



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 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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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 BLESSED MOTHER
AN EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE**

From the cross, God gave us a marvelous gift. As John the Beloved Disciple stood at the foot of the cross, representing us all, Jesus entrusted Mary to John's care and all of us to Mary's care. The story of the wedding feast at Cana illustrates Mary's care beautifully. She was present, keeping an eye on all and approached Jesus on behalf of the couple in need. I find it so assuring to think of Mary with her gaze set on us.

We can also direct our prayers to Jesus through Mary. I am becoming more accustomed to placing my petitions in her Immaculate Heart, knowing that she will direct our prayers to the Lord of Heaven and Earth. She is the Queen, the mother of the King. Mother Mary is a most powerful intercessor.

Please keep in mind that May is a month especially dedicated to the honor of the Mother of God.

THE MAY CROWNING WITH BISHOP SERRATELLI

Bishop Serratelli invites us on May 14th to join him for the crowning of the statue of Mary at 3:00 pm at Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Parish on Route 206 in Branchville, NJ. May 14th is the day after the 100th Anniversary of the visit of Our Lady to the children of Fatima in 1917.

ASSISTING ST. ANTHONY PARISH IN PASSAIC

As many of you know from the television news and from Facebook, a section of the ceiling of St. Anthony Church in Passaic dropped to the church floor on Holy Thursday morning. Thank God, no one was present or hurt. As you may also know, Father Edgar Ruiz and Father Duberney Villamizar serve at St. Anthony parish. I spoke to Father Edgar right after the incident and he said they were waiting to hear from the insurance company about repairs.

A number of people have asked if they can help St. Anthony Parish. What I learned today is that the diocesan insurance will cover the cost of repairs except for the \$5,000 deductible. Father Edgar told me last Friday that a number of parishes are sending donations to St. Anthony's. If you would like to send a donation to help with the repair of St. Anthony Church, you may send the donations directly to St. Anthony Parish at 101-103 Myrtle Ave., Passaic, NJ 07055. Many thanks for your kindness!

Father Nick



ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the St. Lawrence Church Student Scholarship are available at the Youth Ministry Office in the Parish Center. Graduating seniors who are active in parish, community and school life and who are continuing onto higher education are eligible.

Completed applications are due to the Parish Office by Wednesday, May 31.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26-30

Registration forms available at:

www.stlchester.org OR

Faith Formation bulletin board

Come visit our Maker Fun Factory to discover that we were created by God and built for a purpose. Children 4 years old to entering Grade 6 can participate. Grade 7 to adult can volunteer. Please contact Terry Leing in the Faith Formation Office at 908-879-6714 for additional information. Due to space constraints, registration for campers and volunteers will be limited. Register early!

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR FR. NICK
Sunday, June 4, 11 am Mass
Luncheon afterwards in Church Hall

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Christopher Trivino, son of Jorge & Leidy Trivino of Quaker Church Road, Randolph.

RECENTLY JOINED PARISH

Adam & Jenna Honrath and their children Gavin and Scarlett of Buttercup Court, Whitehouse Station.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE May 13-14

5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am	11:30 am	6:00 pm
CB- Nora Mulligan	CB- Daniel Kudron	CB-Theresa Vaillancourt	CB Kyleigh Kennington	CB- Andrew Guido
S1- Aidan Mulligan	S1- Patrick Kudron	S1- Katie Vaillancourt	S1- Josh Mulcahy	S1- Aidan Howell
S2- Declan Mulligan	S2-	S2-	S2-	S2- Ali Wallace

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday

- Good Samaritans - 7:00 pm

Tuesday

- Rosary Society - 7:00 pm
- Women's Cornerstone - 7:00 pm

Wednesday

- Holy Hour - 7:00 pm
- ESL - 7:30 pm
- Bold PST - 8:00 pm

Thursday

- Moms & Tots - 10:00 am
- Bell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Adult Choir - 7:00 pm

Friday

- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm

Friday-Saturday

- Men's Cornerstone Retreat

WOMENS CORNERSTONE XII

October 13-14

Save the date!

Please consider giving yourself the gift of Cornerstone. It is a spiritual renewal process that brings women together to grow in knowledge and love of God. At the same time, we are experiencing the Christian community in a very special way within our own parish.

If you would like additional information, please contact Janet Villafane at 646-284-1849.

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, Cade Feitel, Christine Ambrosino, Carole Stessl, Kathy Bollwork, Dick Goodwin, Nicholas Brown, Jane Rufino, Kevin Callahan, Camille McQueen, Mary Ross, Judith Stampone, Jeanette Mahoney, Paul Fitzgerald, Charlotte Poth, Colleen Looby, Claire Kingsley, George Serafin, Charlie Romano, Patti Hale, Al O'Donnell, Salman Javed, Don Martone, Judy Tully, Gary Philhower, Arnold Family, Margaret Compton, Joe Cillo, Jerry Green, Kristen McLaughlin, Mary Constantinople, Dan McGuigan, Karolina Wojnicz, Jozef Galka, Patricia Gilvey, Daisy Hallock, Vi Hockenbury, Robert Kingsley, John Boyle, Robert Snow

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

BATTLE OF CHEFS: POST EVENT THANK YOU

On Thursday, April 27, the St. Lawrence family and friends gathered for another Battle of the Chefs in support of parish families and our twin parish, St. François in Dufailly, Haiti. The Church Hall was decorated festively and the restaurant signs artfully painted. Kyle Maguire was our master of ceremony (again) and brought many laughs to everyone as he guided us through the evening. We enjoyed again great music from gifted young talents: Pianist Jasmine Meyer, Musical Group Kaleidoscope from Long Valley Middle School and of course “our own” Joe Tamburro. Tim Duffy as ever sold his balloons in a rush of excitement.

