

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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), 6 pm

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

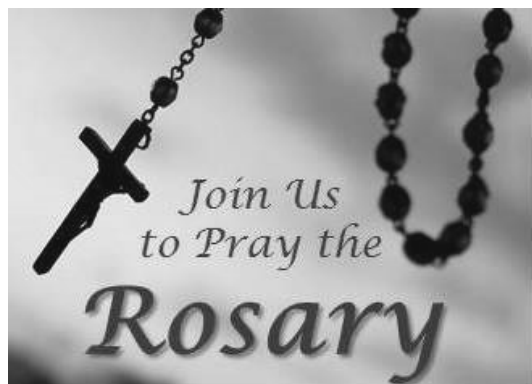
Parish Web Site: www.stlchester.org

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

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**TODAY'S ROSARY RALLY**

Bishop Sweeney has invited us to take part in a Rosary Rally today, October 11, in Madison and Convent Station. The Rally will begin at St. Paul's Inside the Walls on Route 24 in Madison (the old Bayley Ellard High School) at 3 pm and will include a one mile walk to St. Thomas More Church in Convent Station on Route 24, across from the Madison Hotel. If the walk is too far, you may join the group for the Benediction at 3:50 pm at St. Thomas More Church. The service will end by about 4:30 pm. All are welcome!

This past Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast is also called the Feast of Our Lady of Victories. This Feast recalls a great naval victory of Christian Europe against the Ottoman armada on October 7, 1571. At the time of the battle, Pope Pius V implored all Christians to pray the rosary for victory at sea and the safety of all of Christian Europe.

Today we will offer this rosary for world peace and for the future of the United States. As St. John Bosco said, "Pray to Mary and expect miracles."

TWO WEBSITES WITH A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Two websites that can help us find some Catholic perspectives on the daily news are life-news.com and catholicleague.org. I recommend them both.

God bless.

Father Nick

WOMEN'S CORNESTONE MINI RETREAT**Saturday, November 14****Save the Date!**

Women's Cornerstone is hosting its annual mini-retreat and reunion on Saturday, November 14, starting with 8:00 am Mass followed by coffee/breakfast/fellowship from 9:00 am to noon in the Church Hall.

This year's theme: "Our Anchor is Unshakable". Please RSVP to Mary Murphy at marysmurphy@comcast.net or 909-803-2240.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

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

Nicholas Donald Siano, son of Thomas & Jaclyn Siano, of Drakestown Road, Long Valley.

Alison Mishel Castro Samayoa, daughter of Rigoberto & Maria Castro Samayoa of Mountain View Road, Long Valley.

Zachary David Mehlfelder, son of Christopher & Larissa Mehlfelder of East Fox Chase Road, Chester.

**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****DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL****"Love Thy Neighbor"**

One of the benefits of giving to our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests' retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town – perhaps even a family member. What better way to "Love Thy Neighbor"? For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**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?

Please contact Father Nick at 908-879-5371 or email at parish@stlchester.org for more information on RCIA.

BLESSES AND BREAKS IT OPEN

But Jesus accepts what we give, blesses it, breaks it open, and magnifies it. Often in ways that we don't see or cannot see. Or will not be able to see in this lifetime. Who knows what a kind word does? Who knows what a single act of charity will do? Sometimes the smallest word or gesture can change a life.

— Fr. James Martin

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (1515-1582)**October 15**

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you. Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. All things are passing; God never changes. But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health.

Patience gains everything. Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross's collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. *Whoever has God, lacks nothing.* When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" *God alone is enough!* The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020**

8:00 am - James "Larry" Holley

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Jean Ward

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

8:00 am - Anne Jennings

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Midge & Hugh McLernon

- Cliff Day

- Dennis McFeely

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020

8:00 am - Shannon Mogila

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020

9:00 am - Hermann Alstede, Jr.

5:00 pm - Joan McCann

- Rodrigo L. Guzman Solis

- Walter Michura

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

9:00 am - Robert Allatta

- William DeVizio, Sr.

- Msgr. Gene Gianelli

- Shannon Mogila

11:00 am - Anne Murphy

- Walter Michura

- Jose Torres

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.

Tithing Income for October 4, 2020 **\$8,986.00**

Tithing Income for October 6, 2019 \$ _____ *

* Amount unavailable at time of bulletin printing.

Father Nick: "I would like to thank you all for the sacrifices that you make each week as you make your Sunday offering to God!"

A Testimony by a Member of St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland, PA: "After tithing for a number of years, it began to lose its spiritual impact. It was suggested that I say a prayer over the check I write each month, making a conscious effort to give it to God as a sign of my thankfulness. This little act has certainly made all of the difference in the world."

ACTION

What I began by reading I must finish by acting.

—Henry David Thoreau

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.

COMPLAINTS OF ABUSE

If any person may have been abused by a priest, they should immediately contact the local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org.

REPENTANCE

Of all human acts, repentance is most divine.

—Thomas Carlyle

OCTOBER IS ROSARY AND RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Please join us as we pray the rosary for all life.

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. **Please sign up at www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong.**

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR HISPANIC FAMILIES

- Contact Fr. Yohan in Parish Office: 908-879-5371, ext. 4 OR fryohans02@gmail.com
- Leave full name, contact information, your child's age/grade

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, Brian Spring, Wayne Farbanish, Bill Stick, Margaret Thynne, Joan Brucato, Dana Culver, Jean Ward, Cecilia Tarazona de Serrano, Jesus Serrano Gil, Joan Boyle, Claire Marie Mazzola, Charlie and Winnie Knapik, Minerva Madera, Michael Horvath, Connie Titchenell



On Saturday, October 10, 2020, the following confirmands
became sealed in the Holy Spirit by the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Congratulations to all families!

Joseph Alexion
Jessica Curl
Ava Farley
Thomas Freda
Ella Glodek
Catherine Grasso
John Holtz
Ann Hoye
Elizabeth Hoye
Caitlin Joyce
Kyleigh Kennington
Alessandro Lee
Aidan Lowry
Alyssa Mayhood
James Mayhood
Elizabeth Mazzella
Samantha Mazzella
Brennan McKevitt
Gary Nelson
Drew Palumbo
Alexandra Paone
Amelia Paone
Emily Tambini
Connor Ramsey
Riley Reardon
Kaci Russo
Blake Stevens
Sinclair Stevens
Jack Suchanek
Paul Sussex

Middle School Youth Group PUMPKIN PAINTING NIGHT!

Friday, October 23rd

7:00 – 8:30pm

Come paint pumpkins with your friends!

All supplies provided. Please bring \$5.



High School Youth Group CAMPFIRE NIGHT!

Friday, October 16th

7:30 - 9:00pm

**COME ENJOY S'MORES, HOTDOGS, AND THE
GREATEST GHOST STORIES OF ALL TIME!**



**For more info and to sign up for a night of
faith, fun, and friends:**

Email Shannon Rossi at ym@stlchester.org

10 SIGNS OF A SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

1. **Screening** of staff / volunteers.
2. Adults trained in **safe environment strategies** and signs of abuse .
3. **Code of conduct** enforced.
4. **Open Communication** between
parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents.
5. **Parents** always **Welcome**.
6. Children educated in **right relationships** &
what to do if a relationship isn't right.
7. All children treated with **Dignity and Respect**.
8. **Clear Rules and Expectations**.
consistent reinforcement / consequences
9. **Adequate supervision of youth**.
team approach—accountability—no 1:1 isolation
10. All **abuse** is **reported**.



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