

# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 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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## 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

— 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

### THREE NEW MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY AT ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR CHURCH



This past Saturday, three participants from our Parish RCIA entered the Roman Catholic Church at the 5 pm Mass. Alexandra Amster was baptized, confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time. Darlene Bandel and Lisa Iversen made the Profession of Faith, were confirmed and also received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. We congratulate them and their families and welcome them to our parish family of St. Lawrence the Martyr!

### *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.*

### WHY DO WE AIM TO MAKE GOD'S KINGDOM PRESENT ON EARTH?



In the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy Kingdom come, on earth, as it is in Heaven." Heaven is beautiful. It is where we all wish to be. It is where we want to spend eternity. Heaven is beautiful because God's Kingship exists there. There is a wonderful order in Heaven, because in heaven, God's Will "rules." In heaven, there is no sin. It is a place of love and mercy. That is why both Jesus and John the Baptist preached repentance because we will not be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven until and unless we formally reject our sins.

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy Kingdom come!" How can we help God's Kingdom to come? We can help make this happen by doing our best to make our families, our society and our world as "God-like" and as "Heaven-like" as we possibly can.

This past Wednesday night, our parish met for a prayer service. We prayed for God's help to end the sin of racism. We also examined our consciences in regard to this particular sin. We were reminded that we must both remember what racism is and to do what we can to put an end to racism.

The message is "Racism is a sin and must come to an end." One of the speakers reminded the gathering that violence and vandalism only hurt the delivery of a very important message. We must make sure that the message is delivered in love. St. Paul wrote, "Speak the truth in love." Someone more recently said, "The truth must be delivered over a bridge of love."

We must do all that we can to eliminate racism. "Thy Kingdom come, on earth, as it is in Heaven!"

God bless.

*Father Nick*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020**

- ◆ Spec. Int. of Robert Farbanish

**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**

- ◆ Ralph Bozza

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020**

- ◆ No Mass intentions

**THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020**

- ◆ No Mass intentions

**FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020**

- ◆ No Mass intentions

**SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020**

- ◆ Bert Carr

- ◆ James Sumski

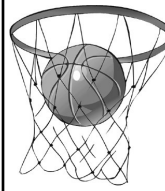
**SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020**

- ◆ Zeferino "Sam" Pavoni

- ◆ Douglas Michelli

- ◆ Mary Reilly O'Connell

- ◆ For the People of the Parish

**CYO BASKETBALL**

St. Lawrence Parish is proud to be part of the Paterson Diocese CYO basketball league open to boys and girls in 3rd- 8th grades. The season will run from mid November through the first week in March. We play against other parish teams throughout our diocese and practices are on Friday nights, with games on Sunday afternoons and an occasional Saturday. Over the years, the kids have been able to play CYO along with Travel and Rec.

**We will be sending out registration information mid August** so we wanted to proactively get the word out as we are looking to form a new **3rd grade team for boys and girls and a new team for 4th and 5th grade girls.** We hope to continue to have a great turnout for our returning teams! We are also always looking for volunteers to coach, especially with our newly formed teams. If you have any questions and/or are interested in coaching, please reach out to Amy Suchanek at [amyv9@yahoo.com](mailto:amyv9@yahoo.com).

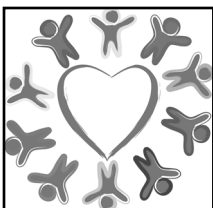
**TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING.**

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 12, 2020</b>	<b>\$19,665.00</b>
Tithing Income for July 14, 2019	\$9,597.00

**Thanks from Father Nick:** "I thank you for your regular offerings to God!"

**A Testimony from a Member of Holy Name Parish in Harrisburg, PA:** "As I think about elections, I see how much more I need God and want to give Him more of myself."

**PARISH FAMILY NEEDS HELP WITH MEALS/MEDICAL EXPENSES**

One of our families needs help with meals. A baby was born to them who has special needs. They could use help with daily meals. The contact for this "meal train" is Beatrice Basso: 973-294-4059 (and text messages) or [bassobe2@gmail.com](mailto:bassobe2@gmail.com).

The baby also recently required a procedure to correct a deformity of her ears. The procedure cost the family \$4500 and is not covered by insurance. If you are moved to assist the family, you may contact Beatrice Basso for instructions on how to make a donation. Thank you for anything you can do to help this young family! God bless.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Laura Riss, Dorothy Diana, Baby Claire Marie Mazzola, Bill and Paula Connolly, Jim Franson, Gemma Henderson, William Caffrey, Father 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, Hasan Byrne, Whitney Griffith, Joel Hernandez, Zachary Smith

**WORDS AND WEEDS**

*A man of words and not of deeds,  
Is like a garden full of weeds.  
~Anonymous nursery rhyme*

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Brianna Harmon, Kevin Phillips, Brad Carfaro, Joseph Boyland IV, John Thompson, Christopher O'Meila, Christopher Darconte, Helena Mulder

**DO**

*Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.  
~Theodore Roosevelt*

**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!