

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 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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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, Youth Protection/Safe Environment

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
Armata Bianca	Lorna Phillips	(617) 538-5567	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	Tommy Reynolds	(908) 463-0167	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	Carla Fuscaldo	(908) 879-6714	Barn Ministry	Ray Waugh	(908) 432-5046
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

God's Kindness is boundless



GOD THE FATHER LOVES US ALL SO MUCH!

A couple of nights back, I spoke by phone to a priest friend. He shared with me an inspired thought. He had been invited some years back to celebrate Mass in the home of the daughter of a saint. The priest had stopped along the way to the home to pick some wild flowers that could serve as a decoration for the altar at the Mass. The saint was pleased by the priest's gesture and remarked that "It is wonderful that God the Father placed it on your heart to bring flowers for the altar and the Mass." The priest's little story led me to another inspiration. We receive so many kindnesses every day. These kindnesses are not ultimately initiated by the good people who do them for us. In reality, these kindnesses are inspired by God the Father. And why? The Father initiates these kindnesses because He loves each of us and all of us so very much. It is quite moving to realize that all the kindnesses we receive are begun by God and are expressions of His tremendous love for us. It is good to realize how much we are loved by our heavenly Father! It is good to give thanks to God for His many kindnesses!

God bless.

Father Nick

VIRTUE

It is certainly true that a popular government cannot flourish without virtue in the people.

~Richard Henry Lee

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Processions are life's journey distilled. We move with companions, aware that Christ accompanies us, as we move to the altar for Communion or to the font for baptism, or carry a loved one to a place of rest. In Europe, the season of pilgrimage is beginning now, and tens of thousands of people are moving by foot on well-worn paths. Some take as long as six weeks to walk the last few hundred miles of the medieval pilgrimage route to the Shrine of St. James the Apostle in Compostella, in northern Spain.

Those who make the journey by foot, hiking, or by bicycle, have a kind of passport stamped at villages and monasteries on the road. When they present this document at the cathedral, they are given the emblem of a pilgrim, the scallop shell of St. James. High over their heads at Mass, a huge *botafumero* twirls clouds of sweet incense through the cathedral. Cynics say it is to mask the odor of smelly feet. The pilgrims know better. Seeing through the clouds the happy faces of those they met along the road, they recognize a foretaste of the welcome into heaven, and the joy of meeting loved ones in the Kingdom of God.

BARN MINISTRY NEWS

- Future Sale Dates**

Saturday: July 27, Aug. 24
 Friday: Sept. 27 (Half Price Day)
 Saturday: Sept. 28 (Bag Day)

- Volunteers** are still needed to help with sales and sorting. Please contact Ray Waugh at 908-432-5046.

FANTASY

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.

~Thomas Jefferson

PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES

We have many wonderful ministries here at St. Lawrence Church. Please consider joining one! All are welcome!

The bulletin cover lists all of our ministries with contact information for each. Please call the ministry person in charge. They would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

July 6-7

5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
CB – Nora Mulligan	CB –	CB – Sophia Varua	CB Gretchen Higgins	CB – Aidan Howell
S1 – Aidan Mulligan	S1 –	S1 Christian Iannuzzelli	S1 – Margo Higgins	S1 Stephen Howell
S2 – Declan Mulligan	S2 –	S2 – Kylie Blackwell	S2 –	S2 –

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**Tuesday**

- Women's Cornerstone - 7:00 pm
- Beginner ESL - 7:30 pm

Wednesday

- Armata Bianca - 4:15 pm
- ESL - 7:30 pm

Friday

- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm

LOCATING MASS FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS
 Visit www.masstimes.org to locate Mass times and information for Catholic churches around the world.

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR PARISH

- Monday evenings at 6:30 pm**
- Saturday evenings from 4-4:30 pm**
- At Healing Masses (7 pm every third Tuesday)**

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK . . .

