



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

## 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**

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**Mailing Address:** PO Box 730 Chester, NJ 07930

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Angel Torres

**Permanent Deacons:** William DeVizio, Gregory Szpunar

**Trustees:** Phil Guidone, Margie Scobell

**Parish Secretary:** Karen Jaworski

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**Business Manager:** Robert Holl

### **MASSSES:**

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 6 pm

Daily Mass: M-F: 8 am & 9 am. Sat.: 9 am

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.

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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:** Allison Furnal

**Mercy Minister:** Cindy Zeis

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN:**

**CGS (3-6 years):** Saturday 3:30-4:45 pm

**Gr. K-1:** Sunday 8:50-10:15 am

**Gr. 1-6:** Sunday 9:00 - 11:15 am **(Inc. 9 am Mass)**

**Gr. 3-7:** Sunday 4:45 - 7:15 pm **(Inc. 6 pm Mass)**

**Gr. 8:** Sunday 6:00 - 8:15 pm **(Inc. 6 pm 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](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	Michael & Lunden Scheller	(973) 908-9719	Haiti Twinning Program	Christine Colannino	(201) 314-9824
Racial Justice Ministry	Bill DeVizio	(732) 236-3361	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	Allison 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	Discover Gifts/Talents	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			Family Mass Social	Marc McFeely	(973) 222-9739
Mary's Moonflowers	Karen Jones	(973) 479-5271	Formation for Apostolates	Connie Wiczorek	(908) 397-5986
Knights of Columbus	Robert Holl	(908) 876-3488			

**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****DIVINE MERCY AND THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS**

July is the Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus. I recently noticed that it falls after June, the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This sequence of heart and blood is natural because the Precious Blood that flowed from the Heart of Jesus is a part of Him and manifests the Love that Jesus has for us.

The teachings of Jesus on the Divine Mercy that were given to us through Saint Faustina Kowalska help us to appreciate the blessings of the Blood of Jesus. John's Gospel teaches us that blood and water flowed from the loving Heart of Jesus after His Heart was pierced by the soldier's lance. Jesus explained to St. Faustina that His Blood reminds us of the Eucharist where Jesus feeds us with His loving presence. The Water that flows from His Heart reminds us of the Holy Spirit who resides in our hearts. The Water also reminds us of the waters of Baptism that call us to put an end to sin and to begin to live and love eternally with Jesus. The teachings of the Divine Mercy indicate to us that the Blood of Jesus is life-giving for us.

The Blood of Jesus is precious because it is a part of who Jesus is. His blood is not just a possession of His. It is a part of Him and for this reason it is sacred, precious to us. I cannot help but recall the scene from the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, where the wife of Pontius Pilate gives linen cloths to the Blessed Mother so that she may collect the blood of Jesus that covered the floor of the place where Jesus was horribly scourged by the soldiers. One cannot help but know that the Blood of Jesus is sacred. It could not be left on the dirty floor of Pilate's home. It could not be mistreated by the soldiers who would walk on that blood. We know in the depths of our beings that the Blood of Christ is sacred because it is a part of Jesus. The Blood of Jesus gave Him life and gives us life, too!

**"THIS IS THE MAN THAT I HAVE PREPARED FOR YOU"**

This past Tuesday, we celebrated the Feast Day of Louis and Zelie Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux. Zelie was raised by her parents and her Catholic school teachers to have a deep faith in the Lord. She learned that it pleases God when we seek to know and follow His will. It is like the petition in the Lord's Prayer where we say, "Your will be done!" Seeking God's will, Zelie attempted to join the community of the Sisters of Charity. However, she was not accepted due to health reasons. She continued to seek God's will in her life. She recognized that God was calling her to the vocation of marriage. She eventually met a very good man whose charity and faith impressed her. She heard God's voice in her heart tell her, "This is the man that I have prepared for you." He was Louis Martin. Both would become saints in the Catholic Church and they raised five wonderful children.

Clearly, marriage is a vocation, a calling. Every one of us is called to do God's will in our lives. Please be sure to share this truth with your children and grandchildren! We all are called to do God's will in our lives and He will reveal His will if we learn to listen.

**EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP**

We will be starting an Eileen George Prayer Group in our parish. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, July 24, at 4 pm. The meetings will be on the third Sunday of each month, will be about an hour long, will include a teaching from Eileen, time for intercessory prayer, and some time for socializing. The meeting will take place in the Parish Center. Father Nick will moderate the meeting. All are welcome.

God bless.

