



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

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

Deacon William DeVizio, Permanent Deacon

Trustee: Phil Guidone

Parish Secretary: Karen Jaworski

Accountant: Sharon McCann

Business Manager: Bill McCormick

MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 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)

Healing Mass: 7:00 pm every 3rd Tuesday of month. Rosary at 6:30 pm

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.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN:

Gr. K-4 & CGS 1: Sun. 9:00-10:45 am

Gr. 1-8: 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: Sun. 5:40-8:00 pm

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	Rosemary Lohrmann	(973) 214-4806	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) 229-9697	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 Wieczorek	(908) 879-6453
Media Ministry	Carla Fuscaldo	(908) 879-7647	Barn Ministry	Ed Wieczorek	(908) 300-0098
Mary's Moonflowers	Karen Jones	(973) 479-5271	Family Mass Social	Marc McFeely	(973) 222-9739

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

KEEPING THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS TOGETHER

The Church intentionally placed the two great seasons of Lent and Easter side by side to encourage us to keep the suffering, death and resurrection together in our minds and in our lives. In the midst of the Mass, after the priest consecrates the bread and the wine, making Jesus present on the altar, the priest offers Jesus to the Father, just like Jesus Himself did on Calvary and like He did as He returned to life in His resurrection from the dead. The death and resurrection of Jesus are the pattern for our lives. We need to “die” by leaving behind our former sinful ways, and then to “rise” to greater and greater love for God and for others. This is how we grow in holiness. This is how we grow in union with God who is love. This is how we prepare for life with God in Heaven.

LEARNING TO PRAY DEEPLY

When we first learn to pray, we can just be mouthing the words. We learn prayers like the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be and worry about just getting the words right. Eventually, though, we learn to pray more deeply. We learn to make ourselves aware of the presence of Jesus and the Father and the Holy Spirit and Mother Mary. We learn that prayer is a conversation. We learn to speak to the person of God and also to listen for His word in our minds and souls. God wants us to grow close to Him by praying deeply both when we are alone with Him and in the midst of His community at Mass.

HOW GOD PRUNES US

In Jesus’ teaching about the vine and the branches, He tells us that each of us must be pruned. He talks about removing every barren branch in us. One way to understanding Jesus’ note about “pruning” is to think about how gardeners remove some of the unnecessary branches and blossoms to maximize the growth of the preferred fruits on the vine. We can create an analogy with life. We should not waste time and energy on things that will not ultimately help us on our way to Heaven.

God bless.

Father Nick

WELCOME, FATHER MICHAL !!

On behalf of our parish, I am pleased to welcome Father Michal Rybinski to our parish community. Father Michal is 32 years old and was ordained a priest for our Diocese with Father Sylwester last July. He did his studies in Poland and in Cromwell, Connecticut. We are most glad to have him with us.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called “Lady Month,” which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**June 25-29**

**Let's visit "Splash Canyon" and learn of
God's Promises to us on Life's Wild Ride.**

Registration forms are available online at www.stlchester.org under Faith Formation and on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the Parish Center. All children 4 years old to entering Grade 6 may participate. Anyone from Grade 7 to adult can volunteer. Contact Terry Leing in the Faith Formation Office for additional information at 908-879-6714. Due to space limitations, we ask that campers and volunteers register as early as possible!

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT**Friday-Saturday, June 8-9****Save the Date!****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/individuals say the rosary during that week. 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. Let's keep "Mary" traveling throughout the parish! Contact the Faith Formation Office (908-879-6714) if you are interested.

**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 Thursday, May 31.**

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**May 12-13**

5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
CB – Justin Katz	CB –	CB Kyleigh Kennington	CB – Trevor Connolly	CB William Mayhood
S1 – Julia Katz	S1 –	S1 Christian Iannuzzelli	S1 – Liam Brandt	S1 – James Mayhood
S2 – Amanda Katz	S2 –	S2 Makena Spence	S2 –	S2 – Alyssa Mayhood

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**Sunday**

- May Crowning - 9:00 am Mass
- Fr. Rolands' Anniversary Mass - 11:00 am
- Confirmation Rehearsal - 5:40 pm

Monday

- Haiti - 7:00 pm
- Men's Cornerstone - 7:00 pm

Tuesday

- Celebrating Mary Presentation - 7:00 pm

Wednesday

- Evangelical Catholic - 7:00 pm
- ESL - 7:30 pm
- Bold PST - 8:00 am

Thursday

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

Friday

- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm

Saturday

- Confirmation - 11:00 am

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK . . .

