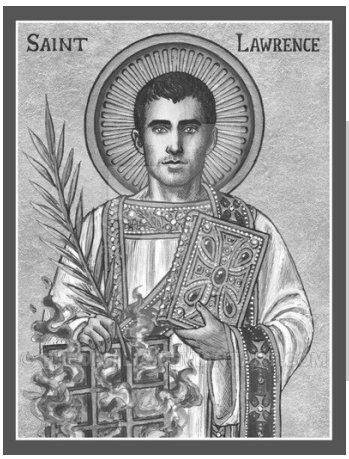

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 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.
Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

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	Lissette 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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"UNPLANNED"
A MOVIE SHOWING AT AMC IN ROCKAWAY

"Unplanned" opened to the general public in theaters on Friday, March 29. As of Thursday, April 4, as I am writing this bulletin article, the movie is still showing in Rockaway. This past Monday, on my day off, I attended the movie with two priest friends. Since Monday, people have asked me what I think of the movie. I will say that the movie is powerful and that it delivers a most important and needed message. I hope that many of you will go and see this movie.

The movie is based on a true story. "Unplanned" describes the experiences of a woman, Abby Johnson, who was raised in a Christian family that is pro-life. During her college years, she is invited to volunteer at Planned Parenthood. She accepts the invitation because she is committed to bettering the lives and health of women, a commitment that she never abandons. As time passes, she becomes involved in various aspects of the Planned Parenthood operation, as a promoter for PP, as an escort of clients from their cars to the buildings, as a post abortion part inspector who insures that all of the baby's parts are accounted for after the abortion, and finally as the youngest director of a Planned Parenthood facility in the U.S. Finally, she is asked to assist at the actual termination of a baby; her witnessing of an abortion changes her life.

This movie offers a close-up look at the subject of abortion and at Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion business in the US. This movie has the power to change hearts. This movie is a tool that we all can use with our loved ones to help them to see the reality of abortion and to bring our children and grandchildren to make a more informed choice for themselves on the subject of abortion. I hope that you can see this movie for yourselves so that you can judge for yourselves how best to use this resource that has been given to us to help us bring our loved ones back to the "Gospel of Life." I strongly suggest that young people be accompanied by an adult who will help them to process what they have seen.

At the conclusion of the movie, the producers offer information on help for the victims of abortion, for the parents and families who have aborted their children, for Planned Parenthood employees who need assistance in finding new employment, and for some ways that we can help to repair our culture with its obsession with the "right" to kill babies.

In the Catholic Church, there are many resources to assist men and women who need help during pregnancy or after an abortion. One resource is the Sisters of Life (866-575-0075; hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, there is help at 877-586-4621 and at Lumina@postabortionhelp.org. Another resource is Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard. Another resource is crisis pregnancy centers like Life Choices in Philipsburg and Good Counsel Homes. This is not an exhaustive list. God bless.

NEED FOR TITHING WITNESSES

I need to find some parishioners who can give a witness talk about God's plan for giving, i.e, tithing this spring. If you can help, please contact me at the Parish Office, 908-879-5371. God bless.

Father Nick

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK

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

Thursday
- Classes - 4:45 pm

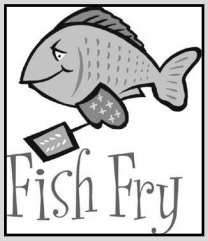
Sunday
- No classes

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.

Brochures/registration forms available in church and Parish Center.



FISH FRY
Friday, April 12

Two dinner seatings:
5:30-6:30 pm, 7-8 pm (tickets $6)

Stations of Cross that evening:
6:30 pm
(English-church, Spanish-chapel)

BARN MINISTRY NEWS

The Barn is now accepting donations of gently used clothing and household items. Please place **inside** the shed next to the Barn. Shed is open 24/7. Donation receipts are available inside.

Help is needed in sorting and on sale days! Please stop by weekday mornings between 8:30-11:00 am or call Ray and Cathy Waugh at 908-432-5046 or 908-209-4264 if interested.