Kirsten Mumma, William Ware, Julio Carrera, Sebastian Quinn, Sister Eucharis, Father Eugene Romano, Father Daniel Kelly, Father Joseph Farias, Father Thomas Mangieri, Father Gilberto Gutierrez, Father Joseph Garbarino, Father Stanislaw Wajdzia, 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, 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, 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, Ann Valles, Wayne Farbanish, William Hockenbury, Carol Senatore, Dorothy Diana, Frank Carfaro, John McNulty, George SanGiovanni, John & Sally Goron, Joseph Zulowski, Anthony Vaccarino, Cathy Nuding, Conrad Spring, Maryann Villone, Shayna Wasileski

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.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office and Faith Formation Office will be closed on Fridays beginning July 5. Regular business hours resume in September after Labor Day.

**THURSDAY, JULY 4**

Morning Prayer at 8:25 am

Mass at 9 am

In church

(NO 8 am Mass that day)

RECENTY BAPTIZED

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

***Mackenna Paige Kopacz, daughter of Kyle & Kathryn
Kopacz of Larch Drive, Chester.***

**ST. LAWRENCE PRE SCHOOL
PLAY GROUP****Head Teacher Needed**

St. Lawrence Church Spanish Ministry Preschool Play Group is in need of a Head Teacher beginning September 2019. Preferred applicants will have training and experience in Early Childhood Education. This is a volunteer position. Play Group meets in the Parish Center on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am - noon from September until June. Duties include curriculum planning and development. An experienced team is in place. Spanish language is not necessary, but helpful. Interested parties should contact Marilyn Carnicelli at 908-812-7738.

**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 join online

SHOP RITE GROCERY CARDS

Shop Rite grocery cards are available after each Mass at the **upstairs main door** of the church. They are also available at the Parish Office during the week. Stop by and support the parish (5% of sales) as you buy your groceries.

Last week's sales: \$1,260.00

Last week's profit: \$63.00

families who purchased: 10

Food bank: \$10.00

**Your donation to the Food Bank helps the needy
in our community. Thank you!**

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Looking for responsible, trustworthy **cleaning lady** who can speak English. Cleaning my house would be on monthly basis and would be \$100 (cash) each cleaning (so approximately \$25 an hour). I am in Flanders, NJ. Days and times at your convenience. Please call Melissa at 973-584-3293. Position would start in September.

First Saturday, July 6th - World Apostolate of Fatima (Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine). **"You at least try to console me..."** Please join us to honor this plea of Our Lady on Dec. 10, 1925 requesting the Five First Saturdays of Reparation for five consecutive months. The five reasons will be explained each month. Schedule: 10:30 a.m. Confessions; 11:30 Rosary w/15 minute meditation; 12:15 Holy Mass w/ Guest Speaker/Celebrant **Rev. Demetrius M. Thomas OSB**, 1:15 Brown Scapular Enrollment; 1:30 Shrine Tour; 2:00 Confessions; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: ***And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?*** Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802 (908) 689-1700 Ext 224 www.bluearmy.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019**

8:00 am - Rosalia Freihart

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of John Bialas

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019

8:00 am - Rita Anderson

9:00 am - Joseph Pastore

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019

8:00 am - Albert Mazza

9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019

8:25 am - Morning Prayer

9:00 am - Marguerite Carvin

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019

8:00 am - George Pillion

9:00 am - Parents of Elena & Mike Acerra

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019

9:00 am - Steve Laricos

5:00 pm - Edward Lohrmann

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

7:30 am - George Pillion

9:00 am - Deborah Kovalik

- Alyson McCauley

11:00 am - Sarah Bozza

- Carmela Nacchio

12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish

6:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Spring Family

TODAY'S READINGS**First Reading** — Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).**Second Reading** — Beware that you are not consumed by one another (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).**Gospel** — Go and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 9:51-62).**NEXT HEALING MASS****Tuesday, July 16****7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)****MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;

Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

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 June 23, 2019**\$10,115.00**

Tithing Income June 24, 2018

\$11,533.00

Reflection: *"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." (Galatians 5:13)*

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

From father Nick: "Thank you for your faithfulness to making a return to the Lord for all that He has done for you!"

