

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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:

Dorothy Kudron, Terry Leing, Shannon Rossi

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. 1-7: Sun. 9:00-10:50 am (includes Mass)

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

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

CGS: Sun. 9:00-11:00 am OR Thurs. 4:45-6:00 pm

Gr. K-7: 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

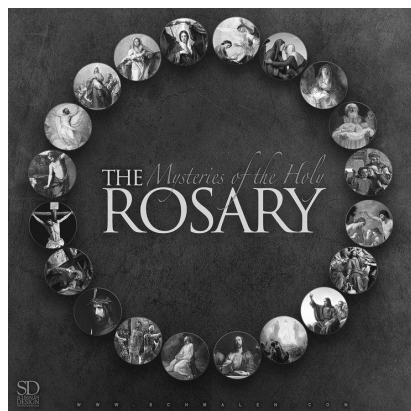
Parish Web Site: www.stlchester.org

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	Meghan Mahoney	(732) 407-1618	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	Bob Holl	(908) 876-3488
Barn Ministry	Ray Waugh	(908) 432-5046	Family Mass Social	Marc McFeely	(973) 222-9739
Mary's Moonflowers	Karen Jones	(973) 479-5271			

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**WHY DO WE CALL THEM THE JOYFUL, LUMINOUS, SORROWFUL AND GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

The recent addition of the Luminous Mysteries by Pope St. John Paul II to the praying of the rosary around the world encourages us to think a bit about the purpose of the Mysteries of the rosary. Praying with the Bible, with God's Word, gives us the opportunity to listen and converse with God about His Word. Listening to and conversing with God about His Word gives us the chance to learn more from Him and deepen our bond with Him.

Each of the four sets of Mysteries of the rosary has a unique purpose. For example, the Joyful Mysteries remind us that a contact with our Savior brings us joy just as it brought joy to those depicted in the five joyful Mysteries. Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, the Magi, the people of Bethlehem, the shepherds, the elders in the Temple (Simeon and Anna all found joy when they first met Jesus or when they were reunited to Him after having lost Him when He was 12 years old). The Luminous Mysteries teach us parts of the Gospel message. They point to the gift of Baptism in the Holy Spirit. They also point to the major role that Mary plays in all of our lives. They also remind us of the central place that the proclamation of the Kingdom occupies in Christian living. These Mysteries also remind us of the importance of hope in the resurrection and of the great gift of the Eucharist. The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus suffered in order to save us and bring us to eternal life. We are sorry that Jesus had to suffer so much because we have sinned much. The Glorious Mysteries reveal to us the glory that Jesus and Mary are enjoying. We hope to share in that glory when we complete our time here on earth.

The rosary is a great gift from God. Through our meditation on the mysteries, we can learn a great deal. October is the month of the rosary. I hope that many of you will pray the rosary in community and as families during the month of October.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

In 1999, Planned Parenthood opened an abortion center in Bryan-College Station, Texas. In response, the people of the area prayed and asked for God's guidance. The inspiration came to begin a campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils. Right now, in 855 cities, across 61 countries, people of faith, prayer warriors, are standing peaceful vigils to witness to the value of human life and pray for the lives of children who are threatened by abortion. The 40 Days for Life for 2019 begins very soon. It runs from September 25th to November 3rd. Please lend your support through prayer, fasting, and participating in vigils if that is possible. The ACLU called 40 Days for Life "the greatest threat to choice" because it is "highly organized and effective."

BLESSING OF PETS

There will be a blessing of pets in front of our Parish Center on Saturday, October 5th, at 10 am.

God bless.

Father Nick

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK**Sunday**

- No classes

Thursday

- No classes

Sunday

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

**HOMELESS FAMILIES AT
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHESTER
September 29-October 6**

First Congregational Church of Chester will host homeless families of Morris County enrolled in the Family Promise Program. Can you help?

St. Lawrence parish supports this effort with volunteers. We help set up the facility for the families, cleanup every day, provide dessert, dinner or host the guests for one shift (sitting in the common room, being available, helping kids with homework, playing with them) or stay overnight. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals or families to get involved. If you are doing this for the first time, volunteer training is available.

