



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Deacons: William DeVizio, Gregory Szpunar

Trustees: Phil Guidone, Margie Scobell

Parish Secretary: Karen Jaworski

Accountant: Sharon McCann

MASSES:

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm (Spanish)

Daily Mass: M-F: 8 am; M, W, F: 4 pm (Spanish); Sat. 9 am

Holy Day Vigil: 7 pm

Holy Day: 8 am, 4:30 pm, 7 pm (Spanish)

Healing Mass: 7 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

Shannon Rossi — 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

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 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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A NEW SUPREME COURT JUSTICE



The United States of America is a remarkable experiment in democracy. I believe it is an experiment blessed by God. Certainly it is not perfect and always in need of reform as do all human groups. I have read and I believe some of the stories of God's favor during the Revolutionary War, like some of the stories involving George Washington in battle. It is not that God loves "Americans" more than He loves any of the other people of the planet. It is just that He was pleased with many of the founding principles that are enshrined in our Declaration of Independence and in our Constitution, like the statement that we are "Endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, that, among these, are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." God blesses human enterprises when they respect His law.

With the death of Ruth Bader Ginsberg, President Trump will soon be nominating a replacement for her seat in the Supreme Court. As we approach the weekend, there is talk that the favorite to replace Mrs. Ginsberg is a Catholic woman. Her name is Amy Coney Barrett, a former professor in the University of Notre Dame Law School. She is young, brilliant and an originalist. As a judge, she will apply the law that is written by the legislative branch of our government and will not "legislate" from the bench. As an originalist, she will respect the intentions of the founders of our country that are contained in the Constitution.

As she is questioned by the Senate Judiciary Committee very soon, there are some questions that are appropriate and some that are not. Let's hope that the Committee refrains from asking inappropriate questions. There are already signs that she will be attacked because she is a practicing Catholic who follows the teachings of our Faith. Some may question the fact that she and her husband have seven children, including two who are adopted from Haiti. She and her husband also have a child with special needs. She may also be attacked because she belongs to a Catholic covenant community, just as Brian Buescher was questioned by Kamala Harris in 2018 about consciously belonging to a Catholic men's group, the Knights of Columbus, during his judicial appointment hearings. I am concerned that she may be attacked because of her faith. Anti-Catholic bias is not acceptable.

Please pray for Mrs. Coney Barrett that God may give her strength and peace during the upcoming hearings if she is nominated. Please pray for the questioners that they may show respect to her and decency.

God bless.

Father Nick

OCTOBER IS ROSARY AND RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Please join us as we pray the rosary for all life.
Special upcoming dates:

- **October 3:** Blue Army Shrine Visit including Mass and Rosary
- **October 10:** Public Square Rosary at noon in front of St. Lawrence Church

Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.

—Saint Louis de Montfort

- **October 13:** 1,000 Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call (7 pm)

Organized by LIFENET. Goal is to have 1,000 on the call praying for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Cardinal Tobin, along with priests and deacons from throughout New Jersey, will be leading the prayer. **Note: October 13 is the 103rd anniversary of the “Miracle of the Sun” at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! Please sign up at www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong.**



COAT DRIVE CANCELLED

After careful consideration, the Good Samaritans have cancelled the Coat Drive that was scheduled for this week due to the coronavirus pandemic.

2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL
“Love Thy Neighbor”

NEW FOR 2020! Now referred to by its new name, the Diocesan Ministries Appeal (formerly the Bishop’s Annual Appeal) is offering a new giving option for the 2020 Appeal. In addition to considering a one-time gift or a pledge payable over five months, parishioners now have the option of making a continuous monthly gift where your gift would repeat monthly and from year-to-year. This is a wonderful way to sustain your support year-round.

You are also able to easily adjust or discontinue your continuous monthly gift at any time you choose. For more information, please call the diocesan Development Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 218.

However you choose to make your gift to the 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, know that your generosity is a blessing to the people we serve. May God bless you for your support! For your convenience, you can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2020appeal.org and follow the user-friendly instructions.



SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897)
October 1

“The cornerstone’s dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later,” explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, “The window for the Little Flower”—Thérèse’s nickname—“gives it away.” From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows

adorn most churches where European immigrants worshipped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her “Little Way” to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite’s spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: “After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!”

IMPOSSIBLE
*Start by doing what is necessary,
then do what is possible.*
Suddenly you are doing the impossible.
—St. Francis of Assisi



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

04-13

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.



SHREDDING OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, October 17

3 Schmidt Lane, Flanders

9 AM - 12 NOON

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

\$5 / brown grocery bag

\$10 / copy paper box (1 free for every 5 boxes)

\$20 each for hard drives

\$10 each for cell phones

\$0.50 each for CD's

\$10 each for tower or laptop

(Hard drive must be removed.)

Includes mouse, keyboard, speakers, wires)

Information:

973-584-2960 OR 973-610-1308 OR 973-647-4532

MASS INTENTIONS

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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 kjaworski@stlchester.org



RECENTLY BAPTIZED

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

Daniella Hernandez Aguilar, daughter of Jose & Carla Hernandez Aguilar of Four Bridges Road, Chester.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Laura Riss, Dorothy Diana, Bill and Paula Connolly, Jim Franson, Gemma Henderson, Don Smith, Vivian Hart, Sheila Tahmin, Beverly Pickering, Wilelminia Harrison, Frances Bulzacchelli, George and Nancy Scobell, John Farber, Judith Black, Bob Summers, Cathy DarConte, Hasan Byrne, Whitney Griffiths, Joel Hernandez, Zachary Smith, Walter Michura, Brian Spring, Wayne Farbanish, Bill Stick, Margaret Thynne, Joan Brucato, Dana Culver, Jean Ward, Cecilia Tazona de Serrano, Jesus Serrano Gil, Joan Boyle, Claire Marie Mazzola, Baby Mahoney Dupon

LOOKING GOOD

The best mirror is a friend's eyes.

