

# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

### MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Lawrence the Martyr Roman Catholic Church is a loving and welcoming community of disciples of Jesus who invite you to join us in becoming disciples of Jesus. As disciples, we are faithful to prayer, to listening to God's Word, to meeting with Jesus in the sacraments, to building community, and to serving others.*

**Rev. Nicholas Bozza, Pastor**

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

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Yohan Serrano

**Permanent Deacon:** William DeVizio

**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. 1-8:** Sun. 9:00-10:45 am (includes Mass)

**Gr. 5-8:** Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm (includes Mass)

**Gr. 9-10:** Sun. 5:50-8:15 pm (includes Mass)

**CGS:** Sun. 9:00-11:00 am OR Tues. 4:30-5:45 pm

**Gr. K-8:** Thurs. 4:45-6:00 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](mailto:parish@stlchester.org)

**Parish Web Site:** [www.stlchester.org](http://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 Resource	Don Martone	(201) 274-9723	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	(347) 213-0621
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	Lisette Howell	(973) 975-7343	Altar Servers	Chuck Feller	(908) 768-2838
Men's Cornerstone	Don Scobell	(908) 507-3145	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*****THE SCANDALS IN THE CHURCH  
SUNLIGHT IS THE BEST DISINFECTANT!**

I want to make a brief comment today on the scandals in the Church. No doubt, I am saddened by the news of terrible crimes being committed by priests and others in the Church. However, I am also happy that the crimes are being discovered and I know that greater safeguards will be created and harmful forms of behavior will hopefully be stopped. I think the “whistle blowing” is a good thing. Sunlight is the best disinfectant!

**OUR PARISH LISTENING NIGHT  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

This Thursday night, we will have a parish listening night. The event is entitled, “Silent No More” and will take place this Thursday at 7 pm. The purpose of the event is to allow parishioners to discuss the current scandals in the Church and to prepare a summary to send Bishop Serratelli and the national conference of Catholic Bishops. The two questions that we will discuss at the tables on Thursday night are: how have the scandals affected you? What needs to be done to make the Church a safer place and more like the Church that Jesus meant for us to be? Remember too that, if you are reluctant to speak out loud, you may write your comments. We will have pizza available for you if you are coming directly from work or some other event. I hope you will join us. Being together is especially important for all of us at this time.

**I DON'T NEED CONFESSION  
I HAVEN'T KILLED ANYBODY**

From time to time, I try to encourage people to take advantage of the wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession. One of the replies that I sometimes get is: I don't need the sacrament, I didn't kill anybody! Recently I was thinking about this common interchange and the following came to mind: “There are nine other commandments.” I thought I would pass this on.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE IN MAY 2019**

I want to remind you that we will travel to Poland in May 2019. Our plan is to visit the sites related to Divine Mercy, Saint Faustina, Saint John Paul II, and Saint Maximilian Kolbe. We also hope to visit the national Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa and Auschwitz. We plan to leave on May 14 and the trip will be about one week long. More details will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for an enriching and most enjoyable trip with people from our parish!

***Father Nick***

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK****Sunday**

- Classes - 9:00 am, 5:00 pm
- Confirmation Session #1 - 5:50 pm

**Thursday**

- Classes - 4:45 pm

**Friday-Sunday**

- Antioch at St. Luke Church

**Sunday**

- Classes - 9:00 am, 5:00 pm

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK****Wednesday**

- EC - 7:00 pm
- ESL - 7:30 pm
- Bold PST - 7:30 pm

**Thursday**

- Moms & Tots - 10:00 am
- Adult Choir - 7:00 pm
- Silent No More - 7:00 pm

**Friday**

- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm

**Sunday**

- Welcome Sunday

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL*****Here I Am, Lord!***

While there are many ways to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is a particularly beneficial opportunity if you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA. If you are in this category, the IRS requires you to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA each year. As a result, this distribution is added to your taxable income and increases the amount of taxes owed to the government. However, instead of taking your required minimum distribution, you can instruct your IRA investment manager to donate this distribution to a charity such as the Bishop's Annual Appeal and this automatically omits this amount from your adjusted gross income. This tax benefit can be realized by all qualifying individuals, whether you take the standard deduction or itemize your deductions. This can be a significant benefit to you and a great way to support the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. *If you are considering making a charitable donation using your IRA required minimum distribution, please be sure to first discuss this with your financial or tax advisor to make sure it is right for you.*