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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
April 13-14

5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
CB – Justin Katz	CB Sinclair Stevens	CB –Katie Vaillancourt	CB – Harlan Iversen	CB – Andrew Guido
S1 – Julia Katz	S1 – Blake Stevens	S1– Makenna Spence	S1 – John Iversen	S1 – Ali Wallace
S2 – Amanda Katz	S2 – Todd Smith	S2 – Kylie Blackwell	S2 – Trevor Connolly	S2 –

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

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 PST - 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
- Fish Fry - 5:30-6:30 pm, 7:00-8:00 pm
- Stations of Cross - 6:30 pm

Saturday
- First Communion Workshop - 10:00 am
- Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat - 10:30 am
- Bold Middle - 7:00 pm

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK . . .

Kirsten Mumma, William Ware, Julio Carrera, Sebastian Quinn, Sister Eucharia, Father Eugene Romano, 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, 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 Constantinople, 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 Ferreri, 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, 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, Dorothy Diana, Frank Carfaro, John McNulty, George SanGiovanni

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.

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the St. Lawrence Church Student Scholarship are now 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 Friday, May 31.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted Him on that day used what was both handy and traditional since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav,* circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot,* singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate His passion?

Our pro-life team (minus 1) prayed the Rosary for the Unborn at the Morristown Planned Parenthood facility this past Wednesday.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

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

Mace Charles Carfaro, son of Darin & Kimberly Carfaro of Rushmore Court, Florham Park.

Patrick Vance Smorra, son of Anthony & Claudine Smorra of Winding Hill Drive, Hackettstown.

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

CHOOSE LIFE License Plates

Become a pro-life witness everywhere you go! Applications for license plates are available here at St. Lawrence Church. Complete and submit with copy of vehicle registration and checks for license plate ($25) and annual fee to The Children First Foundation ($25). Two smiling children's faces appear on the plate and will help spread the "Choose Life' message on the road and parking lot. Funding to the Foundation supports crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes and adoption in New Jersey.

LOYOLA DAY OF PRAYER: Radical Companionship with Jesus

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
9:30am – 3:00pm
Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ
Cost: $40 Includes breakfast, lunch, Reconciliation and Mass
Led by: Rev. George Collins, S.J.
Register at www.loyola.org

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 2-hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at St. Luke Catholic Church on **Sunday, May 5**, at 1:00 pm after the 11:15 am Mass. A light lunch will be served after Mass.

As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will:

- immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette
- have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water
- receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary
- receive a bottle of Lourdes Water
- prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France

The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience!
RSVP by May 1 to Stephanieoros@gmail.com or 862-432-3932.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019
8:00 am - Ella Bolio
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Fr. Yohan

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019
8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Jaedyn Quinn
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of McNulty Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019
8:00 am - Marilyn Tonry
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Maria Cronin

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019
8:00 am - John Bellone
9:00 am - John "Paddy" Lydon

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019
8:00 am - Fr. Paul Knauer
9:00 am - Stephanie & Joseph Rozyccy

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019
9:00 am - Jim Sommer
5:00 pm - Kathryn Dalton

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019
7:30 am - Gus & Basia Jaworski
9:00 am - Harriet Hazen
- Carmela Moffitt
11:00 am - For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm - Rosa Hermia Echavarria
6:00 pm - Emma Castellano

GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and His sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, His teachings, and His sacrifice on the cross were not just for His followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course, one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

SURE CURE

The only cure for sorrow is to kill it with patience.
~Irish Proverb

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 31, 2019	**$10,106.00**
Tithing Income April 1, 2018	$29,273.00

Reflection: *"For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ…"* (Philippians 3:8)
The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

Father Nick: "I am most grateful for your generosity in making an offering to God. He is so good to us all."

A Testimony from a Parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Manville, NJ "One thing that I have discovered about myself is that I never brought God into my finances. This is a very important area for me and I am glad that now God is a part of it."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or Ezekiel 37:12-14*.
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or Psalm 130.*
Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) *or Romans 8:8-11.*
Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

NEXT HEALING MASS

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]