



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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: 7:30 am, 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 **(Please check with office for latest changes.)**

Healing Mass: 7 pm every 3rd Tues. of month. Rosary at 6:30 pm

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

Baptism Preparation Class: Clergy will contact family to schedule.

SPANISH BAPTISMS:

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

Baptism Preparation Class: Clergy will contact family to schedule.

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 pm, Monday: 6:30 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 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 Wieczorek	(908) 397-5986
Knights of Columbus	Robert Holl	(908) 876-3488	Eileen George Prayer Gr.	Fr. Nick Bozza	(908) 879-5371

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

A PICNIC FOR THE PARISH FAMILY



I remember some years back that a parishioner commented on an expression that a parish priest used at Mass. That priest spoke of the parish as a family and he addressed the parishioners as his brothers and sisters. She said that she was very moved by those expressions. The priest's vision of parish as family is beautiful and I find it moving, too. The parish is a family of families and of single people, too. As members of families, we all know that it is important to have and to take part in family events.

On October 9, we will have our parish picnic. This is an event of our parish family. I feel an obligation to attend. I hope you do, too. I hope to see you on the 9th for the Mass and the social. I now we will have a great time!

HOW TO LOVE BETTER

Last Saturday, I served a wedding. The young couple being married chose the very popular reading from First Corinthians in which St. Paul says that we should seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit and where He says that God's greatest gift is love. As I prepared for the wedding, I was struck by the fact that love is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Church teaches us that we are all called to love those who are given to us, our spouses, our children, our grandchildren, our neighbors, our coworkers, strangers and even our enemies. How does one come to love others? How can we grow in love?

The insight of St. Paul can help us. Love itself is a gift of the Holy Spirit. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us to love. We can pray to Him in our own words. We can pray the very simple prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit," that we can find in prayer books and on the internet. We can also pray daily the "Novena for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit" which we can also find on the internet. The Holy Spirit is a wonderful friend and He will help us if we ask regularly.

God bless.

Father Nick

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Were you married in 1972 or 1997? (Or, have you been married for 60+ years?) The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your **25th, 50th or 60+** wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ on **Sunday, November 6, at 3:00 pm.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the St. Lawrence Church Parish Office at 908-879-5371. **The deadline to submit your registration is October 6.** Once registration closes in October, invitations will be mailed directly to each couple. **Guest policy:** Each couple will be allowed to invite up to **five (5) guests.**



**ST. JUDE'S of BUDD LAKE:
WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE 11
Friday & Saturday, October 7-8
All women of St. Lawrence are
welcome to attend the St. Jude's
Women's Cornerstone Retreat.**

Since St. Lawrence Church will not be holding a women's retreat this year, some of St. Lawrence's Cornerstone Women are on St. Jude's team lending support and fellowship. Enhance your faith alongside the friendship of women during this 27-hour retreat. Come, see and grow through prayer, music and community.

**Loyola House of Retreats
161 James Street - Morristown
Contact: Laurie Pandorf
908-623-7683 (call or text)
pandorf7@comcast.net**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022**

8:00 am - James Welch
 9:00 am - Maureen Makris

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022

8:00 am - Wayne Farbanish
 9:00 am - Douglas Bartal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022

8:00 am - Sandy Lew
 9:00 am - Betty Windt

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022

8:00 am - Judy Tully
 - Kenneth James Loccitello
 9:00 am - Gene Farbanish

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

8:00 am - Elaine Stewart Tyrell
 - Louise Grena
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Father Ray Lopatesky

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Ashley Cespedes
 5:00 pm - John William Pigott
 - Vivian Fersch
 - Betty Windt

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

7:30 am - Theresa Mastronardi
 9:00 am - For the People of the Parish
 - Jack Murphy
 11:00 am - Paul Margand
 - Federico Guillermo
 - Emelio & Rosina Scarpo
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
 6:00 pm - Frank Fila

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 September 25, 2022 \$9,571.00
Tithing Income for September 26, 2021 \$9,229.00

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

Tuesday, October 18 at 7 pm
Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm

Bring your prayers for healing.
 All are welcome to attend!



COAT DRIVE & COLLECTION
 Sponsored by the Good Samaritans

Coat Collection

- **Sunday, October 9 and throughout week**
- Men's, women's, children's coats in good condition
- Drop off in back of Church Hall

Coat Drive

- **Saturday-Sunday, October 15-16**
- After all Masses in Church Hall



NEW TO OUR PARISH
 We welcome you!

Nancy Aiello of Colby Farm Road, Chester.

Eric & Kelly Huff and their daughter Sofia of Oakwood Village, Flanders.

Louis & Lisa Conte and their daughter Elizabeth of Wortman Way, Chester.

Eric & Robyn Prebor and their son Declan of Brookwood Road, Stanhope.

Avtar & Lindsey Singh and their children Austin & Harper of Kemah Place, Flanders.