**HOMEBOUND OR IN HOSPITAL**

Please contact our priests if you know of someone who is homebound or hospitalized. Many would appreciate a visitor and the opportunity to receive communion. Thank you for helping us help others.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE  
September 29-30**

5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
CB – Nora Mulligan	CB –	CB Tommy Blackwell	CB Kyleigh Kennington	CB William Mayhood
S1 – Aidan Mulligan	S1 –	S1 – Kylie Blackwell	S1 – Trevor Connolly	S1 – James Mayhood
S2 – Declan Mulligan	S2 –	S2 Christian Iannuzzelli	S2 – Liam Brandt	S2 – Alyssa Mayhood



**RECENTLY BAPTIZED**  
**May God hold you always in the palm of His hand.**

***Katherine Agnes Mahoney,***  
***daughter of John-Paul &***  
***Meghan Mahoney of***  
***Parker Road, Chester***

**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK . . .**

Kirsten Mumma, William Ware, Julio Carrera, Sebastian Quinn, Ralph Bozza, Sister Eucharis, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Father Eugene Romano, Father Paul Knauer, Father Rafael Perez, Father Daniel Kelly, Father Joseph Farias, Msgr. Richard Rusconi, Msgr. Peter McBride, Deacon Hector Cassillas, 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, Cade Feitel, Christine Ambrosino, Carole Stessl, 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, Consiglia Erdenberger, Arnold Family, Bonnie Lieberworth, Barbara Drive, Jack Ratti, Finn Michael, Olivia Gill, Teresa Smith, Frances Ferreri, Teresa Colamona-co, Baby Gianni Mazza, Carol Mattone, Anna Birsilli Garich, Greg Villafane, Anne Owens McGrath, Janet Courtland, Jack Arnold, Lily Barbero, Hunter Barbero, Robert LeFrancis, Moire Riley, Brian Spring, Jim Robertiello, Doug Blessen, Barbara Davis, Jim Kielley, Jimena Garcia, Jorge Lombardo, Janice Thurston, Matt Adonis, Jim Balicki, Bill Renzetti, Bill Pigot, Rosa Salgado, Vera Sax, David Goulart, Christine Clark, Winnie Knapik, Kolbe, Paul Maurer, Joanne Seiller, Gail Anderson, Phillip Heery, Frank Loprest, John Memora, Kathy Hannan, Joanne Strutt, Buddy Black, Eileen Schiano, Annerys Castillo, Jesus Serrano, Teresa Toro Penagos, Kitty, Susan Novick, Stephanie Gonda, Bob Sircovich, Camille McQueen, Brayden Michael, Cassie Bollwork, Julie Hasbrouck

**Please help us keep this list up to date! Call 908-879-5371 and let us know if a name should be added or deleted.**

### SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Couples, were you married in **1968** or **1993**? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held on **Sunday, November 4, at 3:30pm.**

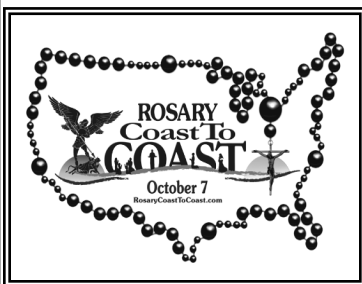
Arrangements can be made by contacting the St. Lawrence Parish Office at 908-879-5371. **The deadline to register is Monday, October 15.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

### AUTUMN DAYS

*Autumn days come swift like  
the running of a hound upon the moor.*

~Seumas MacManus

### ROSARY COAST TO COAST



Everyone throughout the nation is encouraged to join ranks as, united, we pray a very powerful 54 Day Rosary Novena from the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7.

The intentions echo those of the USCCB Call to Prayer for Respect Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty. Rosary Coast to Coast will be anchored by the National Rosary Rally in front of the US Capital in Washington DC on October 7 featuring nationally renowned Catholic speakers.