Kirsten Mumma, William Ware, Julio Carrera, Sebastian Quinn, Ralph Bozza, Sister Eucharist, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Father Eugene Romano, Father Paul Knauer, Father Rafael Perez, Msgr. Richard Rusconi, Msgr. Peter McBride, Patrick John Moran, Ann Kelly, Lloyd Matsamoto, Helen Crowe, Jane Alt, Patrick Pronio, Allison Spina, Lesley Pawar, Tom Walsh, Steve Briggs, Brian Graham, Colleen Saito, William Kelly, Mary Norwood, Mary Lanzara, Rocco Colantuono, Diane Verge, Cade Feitel, Christine Ambrosino, Carole Stessl, Kathy Bollwork, Dick Goodwin, Nicholas Brown, Jane Rufino, Kevin Callahan, Judith Stampone, Paul Fitzgerald, Charlotte Poth, Colleen Looby, George Serafin, Charlie Romano, Salman Javed, Joe Cillo, Jerry Green, Mary Constantinople, Dan McGuigan, Patricia Gilvey, Daisy Hallock, Ryan Menzel, Vincent & Giuliana Petane, Betty Macaluso, Dorothy Powers, Wesley Snawder, Tom Murray, Eidelia Jimenez Martinez, Mila Balicki, Timothy Gearty, Consiglia Erdenberger, Arnold Family, Connie Dziomba, Bonnie Lieberworth, Barbara Drive, Jack Ratti, Finn Michael, Olivia Gill, Teresa Smith, Frances Ferreri, Teresa Colamonaco, Baby Gianni Mazza, Carol Mattone, Anna Birsilli Garich, Greg Villafane, Anne Owens McGrath, Janet Courtland, Jackie Donnelley, Jack Arnold, Lily Barbero, Hunter Barbero, Robert LeFrancis, Moire Riley, Brian Spring, Cindy Kennington, Vincent Dante, Jim Robertiello, Doug Blessen, Walter Michura, Barbara Davis, Jim Kielley, Jimena Garcia, Dr. Anthony Borrelli, Jim Basso, Jorge Lombardo, Janice Thurston, Matt Adonis

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please call the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 and let us know if a name should be added or deleted. Thank you.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Celebrated this year on **Thursday, May 10**, the Ascension commemorates the bodily rising of Jesus into heaven forty days after His resurrection. The Lord assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them to aid in their mission to spread the hope of the gospel to all nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

Mass Schedule

- **Wednesday, May 9.....7:00 pm**
- **Thursday, May 10.....8 am, 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm**

BARN IS OPEN

Gently used items in decent condition will gladly be accepted and can be left inside the shed next to the Barn. The shed is open 24/7.

PLEASE . . . No large furniture, exercise equipment, old TV's, old computers, non-working electronic devices, text books, or magazines.

The Barn Ministry is in need of volunteers. Please stop by the Barn on weekday mornings from 8:30-10:30 am if interested in helping.

NEXT SALE: Saturday, June 2, 9-2:00 pm

LOST AND FOUND: EYE GLASSES

There is an accumulation of several prescription eye glasses in the usher's room stored in a wooden box. If anyone has lost a pair of glasses, please check there to see if they have been found.

Derek Lattmann was asked to represent Delbarton at the 125th anniversary celebration of Sant' Anselmo in April, which is a Benedictine school in Rome. Derek was there for 8 days with 15 other students from around the world and the highlight of his trip was this papal audience. He shook hands with Pope Francis and had him bless the rosaries that he brought with him.



CELEBRATING MARY

Tuesday, May 8

7:00 pm

Church Hall

Reflection on the four mysteries of the Rosary and how understanding them can bring us closer to Mary who will, in turn, bring us closer to Jesus.

Presented by: Jim and Coleen Caulfield.

They call themselves the Mustard Seed Mission "sowing seeds of faith, hope and joy through music, stories, poetry, and art."

The presentation will last about 1 hour. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. (Free will offerings accepted.)

A CHILD'S LOGIC

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination and looked at the pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages. "Momma, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during Mass. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND

Please let us know if someone is hospitalized or homebound. Many would be grateful for a visitor and the opportunity to receive communion. Thank you for helping us help others.

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
- ◇ Visiting the church website to download a form

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018**

8:00 am - Anna Spring
9:00 am - Wanda Gorecka

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

8:00 am - Michael Murphy
- Ella Bolio
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Paddy Lydon
- Anthony T. Wonsala

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018

8:00 am - Angelo DeTorrice
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Brian Spring
7:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 (Ascension of the Lord)

8:00 am - Kathleen Cole
4:30 pm - Robert Snow
7:00 pm - Thomas Fuscaldo, Sr.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018

8:00 am - Judy Tully
9:00 am - Arlene McCullen

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

9:00 am - Ella Bolio
5:00 pm - Ruth Colantuono
- Mildred Mariani

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

7:30 am - Mildred Marzano
- Spec. Int. of Jimena Garcia
9:00 am - Thiago Perin
- Phoebe Shotwell
11:00 am - Dolly Cillo
- Mathew & Katherine Rodzinka
12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish
6:00 pm - Jeanne McCormick
- Thomas Fuscaldo, Sr.

NEXT HEALING MASS**Tuesday, May 15****Rosary at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm**

All are welcome!

TITHING: GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income April 29, 2018	\$10,682.00
Tithing Income April 30, 2017	\$10,834.00

Thank You from Father Nick: "I want to thank you for your generous offerings this past week. Remembering that all of creation belongs to God, I am delighted when I see our people making a suitable return to the Lord as He has asked of us."

From One of the Saints: In tithing, we humbly recognize our creatureliness and our basic poverty before our Maker. As St. Augustine said so neatly, "Out of God's gifts, then, we make gifts to God."

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter shows us how far God's love extends and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.

PRIDE

What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

~St. John Climacus

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalms — The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Let us love one another because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) *or 1 John 4:11-16*.

Gospel — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) *or John 17:11b-19*.

WONDER

People go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains, and they pass by themselves without wondering.

~St. Augustine

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for
Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8;
Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2,
11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or,
for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13];
Mk 16:15-20