**SHREDDING OPPORTUNITY**

Saturday, October 8
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:

973-647-4532 OR 973-927-9022

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE**Villa Walsh Open Houses**

Sunday, October 2, from 1-4 pm

Wednesday, October 5, from 6:30-8 pm

Villa Walsh is an independent college preparatory Catholic day school for girls grades 7-12 located in Morristown. Registration is required. Register at: villawalsh.org.

SCC 5K Run for a Nun

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Mendham Borough Park in Mendham

8:30-10:00am

Information, register, make donation, become sponsor: www.scecast.org/runforanun.

Proceeds go to the education of our Sisters of Christian Charity, especially those in initial formation.

Nurses/Nurse Aides Needed

For elderly and infirm Sisters of Christian Charity at our Assisted Living Facility in Mendham.

Information: Sister Elizabeth Kovacs, APN – Director of Nursing at 973-230-5335 or administrator@scecast.org.

Middle School Event

PUMPKIN PAINTING

Bring Canned food for the Chester food Pantry !

October 14th, 2022 | 7:00 PM 8:30 PM

St. Lawrence - Chruch Hall



LYF EVENT

Pumpkin Patch

**PUMPKIN
PATCH**

**APPLE
PICKING**

CORN MAZE



OCTOBER 16TH 2022

1:00PM-3:00PM

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25 BARTLEY RD, LONG VALLEY, NJ 07853

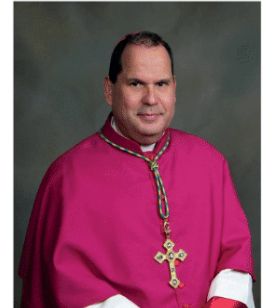
1000 Strong Rosary for Life

Live via computer link
and conference call*

Thurs., October 13, 2022**
at 7:00pm (Eastern Time)

**Our goal is 1,000 people praying
for the Protection of Babies in the Womb
& in Reparation for the Sin of Abortion**

**with Bishop Manuel A. Cruz,
Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Newark
& priests from all over New Jersey**



**** October 13 is the 105th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima**



**To view on line, register at:
watch.arrayofhope.net/pages/1000strong**

To join by Conference Call (audio only)

Please register at:

lifeneteducation.org/1000strong

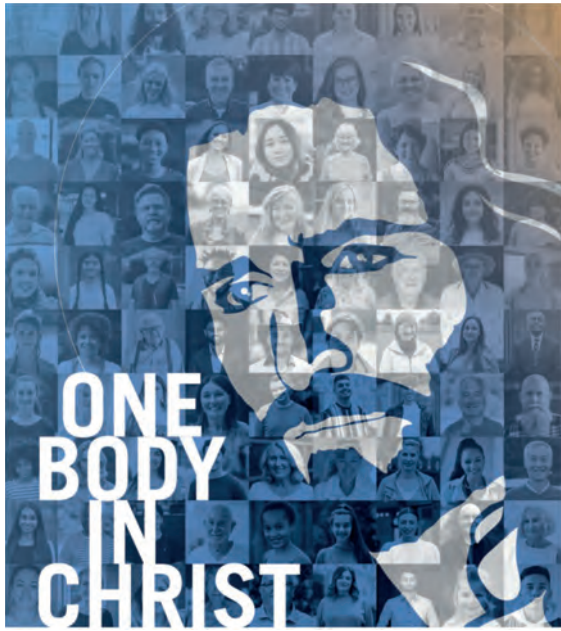
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DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

“One Body In Christ”



The 2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal has begun with the theme “One Body In Christ.” It is a reminder that many great things happen when all the faithful come together for a worthy cause.

Last year, for the very first time, over \$5,000,000 was pledged to the Appeal for people in need in Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties. This happened because more parishioners responded to the 2021 Appeal than in previous years. What a wonderful example of strength in numbers!! Your generous participation will help make this year’s Appeal a great success and change thousands of lives in our Diocese.

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports the important work of our Catholic Charities, priests’ extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests’ retirement residence, Catholic inner-city elementary education and seminarian formation. You can give with confidence knowing that funds from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal are used only for the causes described in the campaign materials. They are used for no other purpose. For your convenience, you can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal now by making an online gift. Simply go to www.2022appeal.org and follow the user-friendly instructions.

In addition to considering a one-time gift or a pledge payable over five months to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, parishioners have the option of making a continuous monthly gift where your donation will repeat each month and continue from year-to-year. This is a wonderful way to continue your support year-round. You can easily adjust or discontinue this monthly gift option any time you choose. For more information, please call the diocesan Development Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 263.

However you choose to make your gift to the 2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, know that your contribution is a true blessing to the people we serve. May God bless you for your support!



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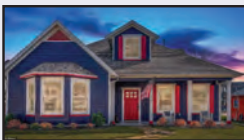
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