantuono, Diane Verge, Michael Marelli, Cade Feitel, Christine Ambrosino, Carole Stessl, Kathy Bollwork, Dick Goodwin, Nicholas Brown, Jane Rufino, Kevin Callahan, Camille McQueen, Mary Ross, Judith Stampone, Brian McAuliffe, Jeanette Mahoney, Paul Fitzgerald, Edward Boyle, Charlotte Poth, Colleen Looby, Claire Kingsley, George Serafin, Charlie Romano, Teresa Kraft, Patti Hale, Al O'Donnell, Nancy Wasifski, Bobby Onarati, Salman Javed, Don Martone, Judy Tully, Gary Philhower, Arnold Family, Margaret Compton, Joe Cillo

Help us keep this list current!
Please call Karen at 908-879-5371. Thank you.

FIRST BANNS

*Dustin Nicholas Savastano
& Caitlyn Mary Waugh
Will enter into the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
April 1, 2017*

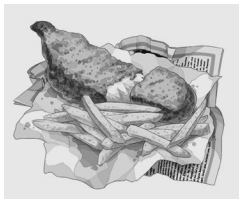
BONE MARROW DONORS NEEDED

Anya LeFrancis, who will be 10 years old in May, is in need of a bone marrow transplant. There is going to be a **bone marrow tissue typing (mouth swabbing) drive on Wednesday, March 15, from 3:00-7:00 pm at the Dickerson School.** Donors would have to be between the ages of 18-44.

TIN PAN SUNDAY

The Faith Formation Office is sponsoring Tin Pan Sunday, a Casserole Drive. Anyone interested in participating can **pick up a casserole tin and recipe this weekend after Mass.** On Saturday, March 18, the frozen, prepared casseroles can be dropped off at the entrance to the Church Hall between 9:00-10:00 am. They will be delivered to Eva's Village soup kitchen in Paterson. Please consider helping us support those in need. This is a wonderful Lenten service opportunity to share as a family.

LENTEN FISH FRY
Friday, March 24
Church Hall



Arrangements have been made with Thistle Catering to provide a special **Old English Style Fish and Chips dinner.** We plan to have

seating start at 6:00 pm. Soda, iced & hot tea, coffee, and water will be provided — and BYOB if you desire. Last call for dinner is 8:15 pm. Take out is also available.

We need to provide the caterer with a firm headcount of those purchasing a dinner(s) by Sunday, March 19. Please contact the Parish Office at parish@stlchester.org or call 908-879-5371 with your name and dinner count. Your reservation will be used to arrange payment at the door — a modest offering of \$6 per dinner.

Bring the family and join us for an evening of socializing and good food! Stations of the Cross are also scheduled that evening at 7:00 pm. All are invited.

**Confession**

Mondays during Lent: 7-8:30 pm
Saturdays: 4-4:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: 7:00 pm
English (in the church)
Spanish (in the chapel)

CRS Rice Bowl

Available in the church and Parish Center. Your sacrifices change lives.

Monday Evening Mass

During Lent: 6:30 pm in the church

LIVING LIFE TO EVERY MINUTE

Somebody should tell us, right at the start of our lives, that we are dying. Then we might live life to the limit, every minute of every day. Do it! I say. Whatever you want to do, do it now! There are only so many tomorrows.

~ Pope Paul VI

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Check out all of
our next events!



St. Joseph's Day

-Two EPIC Saints-
One TNL to Celebrate!

Who: All High School
Teens!

When: March 15th
7:30-9pm
in the Church Hall

WARNING:
The night includes high levels of competition,
massive amounts of good food, and
overwhelmingly nice friendships.

St. Patrick's
Day



HOLY THURSDAY
April 13th



Church Visitations

Living
STATIONS OF THE
CROSS

Good Friday - April 14th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

BOLD **MIDDLE**

Friday, 4/21
7-8:30pm
Church Hall

**Soap
for Hope**

GIVE SOMEONE A

**Fresh
START**

Open to all in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade!

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017**

8:00 am - Genevieve Lambe

9:00 am - Diane Bracken

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

8:00 am - Antonin Scalia

9:00 am - Ann Marie Staab

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

8:00 am - Donald Jones

9:00 am - Barbara Dorrlor

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Mary Young

9:00 am - Andrew, Louise & Edward Regan

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

8:00 am - Caroline Bozza

9:00 am - Maurice Fleming

- Antoinette Puliti

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

9:00 am - Ada Vocino

5:00 pm - Donald Roden

- Danielle Fredrickson

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

8:00 am - Joseph Calabrese

- Caroline Bozza

10:00 am - Phyllis Ryan

- Judith Arturi

11:30 am - Nancy Gallgher

- Matthew & Katherine Rodzinka

1:00 pm - Theodore Wenz

6:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

NEXT HEALING MASS**Tuesday, March 21****Rosary at 6:30 pm****Mass at 7:00 pm****All are welcome!****Tithing: God's Plan for Giving.****Tithing Income March 5, 2017** **\$11,298.00**Tithing Income March 6, 2016 **\$10,788.50**

From Father Nick: As we take aim for the Kingdom of Heaven, I find it encouraging to see so many parishioners attempting "God's Plan for Giving."

A testimony from a member of St. Clare Parish in Clifton: "It's simple to tithe. You just give back 10% of what you earn to the source of your spiritual teachings. It's done for the joy of giving. When you lovingly donate, the abundance starts to come to you in many ways."

THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as His Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

SORE SHINS

*Don't break your shin on a stool
that is not in your way.*

~Irish proverb

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life not because of our works, but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

~Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]