Please contact Beatrice Basso at 973 294-4059 if you can help. Thank you!

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. You can also make your donation using the e-giving option by accessing on-line giving on the parish's home page. Thank you!

Would You Like to Subscribe or Cancel The Beacon?

Please contact Karen in the Parish Office:
908-879-5371 OR parish@stlchester.org



FYI: THERE'S A TOOOOOOON OF PEOPLE DOWN THERE THANKING YOU THAT IT IS FRIDAY

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**Tuesday**

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

Wednesday

- Armata Bianca - 4:15 pm
- EC - 7:00 pm
- ESL - 7:30 pm

Thursday

- Adult Choir - 7:00 pm

Friday

- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm

Saturday

- Men's Cornerstone - 7:30 am
- Blessing of Animals - 10:00 am

INVOLVEMENT

Our job is to get in the game.

Not keep score.

~Anonymous

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, 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, 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 Senator, Dorothy Diana, Frank Carfaro, John McNulty, George SanGiovanni, John & Sally Goron, Joseph Zukowski, Anthony Vaccarino, Cathy Nuding, Conrad Spring, Maryann Villone, Shayna Wasileski, George Dietz, Bill McCormick, Victor Saccaro, Paul Gallo, Donna Bruno, Maria Mastrangelo, Anne Sommer, Isabelle Mitchell, Nancy Scobell, Becky Williams, Bob Summers, Kathleen Garrison

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.

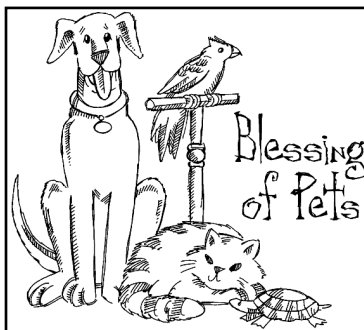
RCIA**Faith is a Journey**

Pope Francis said that Faith "takes the form of a journey, a path to be followed which begins with an encounter with the living God."

Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized, but recognizes a need for spirituality in life?
- A baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic Church?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?
- Married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?

If your answer is YES to any of the above and you would like more information on the RCIA program, please contact Father Nick at 908-879-5371 or email at parish@stlchester.org.



PET BLESSING
Saturday, October 5
10:00 am

Front of Parish Center

All pets are welcome! If your pet cannot be transported, please take a picture and bring it with you to be blessed.

WE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY

Bianna Harmon, Kevin Phillips, Brad Carfaro

SILVER AND GOLD

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in **1969** or **1994**? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held **Sunday, November 3, at 3:30 pm**.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the St. Lawrence Church Parish Office at 908-879-5371. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 11, 2019.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

BLOOD DRIVE

Please Donate!



St. Lawrence Church is sponsoring a blood donation drive with Community Blood Drive of NJ on **Sunday, October 13, from 8 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**



RECENTLY JOINED OUR PARISH
We welcome you!

Ken & Brigitte Kelly and their children
Maeve, Reagan and Tara of Phoenix
Drive, Mendham.

James & Tiffany Montaruli and their
children Ava and Victoria of South
Gables Drive, Chester.

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Villa Walsh Academy Open House

Sunday, October 6

2-4 pm

Come see what makes Villa shine!

Fall Dinner Dance

Hosted by Knights of Columbus #5410

Saturday, October 5

2-6 pm

Knights of Columbus Hall

3 Schmidt Lane, Flanders

Contact: George Discher, 862-432-2159

Pathway Through the Pentateuch

Join Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli for a series of masters-level lectures about the first five books of the Bible, known as the Pentateuch. Bishop Serratelli, who spent many years teaching on the subject of sacred scripture before becoming our bishop, holds a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture and a Doctorate in Sacred Theology.

