



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 6 pm  
 Daily Mass: M-F: 8 am; T, Th., Sat.: 9 am  
 Daily Spanish Mass: M, F: 4 pm  
 Holy Day Vigil: 7 pm (Spanish)  
 Holy Day: 8 am, 4:30 pm, 7 pm  
 Healing Mass: 7 pm every 3rd Tues. 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 (Gr. 1-4), Shannon Rossi (Gr. 5-Confirmation)  
 Vimala Justin — Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
 Shannon Rossi — Confirmation  
 Shannon Rossi — DRE, Youth Protection/Safe Environment  
**Music Minister:** Joseph P. Tamburro  
**Youth Minister:** Quinn Furnal  
**Mercy Minister:** Cindy Zeis

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN:

**CGS (3-6 years):** Sunday 9:00 - 10:55 am  
**Gr. 1-6:** Sunday 9:00 - 10:55 am  
**Gr. 3-7:** Sunday 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
**Gr. 8:** Sunday 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
 (All class times include Mass. 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	Michael & Lunden Scheller (973) 908-9719	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	Quinn Furnal	(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	Formation for Apostolates	Connie Wiczorek	(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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



This coming week, we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This feast recalls a special grace from God by which Mary was preserved from the effects of the original sin of Adam that all of the children of Adam and Eve including us must bear. It was fitting that Mary would be preserved from the effects of the original sin from the first moment of her conception because she would be the source of the body of the Son of God and would raise Him as His true mother. The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a most remarkable aspect of God's saving plan for the human family.

And now we can turn our attention to the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven. In the event of the Assumption, Mary is preserved from death and its effects. Recall that death is one of the effects of the Original Sin. We can see how the grace of the Immaculate Conception continues on to the event of the Assumption of Mary. Through her Immaculate Conception and her own faithfulness to the accepting of God's grace for avoiding personal sins, Mary would be spared from having to experience death and its effects. The grace of the Assumption of Mary is a continuation of the grace given Mary with the grace of the Immaculate Conception. How beautiful is God's plan for the salvation of the human family!

God bless.

*Father Nick*

### PURE HEARTS

*Those whose hearts are pure  
are the temples of the Holy Spirit.*  
—St. Lucy

### YET TO DO

*One never notices what has been done;  
one can only see what remains to be done.*  
—Marie Curie

### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bill and Paula Connolly, Vivian Hart, Sheila Tahmin, Wileminia Harrison, Cecilia Tarazona de Serrano, Jesus Serrano Gil, Michael Horvath, Mary Rinaldo, Mary Boyle, Bernadette Adams, Ann Fox, Melissa T., Tom Lancelotti, Scott Smith, George Economou, Mickey Gasparine, Jim Daly, Ernesto Leon, David Franson, Bill Renzetti, Gary Newkirk, Kerie Buckner, Julio Carrera, Genevieve Virgilio, Daniel Strohm, Aven Moffat, Anthony Joseph, Scott Emory, Debbie & David Conklin, Amelia Castellano, Mimi Urgovitch, Rev. John (Jack) J. Klein, Allison Spina, Cathy DarConte, Bob Summers, Lynne Melillo, Rev. Richard D. Kilcomons, Ryan Farbanish, Rev. Joseph G. Buffardi, Rev. Joseph W. Lugo, Phyllis Ann Deiter, Dorothy Rose Hitchcock, Dr. Joe Cillo, Jennifer Goosay

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

There are still some tags left on the Giving Trees. Please consider participating in this annual event if you are able and help make someone's Christmas special!

Please note:

- **Gift card with tag attached is due by 12/12/21**
- **Gift cards can be placed in regular collection box at Mass or mailed to church office**
- **Do not leave cards in box outside Parish Center**

Gift cards will be distributed to the designated organizations during the week of December 12. The Good Samaritans wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas season!



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

8:00 am - Betty Esker  
4:00 pm - Spanish Mass (Chapel)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021**

8:00 am - Tim White  
9:00 am - Richard & Patti Hale  
6:00 pm - Spanish Mass

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021 (Immaculate Conception)**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Karen Donohue  
4:30 pm - Ellen & Thomas Donohue  
- Michael, Tommy & Peter Donohue  
7:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Fila Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021**

8:00 am - Maureen Makris  
9:00 am - Stephen & Olga Farbanish

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Jean Ward  
- Julio de la Riva  
4:00 pm - Spanish Mass (Chapel)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021**

9:00 am - Gene & Wayne Farbanish  
5:00 pm - Edmund Grasso  
- Richard Scucci  
- Judy McCord

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021**

9:00 am - Antoinette Gugliemini  
11:00 am - Zdzisława Trzesniowski  
- Sophie Pienik  
- Pasquale Nappi  
12:30 pm - Ernesto Leon  
6:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT****Today, December 5, at 3:00 PM**

Come celebrate this sacred season as our Music Ministry perform beautiful and uplifting choral pieces, solos and duets. May you experience a blessed and joyful Christmas!

**FORGIVENESS**

*God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.*

—Henry Ward Beecher

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

This day celebrates the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin. Because of His foreknowledge that Mary would consent to bear Christ, God kept Mary free from original sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Masses celebrated in church:**

- December 7 . . . 6 pm (Spanish)
- December 8 . . . 8 am, 4:30 pm, 7 pm

**STRENGTH AND COURAGE**

*Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.*

—Anonymous



**NEXT HEALING MASS**  
**Tuesday, December 21 at 7 pm**  
**Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm**

All welcome!  
Come and bring your prayers  
for healing.

**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.

<b>Tithing Income for November 28, 2021</b>	<b>\$9,749.00</b>
<b>Tithing Income for November 29, 2020</b>	<b>\$9,378.00</b>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Faith Formation Team is looking for volunteers to lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9 am Mass on Faith Formation Sundays (approximately every other Sunday through May). The children are invited to go downstairs to the Church Hall for approximately 20 minutes during Mass to experience God's Word in a way that speaks uniquely to them. Please email Shannon Rossi at [ym@stlchester.org](mailto:ym@stlchester.org) if you are interested!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others— educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance.

Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to next weekend's special collection.

**WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE**

**Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser**  
**Chester Boy Scout Troop 139**

**Weekends now through December 19**  
**Located next to gazebo on Main Street, Chester**  
**Sat. 9-4:30 pm, Sun. 10-4:30 pm**

Beautiful, fresh-cut Christmas trees and wreaths of different varieties and sizes. Competitive prices. Every purchase you make allows a Chester Boy Scout to participate in activities and community service projects that help shape the future of our town and our boys. Come support local Troop 139 and buy your holiday items from the Boy Scouts!





The St. Lawrence Faith Formation Students Present:

# The Christmas Story

You are invited to our  
Annual Christmas Pageant!

Sunday, December 12th  
10:15am  
In the Church directly after the  
9am Mass

All children of our parish are  
welcome to join our play!  
Email [ym@stlchester.org](mailto:ym@stlchester.org) for  
details.



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# YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Ministry Meetings:  
Every Tuesday evening 6:30-8:30pm  
Youth Ministry Office at the Parish Center

Middle School Ministry  
Upcoming Project Dates:



January 14th, 2022:  
Hat & Scarf Making

February 4th, 2022  
Valentine's!



Contact Youth Minister, Q Furnald  
with any questions or to join the mailing lists:  
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