



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

## 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. 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**

**Street Address:** 375 Main Street Chester, NJ 07930

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 730 Chester, NJ 07930

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Yohan Serrano

**Permanent Deacon:** William DeVizio

**Trustees:** Phil Guidone, Margie Scobell

**Parish Secretary:** Karen Jaworski

**Accountant:** Sharon McCann

### 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 (Spanish)

Healing Mass: 7:00 pm every 3rd Wed. 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:

Dorothy Kudron, Shannon Rossi

— Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Brian Flanagan — Confirmation

Kathleen Galdi — DRE, Youth Protection/Safe Environment

**Music Minister:** Joseph P. Tamburro

**Youth Minister:** Shannon Rossi

**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](mailto:parish@stlchester.org)

**Parish Web Site:** [www.stlchester.org](http://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 Ministry	Shannon Rossi	(908) 879-6714
Women's Cornerstone	Lisette Howell	(973) 975-7343	Altar Servers	Andrew Guido	(973) 479-5898
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	Small Groups/Apostolates	Connie Wiczorek	(908) 397-5986

**Parish Office:** 908-879-5371 **Priests' Home:** 908-879-1901 **Religious Ed.:** 908-879-6714 **Youth Minister:** 908-879-6714 **Fax:** 908-879-7701

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### AMAZING GRACE THE CONVERSION OF A MURDERER

Alessandro Serenelli murdered 12 year old Maria Goretti in 1902. Moved by God's grace, Maria tried mightily to coax him to not commit a sin of impurity with her and as a result, he brutally murdered her with an ice pick for resisting his advances. In addition, as she was dying, she forgave her murderer.

The following is a letter written by Alessandro almost 60 years after Maria's death. It is a testament to the power of God's love as lived by a twelve year old girl. St. Maria Goretti is a martyr, a witness, to both purity and forgiveness. Her feast day was July 6.



#### ***The Extraordinary Healing Christ Makes Possible***

I am almost eighty years old and near the end of my days. Looking back on the past, I recognize that, in my early youth, I went down a false path: the way of evil which led me to ruin. I saw the world through the news, entertainment, and bad examples that most young people follow without giving them a thought. I didn't think about it either. There were people of religious faith and practice near me, but I didn't pay them any heed, blinded by a brute force that impelled me down a bad road.

At the age of twenty, I committed a crime of passion, the mere memory of which horrifies me today. Maria Goretti, now a saint, was the good angel that providence placed ahead of my steps to save me. I still bear, engraved upon my heart, her words of reproach and forgiveness. She prayed for me; she interceded for her murderer. Thirty years of prison followed. Had I not been under-aged, I would have been condemned for life. I accepted the sentence I had earned with resignation: I understood that I was guilty.

Little Maria was truly my light, my protector. With her help, I behaved well during those twenty-seven years of prison and I sought to live honestly when society accepted me again among its members. The sons of Saint Francis, the Capuchins Minor of Marche, welcomed me among them with seraphic charity, not as a servant, but as a brother. I have been living with them for twenty-four years. And now, with serenity, I await the moment of being admitted to the vision of God, of embracing my loved ones again, of being near my protecting angel and her dear mother, Assunta.

May those who will read this letter of mine learn the happy lesson of fleeing from evil and always following what is good, right from their childhood. Think of religion with its precepts not as something you can do without. Rather, it is true consolation, the only safe path in all circumstances, even the most sorrowful ones in our lives. Peace and goodness to you!

*This "spiritual testament" of Alessandro Serenelli, who took the life of Saint Maria Goretti, was found in a sealed envelope when he died.*

### BANNS OF ORDINATION

The following Deacon will be called to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood on  
August 1, 2020:

**Rev. Mr. Adam Wasowski**

If you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest in the Catholic Church,  
please contact Bishop Kevin Sweeney or Father Nicholas Bozza.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020**

- Frances Bulzacchelli

**TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020**

- Alfred Galdi

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020**

- Spec. Int. of Courtney Hartmann

**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020**

- Spec. Int. of Parish Family

**FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2020**

- Maria Ciapinski

**SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020**

- John Burnett
- Robert McCann

**SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020**

- Donald Miceli
- Jo Moriarty
- Cecelia Wiczorek
- For the People of Parish

**AN EVENING OF PRAYER FOR RACIAL EQUITY  
AT ST. LAWRENCE PARISH**

Please join clergy and fellow St. Lawrence Parishioners as we come together as a community for an evening of prayer on racial equity. The prayer service we will follow was written by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. The prayer service will be on Wednesday, July 15, beginning at 7 pm in the field to the left of the Parish Center. **The Equity Service will be followed by the July Healing Mass.** We hope to see many of you there.

**JULY HEALING MASS:  
IN CHURCH AND LIVE-STREAMED**

This month's Healing Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 pm. Mass will be open to the public indoors as well as live-streamed (YOUTUBE at "St Lawrence the Martyr Chester, NJ"). Since the prayer service for racial equity is at 7 pm that same evening, the Healing Mass will begin a little later at approximately 7:45 pm for those who wish to attend both.

**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!

<b>Tithing Income for July 5, 2020</b>	<b>\$9,945.00</b>
Tithing Income July 7, 2019	\$8,723.00

**From Father Nick:** "I am edified by your faithfulness and generosity in giving."

**From a Parishioner of St. Titus Parish in East Norriston Twp., PA:** "When I think of everything the parish does to help us all get along in life with God and each other, I want to be a part of it. Tithing makes sure that something of 'me' is part of the parish's work."

**MASS INTENTIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED**

Intentions for daily and weekend Masses are being accepted again. You may contact Karen Jaworski, our parish secretary, to assist you by calling 908-879-5371.

**LIVE TODAY**

*Live today the way you will wish you had lived when  
you stand in judgment before God.*

~Anonymous

**PRAYER SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE**

There are a number of parishioners and others who meet daily on line with Zoom to pray the Chaplet and Novena of the Divine Mercy. As they pray, they intercede for many people and their needs. They would be happy to pray for your needs, too. You may send them your petitions at [prayers@stlchester.org](mailto:prayers@stlchester.org).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please include the following in your prayers: Laura Riss, Dorothy Diana, Baby Claire Marie Mazzola, Bill and Paula Connolly, Jim Franson, Gemma Henderson, William Caffrey, Fr. Hugh Murphy, Don Smith, Vivian Hart, Sheila Tahmin, Beverly Pickering, Justin Howell, Wilelminia Harrison, Lynn Davis., Frances Bulzacchelli, George and Nancy Scobell, John Farber, Judith Black, Janet Courtland, Richard Nyman, Bob Summers, Cathy DarConte.

**A PARISH FAMILY NEEDS HELP WITH MEALS**

The Mazzola Family could use help with daily meals. Baby Claire has recently returned home from the NICU. During this difficult time, the family is also caring for their two young boys. If you would like to help, the contact for this "meal train" is Beatrice Basso: [bassobe2@gmail.com](mailto:bassobe2@gmail.com), or cell phone (and text messages) at 973 294-4059. Thank you for anything you can do to help this young family! God bless.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Please pray for those in our military: Brianna Harmon, Kevin Phillips, Brad Carfaro, Joseph Boyland IV, John Thompson, Christopher O'Meila, Christopher Darconte, Helena Mulder.

**THE ORDINATION DATES OF DEACON ADAM  
WASOWSKI AND GREGORY SZPUNAR**

Both Deacon Adam and Greg Szpunar have received their ordination dates. Deacon Adam will be ordained a priest on August 1 and Greg will be ordained a Deacon on August 22. Please mark your calendars. On the following day, we will have parish celebrations. Please plan to be with us!