



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## SUNDAY, JULY 24, 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**

**Street Address:** 375 Main Street Chester, NJ 07930

**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  
**Accountant:** Sharon McCann  
**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 Furnalld  
**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  
**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
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 Furnalld	(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 Wiecezorek	(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

### MATRIMONY AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE



In the Book of Revelation, Jesus is presented as the groom and the Church as his bride (Rev. 19:7). It says there that “the wedding day of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready.” God’s plan for the marriage of man and woman is a great way to understand the entire Christian life and the New Covenant between God and his Church. Man and woman, the Groom and the Bride, seek union with each other. They seek to share their lives and to have one mind and one heart.

Jesus is the Eternal Word and we seek to become one with the Word through listening and learning and living by the Word of God. Through mental prayer and by meeting with Jesus in the Sacraments, we seek to become one with him. “God is love” (1 John 4). We seek in the Christian life with the help of God’s grace and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession, to perfect God’s presence, charity, love, in us just as the bride and the groom are one flesh and one in their goals, labors and aspirations.

Just as the bride and groom seek to be one in the sacrament of Matrimony, every baptized person is invited by God to seek union with himself. Just as there can be a kind of ecstasy for the bride and the groom in the living of their sacrament, so the Christian can be blessed with a wonderful joy and peace in the experience of union with God. In this union with himself, God can give us a joy and peace that the world cannot give (John 16: 22 and John 14:27).

God bless you all in your quest for union with the Lord!

God bless.

*Father Nick*

### PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**“Jesus was praying in a certain place and when he had finished, one of His disciples said to Him: ‘Lord teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.’ He said, ‘When you pray, say....And I tell you, ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.’”**

How familiar! Can I picture Jesus at prayer, as when He was in the garden of Gethsemane, asking His Father to take the cup ‘but not My will, but Yours be done?’ Can I picture Him praying as He blessed the loaves and fishes? Can I see Him at prayer as He prepared the breakfast for the apostles at the seashore? Can I hear His prayer as He said ‘little girl get up?’ Jesus at prayer. He not only provided us with the words we recite so frequently, but we also hear Him tell us – right now - ask, seek, knock. Do I accept His teaching as He taught the disciple who asked?

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please help us keep our sick list up to date.

Contact the Parish Office if you know if someone's name should be added or removed. Thank you!

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, Tom Lancelotti, Scott Smith, George Economou, Jim Daly, Ernesto Leon, David Franson, Julio Carrera, Daniel Strohm, Aven Moffat, Anthony Joseph, Scott Emory, Debbie & David Conklin, Amelia Castellano, Mimi Urgovitch, Allison Spina, Cathy DarConte, Bob Summers, Lynne Melillo, Dorothy Rose Hitchcock, Dr. Joe Cillo, May Bryne, Carol Holder, Frank Carfaro, Jennifer Goosay, Betty Molchin, Mila Balicki, Edward Cronin, Carol Nappi, Robert Kingsley, Greg English, John Compton, Baby Gianna, Barbara Borelli, Veronica Buttari, Tom Johnson, Ellie Murtagh-Curlo, Walter Czajkowski, Daniel Hayden, George Scobell, Ralph Anderson, Patricia Gallo, Michael Leing, Francis Greene, Florence DeMarzo, Ann Marie Albert, JoAnn Buttari, Brenda Reaves, Francine Stodt, Frank Owens, Mike Persechino, Sandra Ennis, George Durik, Elizabeth.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022**

- 8:00 am - Bert Carr  
 - James Nolan  
 - Peter & Maura Barrett  
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Kyleigh Kennington

**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022**

- 8:00 am - Mary Welch  
 9:00 am - Diane Butler

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022**

- 8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Donna Laoutaris  
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Courtney Hartmann

**THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022**

- 8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Sandra Ennis  
 9:00 am - Rose Marie Lliguin

**FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022**

- 8:00 am - Jeanne Maglin  
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Lori Rotter

**SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022**

- 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Christine Denison  
 - Spec. Int. of Rebecca Waite  
 5:00 pm - Dorothy Powers  
 - Bert Carr

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022**

- 9:00 am - Carmella Fiore  
 - Rosalie Meehan Galvin  
 11:00 am - Ed Grasso  
 - Beverly Pickering  
 - Tricia Leach  
 12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish  
 6:00 pm - Pat & Rudy Petrocco

**WORKING AND SAVING**

*Work hard and save your money so when you're old you will be able to buy the things only the young can enjoy.*

—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.

**NEW TO THE PARISH**  
**We welcome you!**

*Thomas & Danielle Haggerty and their daughter Madeline of South Gables Drive, Chester.*

*Eric & Luisa Taylor and their daughter Natalia of Country Woods Drive, Glen Gardner.*

*Robert & Victoria Ferguson and their son William of Highland Drive, Chester.*

**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 17, 2022</b>	<b>\$</b>
Tithing Income for July 18, 2021	\$9,320.00

**From Father Nick:** "Thank you and God bless you!"

**From a Parishioner of St. Michael Church in Netcong:** "As a widow on a fixed income, I use the envelope system and turn them all in whether I have attended Mass at St. Michael's or elsewhere. Some months are difficult, but I still give the full amount I have budgeted which is about 3%."



**NEXT HEALING MASS**  
**Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 pm**  
**Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm**

All are welcome!

Come bring your prayers for healing.

**NEW TO ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH?**

Please remember to register with the parish at [www.stlchester.org](http://www.stlchester.org). Click JOIN at upper left corner of home page, fill out and submit form. Super fast and easy!

**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!



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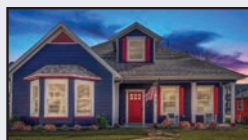
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