**Join us on Sunday, October 7, at 4:00 pm in front of St. Lawrence Church (375 Main Street, Chester) to pray the Rosary.**

### WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

#### Catholicism from Scratch

A course in Basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fall 2018 Schedule: **September 29: Raising Questions; November 3: Saints in the Making; December 8: The Handmaid's Tale - Mary**

For more information, visit [insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch](http://insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch)

### BLOOD DRIVE

#### Please Donate!



St. Lawrence Church is sponsoring a blood donation drive with Community Blood Drive of NJ on **Sunday, October 14, from 9 am to 1 pm.** It is recommended that those interested in donating blood make an appointment first. Please call 201-251-3703 to schedule. For any questions concerning the event, please call Nick Laudano at 973-945-0306.

#### Donor Guidelines:

- ☐ Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- ☐ Eat before donation
- ☐ Bring ID
- ☐ Drink plenty of water before and after donation

### EXAMPLE

*Children, especially,  
set their watches by our clock.*

~Anonymous

### SHREDDING OPPORTUNITY



**Saturday, October 20**

**2 Schmidt Lane, Flanders**

**8 AM - 11 AM**

**Sponsored by Knights of Columbus**

**\$5 / brown grocery bag**

**\$10 / copy paper box (1 free for every 5 boxes)**

**\$20 each for hard drives**

**\$10 each for cell phones**

**\$45 each for CRT and flat screen monitors**

**\$10 each for tower or laptop**

(Hard drive must be removed.)

Includes mouse, keyboard, speakers, wires)

#### Information:

**DROGAMANN@GMAIL.COM OR 973-927-9022**

### THE BEACON

#### Do You Receive The Beacon?

If you receive The Beacon, your support to help underwrite the monthly subscription bill would be greatly appreciated. The annual subscription fee is \$29.50. A check, made out to *St. Lawrence Church*, can be mailed to the Parish Office or dropped in the collection basket at Mass.

#### Would You Like to Subscribe or Cancel The Beacon?

Please contact Karen in the Parish Office:

**908-879-5371 OR [parish@stlchester.org](mailto:parish@stlchester.org)**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Jones' Family  
 9:00 am - David Ashoff

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Stanley Kudron  
 9:00 am - Virginia Murphy

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

8:00 am - Andy Bittman  
 9:00 am - Maureen Makris

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018**

8:00 am - Karen Ventura  
 9:00 am - David Ashoff

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018**

8:00 am - Jane Behringer  
 9:00 am - Rosemary A. Shattuck

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**

9:00 am - Ella Bolio  
 5:00 pm - Russell Talamo  
               - David Gibson

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

7:30 am - Barbara Salamy  
               - Dr. Anthony Borrelli  
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Carol Farbanish  
               - Conrad Spring  
 11:00 am - For the People of the Parish  
 12:30 pm - Spec. Int. of Heidi Wenz  
 6:00 pm - Jennifer Williamson Kennedy

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

**Psalms** — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

**Second Reading** — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

**Gospel** — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

**Tuesday, October 16**

**7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)**

**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;  
               Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;  
               Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;  
               Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;  
               Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
               Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;  
               Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING.**

Biblically a tithe means 10%. All are asked to consider tithing and return 10% of our income to the Lord (5% to the parish, 5% to God's other charities) in gratitude. The spiritual practice of tithing disposes us to make God first in every area of our lives! The aim is to secure not the tithe, but the tither. Not the gift, but the giver — for God!

**Tithing Income September 16, 2018               \$10,315.00**

Tithing Income September 17, 2017               \$10,294.00

**REFLECTION: MARK 9:35**

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "*sacer*" = *sacred* and "*facere*" = *to make*. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

**Pastor's Thanks:** "I want to thank you all for your faithfulness in making a return to the Lord for His goodness to us. I am sure that the Lord will bless you for the sacrifices that you make to Him and His Church!"

**Guidance from God's Word:** "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength."

**PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**At Corpus Christi Parish**

**234 Southern Blvd, Chatham**

**October 11-15**

**For more information:**

**[www.corpuschristi.org](http://www.corpuschristi.org) OR**

**Fr. Lem Camacho (973-635-0070)**

**HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?**

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?