*Father Nick*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022**

8:00 am - John Selby  
9:00 am - Theresa Hersham

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**

8:00 am - Rachel De Lucas  
9:00 am - Laura Duncan  
7:00 pm - For Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Robert Farbanish  
9:00 am - William Coron, Jr.

**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022**

8:00 am - Margaret O'Leary  
9:00 am - Dorothy Singleton

**FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022**

8:00 am - Mario Vojvodich  
9:00 am - James Russell

**SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022**

9:00 am - Spec. int. of Cassie Bruno  
5:00 pm - Enedina de Guzman  
- Isagami Payomo  
- Eleanor & Edward Boyle

**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022**

9:00 am - John William Pigott  
- Genevie Gondek  
11:00 am - For the People of the Parish  
- Regina Barunas  
12:30 pm - Juan Bautista Ratto  
6:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Ellie Cingari

**HELP NEEDED**

The St. Lawrence Church CYO Basketball Program is looking for an **individual with a black seal boiler license** that is willing to work on Sundays in November, December and January from 11:30-5:30 pm at the Bragg School in Chester. This is NOT a volunteer position. Compensation for this position is VERY competitive. Please reach out to Danielle Wehmeyer at 908-361-0724, if interested. St Lawrence Church sponsors 11 CYO basketball teams comprised of over 100 children, primarily from our parish, in grades 3-8.


**SUMMER FOOD DRIVE**  
**July 28 - 31**

The Good Samaritans are having a Summer Food Drive to help stock the Chester and Long Valley Food Pantries.

Items requested at this time are:

**Coffee, tea, shelf stable milk, juice, oil, vinegar, mayo, flour, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, instant potatoes, cereal, canned pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, mac and cheese, snacks, crackers, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, deodorant, baby items, wipes, diapers**

Items can be placed in bins in front of church or on bench in Church Hall starting July 28. As always, thank you for your support!

**UNFINISHED MISSION**

*Here's a simple test to find out  
whether your mission on earth is finished:  
If you're alive, it isn't.*  
—Anonymous

**PLEASE NOTE**

If you currently use WeShare for your weekly offering to St. Lawrence Church and are receiving donation envelopes in the mail, please contact the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 so that we can stop delivery. This also applies to envelope users who would like to switch to WeShare. Thank you for your help! It is greatly appreciated.

**LOCATING MASS FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS**  
Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to locate Mass times and information for Catholic churches around the world.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**

The Youth Group will be meeting at the Parish Center on **Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm.** Come join us for fellowship, prayer through scripture, and games!

For more information about Youth Ministry, please contact Allison Furnal at [afurnald@stlchester.org](mailto:afurnald@stlchester.org).

**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 July 10, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 8,460.00</b>
Tithing Income for July 11, 2021	\$19,038.00

**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 tithing, I see how much more I need God and want to give Him more of myself."

**WELCOME LITTLE CHRISTIAN**

**"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." -Jeremiah 1:5**

*Dylan Daniel Veliz Morales, son of  
Edin & Cristina Veliz Morales of  
Collis Lane, Chester.*



**Do you know someone who is homebound due to age,  
ongoing illness, a disability, or  
recovering from a recent hospitalization?**



**If so, please call our Homebound Hotline at 862-500-1405**

Our desire is to support those in our community who are homebound so that they may feel connected to Christ and our St. Lawrence Church community. We hope to show our love by reaching out and caring in following ways:

- In-home visitations
- On-going communication with St. Lawrence Parish
- Grocery shopping or prescription pickups
- A ride to a doctor's appointment
- Periodic meals
- Bringing the Eucharist on a regular basis
- Arranging for the sacraments of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick
- Respite care

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the activities above, please call the hotline and leave a message. We look forward to speaking with you.

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## Gospel Today

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 10:38-42

Jesus was a guest at the home of Martha and her sister Mary. Martha prepared a meal and Mary sat and listened to Jesus speak.

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Jesus said, "Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

LUKE 10:41-42

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ welcomed Jesus to her home.
- 2 Martha's sister \_\_\_\_\_ sat beside Jesus.
- 3 Mary listened to \_\_\_\_\_ speak.
- 4 Martha did all the \_\_\_\_\_ herself.
- 5 Martha wanted her \_\_\_\_\_ to help.
- 6 Jesus said, "There is need of only \_\_\_\_\_ thing."
- 7 Listening to Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ Mary chose to listen.



### WORD BANK

sister	Mary
happy	important
Jesus	Martha
work	one





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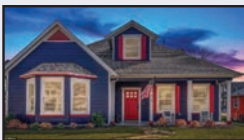
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