



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 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**ST. JOSEPH, A WONDERFUL FRIEND AND PATRON**

This past Monday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. The Church has designated this feast a solemnity which is the highest category of feast day that the Church has in her liturgical calendar.

St. Joseph is held in such high regard by the Church because of the mission that God assigned to him. He was invited by God to serve Him as the foster father of the Son of God and as the spouse of Mary, the ever-virgin Mother of God. As he was the guardian and provider for his family on earth, he continues to be a guardian for the Church on earth. He is the patron of the universal Church. We should pray to him and ask for his prayers and his help when we or our families are in need.

St. Joseph can help us to grow in virtue. He had a great faith. He can help us grow in faith. He is described in Scripture as a man of faith. Faith requires that we be obedient to God. St. Joseph is also a model of obedience. He is also remembered for his great love of Mary. Theirs was a true marriage. He loved her deeply in the way that men love their wives. They both loved each other deeply. Joseph can be a tremendous help to husbands and fathers. He cared for Jesus. He loved him as a son. He cared for and provided for him. He was truly the foster father of Jesus, so that means he directed his son and gave orders to his son in the way that human fathers direct their children, in firm but loving ways. St. Joseph was also married to the ever-virgin Mary. He had to honor and respect her vow of virginity. He had to be pure and chaste himself. He can be a model and patron for us in our efforts to be pure and chaste. St. Joseph is often depicted with a rod of lilies, symbolizing his purity. St. Joseph, St. Mary and Jesus had to flee into Egypt when Herod was attempting to kill the baby boy. St. Joseph, along with Mother Cabrini, are the patrons of all immigrants.

St. Joseph and Mary are in the court of Christ the King in heaven. Jesus continues to honor Joseph in heaven. Jesus is both his Lord and his foster son. St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor. Jesus listens with care and respect when St. Joseph prays to him. When we turn to St. Joseph in prayer, we can expect miracles.

Father Nick

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS WEEK
Sunday, March 26 - Sunday April 2

SAVE THE DATE

June 4, 2017

40th Anniversary Celebration for Fr. Nick

11 AM Mass followed by a luncheon

Watch for details

Please Note Sunday Mass Times that Day

8 AM, 11 AM (bi-lingual), 6 PM

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the parishioners that participated in TIN PAN SUNDAY. Through your generous donations, we were able to provide *seventy* casserole tins to Eva's Kitchen in Paterson.

THIRD BANS

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

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 to let the priests know if someone has been hospitalized or is homebound. Many appreciate the visit and the opportunity to receive communion.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
April 1-2

5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am	11:30 am	6:00 pm
CB- Ann Hoye	CB- Daniel Kudron	CB- Trevor Connolly	CB Kyleigh Kennington	CB Andrew Guido
S1- Beth Hoye	S1- Patrick Kudron	S1- Ally Blackwell	S1- Josh Mulcahy	S1- Stephen Howell
S2- Sean Bodnar	S2-	S2- Tommy Blackwell	S2-	S2- Seth Vittitow

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday

- Confession - 7:00 pm

Tuesday

- Consoling the Heart - 8:30 am
- Women's Cornerstone - 7:00 pm

Wednesday

- Consoling the Heart - 7:30 pm
- ESL - 7:30 pm

Thursday

- Bell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Adult Choir - 7:00 pm

Friday

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

Saturday-Sunday

- Welcome Weekend

PRAYER VIGIL FOR

UNBORN CHILD & END TO ABORTION

The St. Lawrence Rosary Society and Respect Life Ministry to hold a prayer vigil on **Wednesday, March 29, from 11:00 am - 12 noon** at the Planned Parenthood location at 196 Speedwell Ave in Morristown. All are invited to join us in offering our prayers for the Unborn Child and an end to abortion.

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

~Blaise Pascal

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 Wasifeski, Bobby Onarati, Salman Javed, Don Martone, Judy Tully, Gary Philhower, Arnold Family, Margaret Compton, Joe Cillo, Jerry Green

Help us keep this list current!

Please call Karen at 908-879-5371. Thank you.

