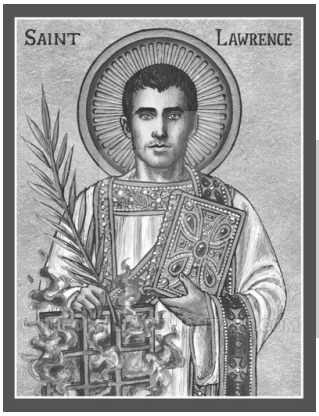

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church
SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

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.
Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

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 (Middle School): *Shannon Rossi*
Youth Minister (High School): *Quinn Furnald*
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	

(No classes during the summer months.)

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	S. Rossi/Q. Furnald	(908) 879-6714
Women's Cornerstone	Lissette 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 Wieczorek	(908) 397-5986
			Racial Justice Ministry	Bill DeVizio	(732) 236-3361

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

THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The story behind the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is quite revealing. One element of the story is how a German priest was experiencing doubts about our belief that the Body and Blood of Christ become present on the altar at the time of the Consecration in the Mass. To confirm the faith of the priest, God worked a miracle to remove his doubts and confusion. Please read the following story from The Catholic Company that will help you appreciate the feast that we celebrate today.

The Story Behind the Feast of Corpus Christi

Jun 14, 2017 by Gretchen Filz

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates back to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.

Story:
In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal. Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that the host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today.

This Eucharistic miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion. After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic miracle in Bolsena.

Inspired by the miracle, Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, *Pange Lingua*, *Tantum Ergo*, *Panis Angelicu*s, and *O Salutaris Hostia* are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

God bless.

Father Nick

STARTING
It's the start that stops most people.
—Anonymous

THE RIGHT PURCHASE
Don't buy the house; buy the neighborhood.
—Russian proverb

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Laura Riss, Dorothy Diana, Bill and Paula Connolly, Vivian Hart, Sheila Tahmin, Wileminia Harrison, Cecilia Tarazona de Serrano, Jesus Serrano Gil, Michael Horvath, Connie Titchenell, Mary Rinaldo, Mary Boyle, Bernadette Adams, Ann Fox, Tom Lancelotti, Scott Smith, George Economou, Mickey Gasparine, Jim Daly, Ernesto Leon, Baby Everett, David Franson, Wayne Holgrebe

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021
8:00 am - Patti Hale
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021
8:00 am - Madeline & Uncle Jerry Zampella
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021
8:00 am - Frank Fila
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021
8:00 am - Jim Sommer
9:00 am - No intentions
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021
8:00 am - Joan Brucato
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021
9:00 am - Karen Harris
5:00 pm - John Tonry
- Joan Brucato
- Gail Monahan
SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021
9:00 am - Rose Levato
- Carmine Aumenta
- Joan Brucato
- Robert Tramm
11:00 am - For the People of the Parish
1:00 pm - Carlos Carrera
6:00 pm - No intentions

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!

Tithing Income for May 30, 2021 **$8,826.00**
Tithing Income for May 31, 2020 $_____*
**Amount unavailable at time of bulletin printing.*

Father Nick: "Once again, I thank you for your faithfulness in giving."

Member of St. Lawrence Church, Chester: "It gives me great joy to give to God. When I am sacrificing, I am sure that God knows and is pleased."

NEW DAY FOR MONTHLY HEALING MASS

Our Healing Mass will now take place on **every third Tuesday of the month** (rather than Wednesday) at 7 pm. As done before, we will prepare for the Mass with the Rosary at 6:30 pm. Please join us and bring your prayers for healing! **The next Mass is on Tuesday, June 15**.

NEW TO OUR PARISH
We welcome you!

Pat & Ivy Antonio and their daughters Isabella and Anabella of Runyan Place, Chester.

William & Christina Boyle and their son William of East Maple Avenue, Long Valley.

Adam & Meredith Drew and their children Joseph, Nicolas and Ava of Saunders Lane, Hackettstown.

SACRIFICE

Today the Church focuses on the Eucharist. Today's readings remind us how connected to ancient blood sacrifices we are when offering our unbloody sacrifice. The reading from Exodus describes a solemn ritual designed so the Israelites would never forget their covenant with God.

The reading from the Letter to the Hebrews turns us from those ancient animal sacrifices, the first efforts to worship the living God. Our sacrifice is the body and blood of the Son of God. Because of Christ we have a new covenant.

The Gospel from Mark retells the establishment of that covenant, the familiar story of the Last Supper. Juxtaposed with the story of animal sacrifice as it is here, we are challenged to listen with new attention, to remember the great price paid for our salvation. Jesus gave His body and every drop of His blood for us.

OUR SACRIFICE

Let us offer Christ the great universal sacrifice
of our love.
For He offered His cross to God as sacrifice
in order to make us all rich.
—St. Ephrem

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

K of C Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, June 13, from 7 am to 12:30 pm
3 Schmitt Lane, Flanders
$7 per adult, $3 per child (ages 6-13), free for under age 3
No tickets sold at the door. Purchase in advance: Charlie Carlstrom, 973-903-3310 or George Discher, 862-432-2159. All pandemic requirements will be observed.