



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

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

Trustees: Phil Guidone, Margie Scobell

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

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 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	Kathleen Garrison	(973) 945-1518
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) 879-6714	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

A DEEP HATRED OF SIN

As a boy at St. Cecilia Parish, I was an altar boy and frequently served the Monday night novena Mass. The novena was called the Miraculous Medal novena. Praying the novena prayers many times, they became inscribed in my memory. Recently, I was recalling the following prayer from the Miraculous Medal novena.

Novena Prayer

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession, manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, we your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray.

(Here privately form your petitions.)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us, then, a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone, so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial, that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen.

The novena prayer came to mind as I was thinking about the repentance that characterizes the season of Lent. In the above novena prayer, you will notice that Jesus hates iniquity, i.e., the evil of sin. For this reason, in the novena, we ask our mother, Mary, to obtain for us “a deep hatred of sin.” What a great thought this is! As we repent of our sins during Lent, a deep hatred of sin can motivate us to leave our sins behind and to put our sins to death, which is part of the deepest meaning of Lent. Our mother Mary is a most helpful mother and gift from God!

Have a great Lent!

FAST AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Every person 14 years or older must **abstain** from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of **Lent**. Every person between the **age** of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

MONDAY CONFESSIONS

Throughout the Diocese of Paterson, priests will be on duty to hear confessions from 7 to 8:30 pm. Every Monday in every church. At St. Lawrence, we will offer Monday confessions from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the Mondays of Lent. How great is God's mercy!

LENT AT ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

Holy Week celebrates the foundation of our faith, the death and the rising of Jesus. During Holy Week, we recall the Last Supper in the Upper Room, the suffering and the death of Jesus in Jerusalem and on Calvary and His resurrection at the tomb. During Lent, we apply to our lives the lessons of Holy Week.

At St. Lawrence Parish during Lent, we will offer a number of opportunities for spiritual growth:

- Daily Mass at 8 am and 9 am (Monday to Friday; 9 am only on Saturdays)
- Daily Morning prayer at 7:25 am (at 8:25 am on Saturdays)
- The Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7:45 am daily (8:45 am on Saturdays)
- Marian Novena on Saturdays following the 9 am Mass
- The Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7 pm (in church in English and in Our Lady's Chapel in Spanish)
- Confessions on Saturdays at 4 pm on Saturdays and on Mondays at 6:30 pm
- Divine Mercy service at 3 pm on Fridays in church
- “The One Percent Challenge”, a parish initiative
- Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross on April 12

Father Nick

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK**Sunday**

- Classes - 9:00 am, 5:00 pm
- Confirmation classes - 5:50 pm

Thursday

- Classes - 4:45 pm

Sunday

- Classes - 9:00 am, 5:00 pm
- Confirmation classes - 5:50 pm

**Confession**

Beginning on March 11, confessions will be heard at all churches in our Diocese from **7:00-8:30 pm on all Mondays during Lent (6:30-8:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church)**. Come and experience the gracious mercy of God!

Stations of the Cross

Join us on **Friday evenings at 7:00 pm** for the Stations of the Cross . . . church (in English); chapel (in Spanish). The Stations remind us of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation.

CRS Rice Bowls

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls are available in the church and the Parish Center. We hope that you will take advantage of this Lenten activity with your family.

Lenten Reading

Two books are available at the front of the church for you to read during Lent. A small donation for each is most appreciated. Thank you!

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**Sunday**

- Welcome Sunday
- CYO Pizza Party - 6:00 pm
- Little Sisters Door Collection

Monday

- Good Samaritans - 7:00 pm

Tuesday

- Tutoring - 4:30 pm
- Rosary Society - 7:00 pm
- Beginner ESL - 7:30 pm

Wednesday

- ESL - 7:30 pm
- Bold TNL - 7:30 pm

Thursday

- Moms & Tots - 10:00 am
- Spanish Choir - 5:30 pm
- Adult Choir - 7:00 pm

Friday

- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm

Saturday

- First Communion Retreat - 10:00 am

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK . . .

Kirsten Mumma, William Ware, Julio Carrera, Sebastian Quinn, Sister Eucharistia, Father Eugene Romano, Father Paul Knauer, Father Daniel Kelly, Father Joseph Farias, Father Thomas Mangieri, Father Gilberto Gutierrez, Msgr. Richard Rusconi, Msgr. Peter McBride, Msgr. Eugene Boland, Deacon Hector Cassillas, Patrick John Moran, Ann Kelly, Lloyd Matsamoto, Helen Crowe, Jane Alt, Patrick Pronio, Allison Spina, Lesley Pawar, Tom Walsh, Brian Graham, Colleen Saito, William Kelly, Mary Norwood, Mary Lanzara, Cade Feitel, 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 Constantino, Dan McGuigan, 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 Ferri, Teresa Colamonaco, Baby Gianni Mazza, Carol Mattone, Anna Birsilli Garich, Anne Owens McGrath, Janet Courtland, Jack Arnold, Lily Barbero, Hunter Barbero, Robert LeFrancis, Moire Riley, Brian Spring, Jim Robertiello, 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, Buddy Black, Annerys Castillo, Jesus Serrano, Teresa Toro Penagos, Kitty, Susan Novick, Stephanie Gonda, Bob Sircovich, Camille McQueen, Brayden Michael, Cassie Bollwork, Julie Hasbrouck, Stanley Kudron, Michael Mooney, Ed Poto, Thomas Kennedy, Gary Ross, George Resotka, Ann Valles, Wayne Farbanish, William Hockenbury, Carol Senatore, Sara Brandt, Dorothy Diana, Frank Carfaro

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
March 16-17**

5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
CB – Nora Mulligan	CB –	CB Gretchen Higgins	CB – Ann Hoye	CB Makena Spence
S1 – Aidan Mulligan	S1 –	S1 – Margo Higgins	S1 – Meredith Hoye	S1 – Isabel-la Napurano
S2 – Declan Mulligan	S2 –	S2 – Liam Brandt	S2 – Beth Hoye	S2 – Aidan Howell

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.