The restaurants really outdid themselves providing a variety of food and making their table attractive. The food was fabulous and plentiful; it was really hard to choose winners for each category. Many businesses and individuals had contributed gifts to make the raffle attractive, stock up the wine pull and allow to give away a good number of door prizes. Preparing the event brought together so many volunteers from various parish ministries: Good Samaritans, Men’s and Women’s Cornerstone, Barn, Youth Ministry, Haiti, Arimathea, parish office and maintenance staff, and many more, too numerous to mention.

On behalf of the families in Chester and Haiti we want to thank all volunteers, the many individuals and businesses who provided door and raffle prizes, the musicians, and the participating restaurants (listed below):

Best Chef and Grand Prize Winner: **Redwoods Grill & Bar, 459 Main St, Chester**

Best Appetizer: **Old Mill Tavern, 55 W Main St, Chester**

Best Pasta: **Portofino Restaurant, 5129 Berkshire Valley Rd, Oak Ridge**

Best Chicken/Meat: **Benito’s Trattoria, 44 Main St, Chester**

Best Seafood: **La Rienda, 5 West Mill Rd, Long Valley**

Best Vegetarian: **Fresco Mexican, 137 E. Main St, Chester**

Best Dessert: **Istanbul Cuisine, 286 US 206, Flanders**

More excellent dishes were provided by:

Artista Salumeria, 423 Main St, Chester

Aztec Authentic Mexican Restaurant, 35 Perry St, Chester

New York Italian Restaurant-Pizzeria, 51 Main St, Chester

Red Lantern Sushi & Asian Kitchen, 1 Fairmount Rd, Long Valley

The Sweet Spot Bake Shoppe, 57 Main St, Chester

Taste of India, 286 Route 206 South, Flanders

**MEN’S CORNERSTONE RETREAT**

This is the last week before the retreat begins on Friday, May 12. Be sure to get your registration forms sent in ASAP. Forms are at the exits of the church or contact Marc McFeely at 973-222-9739.

FLOWER DONATION

The floral arrangement displayed in the Chapel for this week was made possible by a donation from the parents of Anthony Thomas Wonsala in his loving memory.

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND

Please call our priests at 908-879-5371 if you know of someone who is hospitalized or homebound. Many would appreciate a visit and the opportunity to receive communion.

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE**K of C Pancake Breakfast**

Annual Pre-Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 7, from 7:30 am until noon at 3 Schmitt Lane, Flanders (across tracks from Fire House). All you can eat pancakes, eggs your way, French Toast, and sausage. \$6.50 per adult, \$4.00 children 6-12 years of age, children 5 years old and younger, free.

Experience St. Joseph School Kindergarten!

Come see the St. Joseph School Kindergarten (Mendham) with your preschooler to get a glimpse into the kindergarten school day. Spend an hour in our Kindergarten to experience firsthand our stimulating program, inclusive of the STEM curriculum, that builds confidence, fosters faith-formation, and prepares children for first grade. Contact Mrs. Banko at 973-543-7474, ext. 5, to schedule your visit any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during weeks of May 7, May 14, and May 21.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Mikaela Gegelys

9:00 am - Anthony Thomas Wonsala

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Richard Lattmann

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Sharon Carfaro

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Stanley Kudron

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Kathy Galdi

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Liz Fucci

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Ryan Fucci

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Nicholas Laudano

9:00 am - Arlene McCullen

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dorota Mis

5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

8:00 am - Mildred Marzano

- Baby Sophia

10:00 am - Thiago Perin

- John McDonough

- Kathy Serafin

11:30 am - Caroline Bozza

1:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Carol Farbanish

6:00 pm - Lawrence Benoit, Sr.

NEXT HEALING MASS**Tuesday, May 16*****Rosary at 6:30 pm******Mass at 7:00 pm*****Tithing: God's Plan for Giving.****Tithing Income April 30, 2017** **\$10,834.00**Tithing Income May 1, 2016 **\$11,835.50****From Father Nick:** "Many thanks for your faithfulness in making an offering to God for His kindnesses to us!"**From a Parishioner of Our Lady of the Magnificat Church in Kinnelon, NJ:** "My wife and I learned, Father, the very real spiritual component of tithing. We read and listened to testimony after testimony revealing how the Lord really 'takes over' and enables the tithing program to almost take care of itself. What's really remarkable is the 'money part' of tithing becomes an afterthought when compared to the spiritual richness and other blessings that have flowed from our commitment to tithe."**THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

HEAVEN

*The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven,
but to get heaven into us.*

~Anonymous

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

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

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

COUNTING SHEEP*Every person can tell*

*how many goats or sheep one possesses,
but not how many friends.*

~Cicero

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12