A Testimony from a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Philadelphia:

"I was visiting with my family in my home country and when I returned, I found that my envelopes were all backed up. I filled each one with the tithe for that week, without thinking about whether I'd have enough money to cover my expenses. I just said: 'Lord, this belongs to You.' I've got heart trouble and I have to buy my medicine because my insurance does not cover it. When I went to the doctor, he gave me enough samples of the medicine so that I did not have to buy any. How the Lord keeps His promises!"

RADICAL TRANSFORMATION

On this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings describe anything but an ordinary time. They are disturbing and they leave us disturbed. The Old Testament reading recounts a young man's radical break with the past to follow a new path. The Gospel describes how life as we know it is abruptly changed if we follow the call of Christ. The psalm and Paul assure us that such life altering change is possible only because of the power of God's love. We are presented with a stark choice. To love as God loves, we must leave our old lives behind. We must leave behind not just the bad, the selfish, and the evil but the ordinary, our daily work, and the important, our families, our lives. Loving as God loves requires a radical transformation, not a smooth transition.



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Confession-6:30	2 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Beginner ESL-7:30 Women's Corner-stone-7	3 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Armata Bianca-4:15 ESL-7:30	4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! Morn. Prayer-8:25 Mass-9 (In church)	5 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Adoration 9:30-8:30 Divine Mercy Chaplet-3	6 Morn. Prayer-8:25 Mass-9 Confession-4-4:45 Mass-5
7 Mass-7:30 Mass-9 Mass-11 Mass-12:30 (Spanish) Mass-6	8 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Confession-6:30	9 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Beginner ESL-7:30	10 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Armata Bianca-4:15 ESL-7:30	11 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9	12 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Adoration 9:30-10:30 Divine Mercy Chaplet-3	13 Morn. Prayer-8:25 Mass-9 Confession-4-4:45 Mass-5
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SUMMER CAMP

BOLD & MIDDLE



You + World = Changed.

Have you ever thought you were here for something **BIG**, like, *change the world* big? Well... you're right.

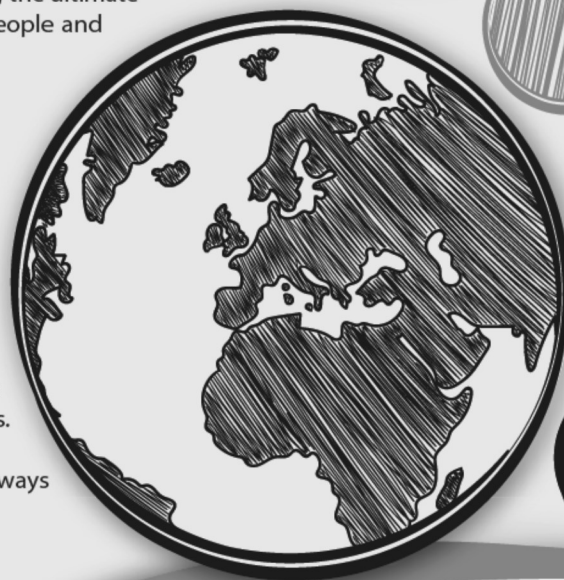
This summer. St. Lawrence uServe™ Camp. Be there. Together, we're taking the ultimate camp experience to a whole other level. Packed with fun games, cool, people and awesome service opps - yea, it's a pretty big deal.

Why You?

"The nation doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are."
Saint Edith Stein's got it down. The world needs each of us to *use* our God-given gifts to serve through *action*. What are you waiting for?!

The Deets:

- ✓ For all incoming 6th - 9th graders: bring your friends and lots of energy; camp days are split with service in the morning, then afternoon activities.
- ✓ Be there: **August 12th-16th**, 9AM-3PM, cost \$150.
- ✓ Change the world. Raise your awareness on issues of social justice and ways you can make BIG impact one project at a time.
- ✓ Grow in faith, service and fellowship, and earn service hours!



Register Now!

www.boldym.com/SLM/uServe

Contact Brian Flanagan for more info:
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