BLOOD DRIVE**Sunday, April 30****8:00 am-2:00 pm in the Church Hall****Give blood! Save a life!**

The Good Samaritans are sponsoring a Blood Drive. Donors are needed. Please help if you can. Bring a friend or family! For questions or to make an appointment, contact Community Blood Services at 201-251-3703.

Donor guidelines:

- weigh at least 110 lbs.
- eat before donation
- bring ID

Donors ages 16-17 need a parental consent form available at the Parish Center and on day of blood drive.

**BARN MINISTRY NEWS****Barn open for business!**

The church Barn accepts donations of gently used household items, clothing, accessories, bedding, tools, toys, games, small appliances and electronics, books, DVD's CD's, video tapes, holiday decorations, artwork, etc..



Items can be left 24/7 inside the brown shed next to the Barn. Donation receipts are available inside the shed. Volunteers are there most mornings. All are welcome to help. Information: Ed Wieczorek (908) 300-0098

First sale:**Saturday, April 29, 9 am-3 pm****THANK YOU, FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS**

Homeless families in the Family Promise of Morris County Program were hosted by First Congregational Church of Chester (FCCC) with support from St. Lawrence parish. **Thank you to all who volunteered and brought meals, hosted the guests or stayed overnight!!**

FCCC will host families again August 27-September 3. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Beatrice Basso (beatrice@moveingrace.com or 973 294-4059).

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all those who have recently joined our parish and hope they will be very happy here!

Daniel Douglas of Old Chester Road, Far Hills.

William & Angela Barbato of Cramer Drive, Chester.

*Edwin & Alejandra Ruiz Carrera and their children
Edwin and Julianna of West Mill Road, Long Valley.*

Bill & Kim Gore of Meadowbrook Road, Chester

*Dimitri & Jane Kourkoulakos of Spring Lake Drive,
Far Hills.*



**BATTLE
OF THE CHEFS**
Thursday, April 27, 7-10 pm
St. Lawrence Church Hall

Enjoy an evening of great food and fun to benefit Chester parish families and our Twin Parish St. François in Dufailly, Haiti.

Taste food from many different restaurants, bakeries, delis and caterers and vote for your favorite chef and dish! Entertainment by parish talent. Wine pull, balloon sale, raffle. Tickets: \$35 per person (wine pull or BYOB)

Tickets go quickly!

On sale after Mass (except Easter)

Or call / e-mail:

Beatrice Basso (973) 294-4059

bassobe2@gmail.com

Marilyn Carnicelli (908) 879-7698

emcarnicelli@aol.com

Tip: Book a whole table to share the fun and food with friends.

**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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017**

8:00 am - Maureen Makris
 9:00 am - Marjorie Campisi
 6:30 pm - Spec. Int. of Patti Hale

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Betty Ann Spring
 9:00 am - Michael J. Willard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

8:00 am - Kelly Thiel
 9:00 am - Caroline Bozza

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

8:00 am - Eric Johnson
 9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

8:00 am - Caroline Bozza
 9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Jerry Green
 5:00 pm - Caroline Bozza

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

8:00 am - For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am - John "Jack" Doddy, Sr.
 - Helen Italiano
 11:30 am - Janis Brett
 1:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Culver Family
 6:00 pm - Frank Fila

NEXT HEALING MASS

Tuesday, April 18
Rosary at 6:30 pm
Mass at 7:00 pm

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving.

Tithing Income March 19, 2017	\$10, 368.50
Tithing Income March 20, 2016	\$ _____ *

* Amount unavailable at time of bulletin printing.

A word from Father Nick: "Many thanks for your generosity to the Lord and to His work here at St. Lawrence. I am pleased to remember that God will not be outdone in generosity. I know He will bless you!"

The testimony of a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Parish in Port Jervis, NY: "Families should involve their children in tithing by teaching them through word and example the priority of returning to God a portion of the blessings He has given us. Children may do this through tithing their allowances or income from part time jobs."

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

APRIL 1

This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.

~Mark Twain

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]