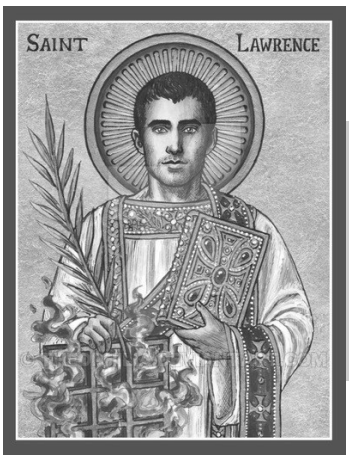

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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, 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.

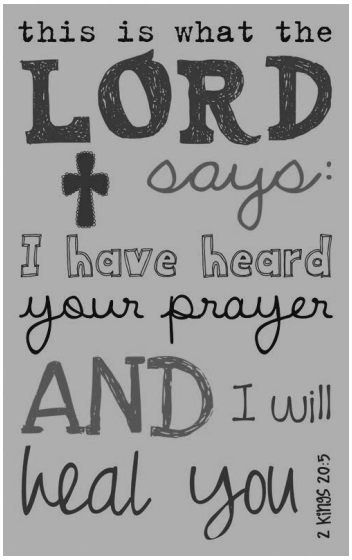
Parish Email: **parish@stlchester.org**
Parish Web Site: **www.stlchester.org**
Web Master: **Joanne Franklin (908-879-6222)**

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	Lissette Howell	(973) 975-7343	Altar Servers	Kathleen Garrison	(973) 945-1518
Men's Cornerstone	Tommy Reynolds	(908) 463-0167	Evangelization	Robert 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	Robert 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			

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

RECENT HEALINGS



RELATIONAL HEALING – Some months back, a woman attended our healing Mass. While she was at the Mass, she prayed that God would soften her own heart in order to make contact and be reconciled with one of her nieces. She and her niece had been estranged for some time. Shortly after the Mass, she felt driven to call her niece by phone as quickly as possible ("Today"). She did call the niece and they did get together and are now reconciled. She now thanks God for a relational healing. Praise the Lord, Jesus Christ!

PHYSICAL HEALING – A woman from our parish attended a healing Mass. She has arthritis above her knee cap. Before attending the Mass, she could only walk with pain in her knee. She prayed to the Lord for a healing of her knee. On the morning following the Mass, when she got out of bed, she no longer had pain in the affected knee. Two months have now passed and she is still pain free. Praise the Lord, Jesus Christ!

PHYSICAL HEALING – The father of one of our parishioners had had cataract surgery. After the surgery, his eye became infected and he lost sight in the affected eye. Our parishioner contacted the men of Cornerstone to ask the men to pray. In addition, the man attended a healing Mass to pray for his father. Shortly after the healing Mass, the son visited his father and tested his sight with the help of a flashlight. His father could "see the light." The father's sight is now at about 25 %. The son asks us all to continue to pray for an improvement of his father's sight. Praise the Lord, Jesus Christ!

THE FILM, "LOVE AND MERCY – FAUSTINA"

On Monday, October 28, the film "Love and Mercy – Faustina" will be aired at the AMC theatre in Rockaway at 7 pm. Currently, this is a onetime showing. Tickets are limited and can be purchased on line.

A FAITH OPPORTUNTY, OUR PARISH ROSARY CONCERT

On Saturday, October 26, we will host a rosary concert. The concert will combine the live, original Catholic music of a young local composer, Dan Ferrari, with the five decades of the rosary. A wine and cheese reception will follow in the Church Hall. This concert can provide a relaxing and inspiring evening for you and your family and friends. I hope to see you there!

THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE

The Catholic League is the Catholic version of the Anti-Defamation League. The purpose of the league is to identify and challenge bigoted attacks on our Catholic faith. This league can be found on the internet at catholicleague.org.

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

CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!!!

Do you want to . . .
- Make a difference?
- Volunteer?
- Have fun?
- Spend time with friends?

Then come and join the ***Confirmation Service Leadership Team!***

Be a part of defining, planning and leading service opportunities for Confirmation students in our parish.

Our first meeting will take place **Thursday, October 24, at 6:30 pm, Room 12 in the Parish Center**. Come with your ideas! Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to Kathy Galdi at FFT@comcast.net.

MOVING?
LOCAL ADDRESS CHANGE?

Please notify the parish office by phone or email if you are moving or if your address has changed. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish directory up to date.

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND

Please let the priests know if someone is hospitalized or homebound. Many would appreciate a visit and the opportunity to receive Communion. Thank you for helping us help those in the community.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
October 26-27

5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
CB –	CB –	CB – Cole Capuzzi	CB – Todd Smith JR	CB – Andrew Guido
S1 –	S1 –	S1 – Curran Capuzzi	S1 – Sadie Smith	S1 – Beth Hoye
S2 –	S2 –	S2 – Rory Lincoln	S2 – Margo Higgins	S2 – Meredith Hoye

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday
- Welcome Sunday

Monday
- Spanish Ministry - 7:30 pm

Tuesday
- 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
- Service Leadership - 6:30 pm

Friday
- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm

Saturday
- Rosary Concert - 7:30 pm

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, Father Joseph Garbarino, Father Stanislaw Wajdziak, 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 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 Zukowski, Anthony Vaccarino, Cathy Nuding, Conrad Spring, Maryann Villone, Shayna Wasileski, Bill McCormick, Victor Saccaro, Paul Gallo, Donna Bruno, Maria Mastrangelo, Anne Sommer, Isabelle Mitchell, Nancy Scobell, Becky Williams, Bob Summers, Kathleen Garrison, Nicholas Laudano, Laura Riss, Natalie Brandt, Carla Murphy

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.