~Gaelic proverb

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Villa Walsh Academy Open House

Villa Walsh Academy invites prospective students and parents to join us on campus for our Open House tours **Sun., Oct. 4, 1- 4 PM, and Wed., Oct. 7, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.** Due to limited space, advance registration is required. A virtual experience will be available on October 7 for those who are interested. Follow the link to begin your Villa Walsh experience. www.villawalsh.org/2020openhouse or contact Jennifer Hornyak hornyakj@villawalsh.org, (973) - 538 - 3680, ext. 181.

Villa Walsh Academy is an independent, college preparatory, Catholic Day School for girls grades 7 - 12 with a tradition of educating, empowering, and enriching the lives of young women for the future.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

- 8:00 am - Anna Buzzie
- Margarita de la Riva

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

- 8:00 am - Leonard Dante

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

- 8:00 am - Bella Daly

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020

- 8:00 am - Parents of Mike & Elena Acerra

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

- 9:00 am - Walter Donofrio
- 5:00 pm - William & Ruth Novick
- Karen Harris
- William Hockenbury

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

- 9:00 am - Robert Allatta
- Richard Nyman
- Dorothy Milewski
- Bill Hockenbury
- 11:00 am - Douglas Bartal
- Karen Harris

CYO BASKETBALL

Sign-ups for the 2020-2021 season have begun. Registrations accepted through September 30.

- For St. Lawrence boys and girls grades 3-8
- Season runs from January through end of February
- Practices on Friday and games on Sunday
- **Registration forms available online. Return completed forms online to chesterbasketball.org or drop off to Danielle Wehmeyer by 9/30/20.**
- Program questions: Patrice Laudano, Athletic Director, plaudano519@yahoo.com
- Registration questions: Danielle Wehmeyer, rwehmeyer9@gmail.com

GUARDIANS FOR VALUABLE SOULS

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.

—St. Jerome

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 for September 20, 2020 \$9,270.00
 Tithing Income for September 22, 2019 \$10,193.00

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)

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
For couples married in 1995

- **Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 3:30 pm**
- Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ
- Bishop Sweeny will serve as main celebrant
- **Arrangements made by contacting St. Lawrence Parish Office at 908-879-5371**
- **Deadline to register is Thursday, October 1**
- You will receive additional information from Office of Family Life once registration has been processed.
- **Due to safety concerns and physical distancing requirements, Jubilarians will not be able to invite guests to attend this year’s Silver Anniversary Mass.**

OCTOBER HEALING MASS

Our next Healing Mass takes place on **Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 pm. We will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 pm.** Mass will be open to the public and also live streamed. Please join us in offering your prayers for healing to the Lord.

PET BLESSING
Saturday, October 3
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.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR HISPANIC FAMILIES

- Contact Fr. Yohan in Parish Office: 908-879-5371, ext. 4 OR fr_yohans02@gmail.com
- Leave full name, contact information, your child’s age/grade



Confirmation

This past Friday, October 25, 2020,
the following confirmands became sealed in the Holy Spirit by the
Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to all families!

Britney Alfieri

Madeline Alfieri

Natalie Algeri

Jake Amaral

Brandon Bauer

Lauren Bauer

Pierce Brucker

Justin Carlucci

Christopher Chiusano

Riley Corridore

GianLuca Cresti

Natalia Cresti

Andrew DaSilva

Daniel DaSilva

Alyssa Ettel

Noah Golabek

Ryan Harper

Zoe Hermans

Alyson Impellizeri

Andrew Kraft

Lukas Macarios

Ava Montaruli

Angeline Moore

Jack Peri

Sean Prince

Nicholas Quinn

Madeleine Smith

Emma Stark

Benjamin Sturman

Frank Vilot

2020-2021
Religious Education
Registration



Dear parent,

Since the initial outbreak of COVID-19 at the beginning of this year, many of us have faced new challenges and hardships in our lives and in our homes. Although some months ago we had hoped that COVID-19 would be eradicated by now so that we could return to a more normal routine, this is not the case at the present moment. As we look at Governor Murphy's guidelines to re-opening schools, and at how the Chester/Mendham school district is beginning their school year this fall, it is evident that social distancing protocols will remain in effect for some time.

After much thought, planning, and consideration for the health and safety of both our children and the families of our parish, the Faith Formation team has made **the decision to run the majority of our religious education programming (grades 1-8) remotely, at least until social distancing guidelines are revoked. Unfortunately, due to the hands-on nature of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes, we will not be offering this program at this time. Additionally, we will not start the religious education school year until October.** We hope that this additional time will allow our families to adjust to the changes that are being implemented by the school districts.

We are all part of the St. Lawrence Family. During this uniquely challenging time, it is important that we work together so that we can provide the children of our parish, our "little souls", with a religious education program that will help them grow in their faith, feel connected to the faith community that we have here at St. Lawrence and most importantly, to know that they can always turn to Jesus who is always there for them and who will guide them through all the ups and downs in their lives.

We have put a considerable amount of time and effort into developing a curriculum that we feel will be easy to implement while still providing the most robust education of the essential components of our faith. As we move forward into the Fall and beyond, please know that the Faith Formation Team is here to support you – both prayerfully and to answer any questions you may have. We would be happy to schedule a phone call or Zoom session to talk with you.

If you have not received registration information via email, please email or call the Faith Formation Office to receive the Social Distancing Religious Education Plan and Registration Link for 2020-2021.

God Bless,

The Faith Formation Team
FFT@stlchester.org
908-879-6714