BARN MINISTRY NEWS

Barn opens on Monday, April 1

Donated Items

The Church Barn will accept donations of all gently used, clean clothing and household items. Clothing, shoes, accessories (men, women, kids, infants), linens & bedding, jewelry, tools, toys and games, kitchen items, dishes and glassware, small appliances & electronics, lamps, holiday items, art work, media (books, DVD's CD's)

Items can be left 24/7 inside the brown shed next to the Barn. Donation receipts are available inside the shed.

PLEASE:

NO furniture, mattresses, baby beds, car seats, large televisions, computer monitors, large exercise equipment, men's suits, VHS tapes, magazines, text books, stuffed animals

First Sale: Saturday, May 4, from 9:00-2:00 pm

All proceeds from sales support the charitable donations of the Parish.

Barn Volunteers Needed

We need your help to make this year successful!

The Barn Ministry consists of volunteers who sort, evaluate, price, and store donated items in the Barn for the six sales during spring and summer. Help is needed Monday through Friday from 8:30-11:00 am and on sale days.

Please consider joining us. If you can help for a few hours during the week or on our sale weekends, we know we can continue this good work.

To find out what we do, please drop in any morning after April 1. If you can help on sale days, contact Ray Waugh (908-432-5046) or Cathy Waugh 908-209-4264.

ILL HABITS

*Ill habits gather by unseen degrees—
As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.
~Ovid*

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

"We Are Called"

Friday and Saturday, April 26 - 27
Save the date!

For more information, please contact
Lissette Howell at (973) 975-7343.

DIOCESAN PARTNERS IN FAITH CAMPAIGN REPORT

Over the last five years, the Diocese has conducted the Partner's in Faith Campaign. In 2013, our parish set a goal to pledge \$550,000 to this capital campaign. Terms of the campaign enabled St. Lawrence Church to share in 25% of the unrestricted donations parishioners made to meet that goal, and pledges received exceeded it. As a result, the parish received 60% of that total. Since 2013, the annual rebates we received on the total pledges of \$567,900 amounted to \$148,240.

Many of the campaign's objectives were established to support the expenses of modernizing and repairing various diocesan structures. Among those projects was the complete renovation of St. John's, the closed diocesan cathedral in Paterson. The rebates St. Lawrence Church received were also used to help underwrite the annual costs of major capital renovation programs made here. The most significant parish project completed during these last five years was the resurfacing and new storm water drainage systems placed throughout our parking area. That project actually cost more than \$200,000 with many of the project's expenses supported by the Partners in Faith parish rebates we received.

To the many parishioners who participated in this capital campaign, we are most grateful for your generous and faithful support over these last five years as the campaign has now concluded.

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Villa Walsh Academy Presents "Cinderella"

Saturday, March 30, 7 pm

Sunday, March 31, 3 pm

Tickets are \$12. This timeless tale of a young girl with a wish, a glorious ball, and a pair of magical glass slippers comes to life with the beautiful music of Rodgers & Hammerstein. Any questions, please contact Villa Walsh Academy at (973) 538-3680 or www.villawalsh.org.

PreSchool -Grade 8 Open House: St. Joseph School

Tuesday, March 12, from 8-10am and 6:30pm-8pm

St. Joe's in Mendham provides a faith-based education in a nurturing, loving and joyful environment. Students are engaged as they learn Computer Science, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Music), conversational and written Spanish, Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Religion. Come visit to learn more about our outstanding school. Busing available to and from neighboring towns. Extended Care offered on-premises until 6 pm. Visit our website at www.sjsmendham.org, or contact Lori Arends, Principal, at 973-543-7474, ext. 7. *St. Joseph School — National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; AdvancEd Accredited*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019**

8:00 am - Sebastian Pagano

9:00 am - John Szmak

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Cindy Sommer

9:00 am - Ralph Bozza

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

8:00 am - Michael Murphy

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dorothy Diana

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

8:00 am - Ann Light

9:00 am - Fr. Rafael Perez

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

8:00 am - Dawn Kahn

9:00 am - Henry Fastert

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

9:00 am - Alan Martin

- Antonin Scalia

5:00 pm - Faustina Fogerty

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

7:30 am - Mildred Mary (Touchette) Whaley

- Patrick Michal Burgoyne

9:00 am - Sergio DeCandia

- Edward Lohrmann

11:00 am - Antoinette Puliti

- John Maguire

12:30 pm - Fr. Rafael Perez

6:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS**First Reading** — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).**Psalms** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).**Second Reading** — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).**Gospel** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).**NEXT HEALING MASS****Tuesday, March 19****7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)****MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36**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 March 3, 2019**\$10,631.00**

Tithing Income March 4, 2018

\$10,087.00

Reflection: *"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."* (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Father Nick: "I thank you for accepting God's plan for faith and giving!"

A Tithing Testimony from St. Mark's Parish in Wilmington, NC: "I have attempted to tithe in the past. I feel so blessed. I have a great job, a wonderful family, two wonderful parents (who have been married for 52 years). I think tithing puts God's purpose first in our lives. The more I've given, the more I've received!"

PAST AND FUTURE*There is no saint without a past.**And no sinner without a future.*

~Anonymous

**ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING,
AND TEMPTATION**

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we "set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with His help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.