THANK YOU: FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped host homeless families enrolled in the Family Promise Program at First Congregational Church of Chester. Volunteers from St. Lawrence Parish helped by bringing dessert, dinner or being hosts of the guests during the day, evening or over night.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Thank you for your generosity.

Where your treasure is,
there your heart will also be.
(Matthew 6:21)

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: $2,865.00
Last week's profit: $143.25
 # families who purchased: 16
Food bank: $100.00
Your donation to the Food Bank helps the needy in our community. Thank you!

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

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

Louisa Rose Haller, daughter of Bradley & Magdalena Haller of Fairview Avenue, Long Valley.

Penelope Margaret Mackessy, daughter of Andrew & Dana Mackessy of Chester Place, Chester.

Makenzie May Arnold, daughter of Brian & Krista Arnold of North Road, Chester.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come warm your belly and shake off the chill with delicious, hot pancakes served after all <u>morning</u> Masses on **Sunday, November 3, in the Church Hall.** Join us for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, bacon and donuts in addition to the normal complement of juices and coffee. $5/ person, $10/family. Best bargain in town! Tickets will be sold at door only.

WE PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY
Brianna Harmon, Kevin Phillips, Brad Carfaro

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
Planned Activities for October 2019

<u>Tuesday, October 22, 11 am to 12 noon</u>
40 Days for Life Rosary in front of the Morristown Planned Parenthood clinic. 40 DFL runs from 9/25-11/3. Lend your support through prayer, fasting and participating in the vigils.

<u>Saturday, October 26, 7:30 pm</u>
Music and Rosary. Dan Ferrari (songwriter, performer and worship leader) will lead us in song and worship on our St. Lawrence Church grounds.

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

<u>Villa Walsh Christmas Bazaar</u>
Sunday, November 3
12 noon-5 pm
Villa Walsh
455 Western Avenue, Morristown
Mother Ninetta Hall
Unique gifts, crafts, raffle, baked goods, and much more!
Food court for nourishment. Enjoy pizza, Italian sandwiches, desserts
Supports retired teachers and senior sisters housed in infirmary

<u>Free Anthony Newman Organ Recital - St. Catherine of Siena, Mountain Lakes</u>
The Music Ministry of St. Catherine's is happy to present an afternoon of music with Anthony Newman. Described by Wynton Marsalis as "The High Priest of Bach" and by Time Magazine as "The High Priest of the Harpsichord," Newman is one of America's leading organists, harpsichordists and Bach specialists. He has created more than 170 CDs and has performed more than 60 times at Lincoln Center, collaborating with many of the greats of music. The recital will take place on **Sunday, November 3. at 4 pm** in the church. Admission is free and a light reception will follow in the all purpose room.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019
8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Conrad & Betty Spring
9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019
8:00 am - Kathy Steidle
9:00 am - Rosalind Coviello

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019
8:00 am - William Mackey
- Bert Carr
9:00 am - Maureen Makris

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019
8:00 am - Eileen Schiano
9:00 am - Mary Nolan Welch

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019
8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Bill McCormick
9:00 am - David Lacz

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019
9:00 am - Patti Hale
5:00 pm - Kathryn Dalton
- Al Mazza

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019
7:30 am - Christopher Basenese
9:00 am - John L. Selby
- Foo Kau Tam
11:00 am - For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm - Spec. Int. of Heidi Wenz
6:00 pm - Theresa Anna Morris

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight (Exodus 17:8-13).
Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).
Second Reading — Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).
Gospel — Will not God secure the rights of His chosen ones who call out to Him day and night? (Luke 18:1-8).

FRAGRANT FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.
~Mark Twain

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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 October 13, 2019	**$10,692.00**
Tithing Income October 14, 2018	$11,859.00

Reflection: ***"… proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient …" (2 Timothy 4:2)***
It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

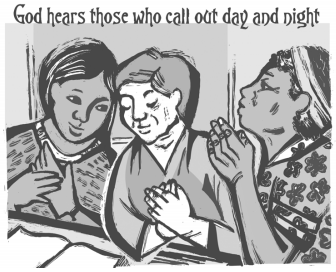
From Father Nick: "Thank you for your faithfulness and sacrifices. May the Lord bless you for your generosity!"

A Testimony from a Parishioner of St. Helena Parish in Blue Bell. PA: "As a new couple in the parish, we found the tithing packet most informative. We are thankful for all the blessings from God and feel honored to be giving Him something in return."

NEXT HEALING MASS
Wednesday, November 20
7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)

The Healing Mass now takes place every **third Wednesday** of the month. Please mark you calendar accordingly.

PERSISTENCE



Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.