Lecture dates are **Tuesdays, October 8th, 15th, 22nd, November 5th and 19th**. To register for this lecture series please visit <https://insidethewalls.org/ptp>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Carol Farbanish
- Conrad Spring

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Kevin Phillips

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Spring Family

9:00 am - Frank Fila

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019

8:00 am - Patti Hale

9:00 am - Jim Sommer

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019

8:00 am - Jim Pasapane

9:00 am - Dolly Wright

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

9:00 am - Parents of Mike & Elena Acerra
- Danilo del Rosario

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

9:00 am - James DeVizio

5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish
- James Bishop

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

7:30 am - Judy Tully

9:00 am - James Devizio
- Michael Growalsky

11:00 am - Dolly Cillo

- John Boyle

12:30 pm - NO MASS

6:00 pm - NO MASS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Woe to the complacent, stretched comfortably on their couches! (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

Second Reading — Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — There was a rich man who dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

NEXT HEALING MASS

Tuesday, October 15

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

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

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 22, 2019 **\$10,193.00**

Tithing Income September 23, 2018 **\$12,014.00**

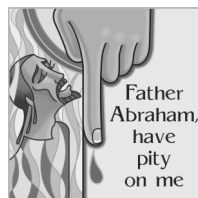
Reflection: *"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."*

(Luke 16:25-26)

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel, we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

From Father Nick: "Many thanks for the sacrifices that you make out of love for God and others."

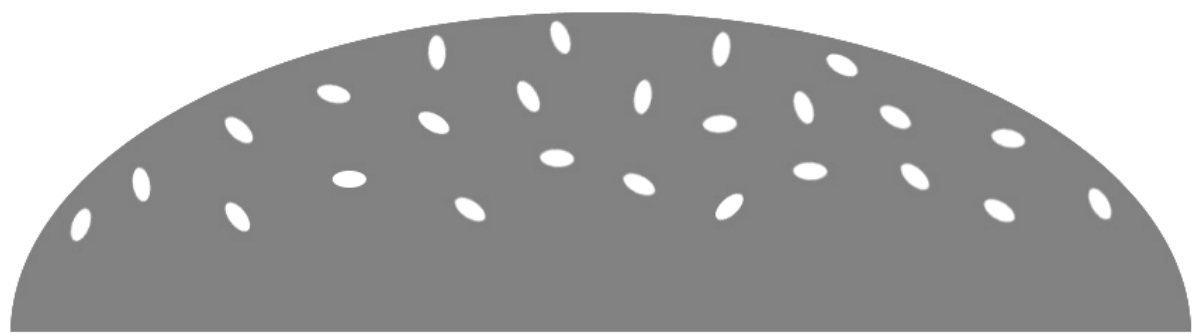
God's Invitation to Tithe: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in My house. Put Me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10)

HOW GOD INTENDS US TO LIVE

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food for the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Beginner ESL-7:30 Women's Cornerstone-7	2 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Armata Bianca-4:15 ESL-7:30 EC-7	3 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Adult Choir-7	4 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Adoration 9:30-8:30 Divine Mercy Chaplet-3	5 Morn. Prayer-8:25 Mass-9 Confession-4-4:45 Mass-5 Men's Cornerstone -7:30 am Blessing of Animals -10
6 Mass-7:30 Mass-9 Mass-11 (bilingual) Mass-12:30 (Spanish) NO Mass-6 NO Picnic-12 noon FF-9,5	7 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Confession-6:30	8 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Beginner ESL-7:30 Rosary Society-7	9 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Armata Bianca-4:15 ESL-7:30 EC-7	10 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 FF-4:45 Adult Choir-7	11 Morn. Prayer-7:25 Mass-8, 9 Adoration 9:30-10:30 Divine Mercy Chaplet-3	12 Morn. Prayer-8:25 Mass-9 Confession-4-4:45 Mass-5
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WE'RE FIRING UP THE GRILL!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

PARISH PICNIC

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 6
12 NOON**

**NO CHARGE!
FREE WILL DONATION**



EVENT SCHEDULE

Bilingual Outdoor Mass	11 AM
Barbeque/International Foods	12-3 PM
Ice cream/Popcorn	2-4 PM
Music/Karaoke	12:30 PM 'til end!
Mariachi Performance	TBD
50/50 Football Pool	12-2 PM
NFL Games on Outdoor TV	1-4 PM
Face Painting	TBD
Bounce House	12-4 PM
Games for All	1-4 PM
Pumpkin Painting	TBD
Soccer	TBD
Basketball	TBD
Prizes	TBD