



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 Mon.: 7 pm (Spanish)

Holy Day Vigil: 7 pm (Spanish)

Holy Day: 8 am, 4:30 pm, 7 pm (**Call office for latest changes.**)

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

Healing Mass (Spanish): 7 pm every 4th Mon. of month.

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	Fr. Angel Torres	(908) 879-5371
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

OUR PARISH PICNIC WHAT A BLESSING!



Last Sunday, October 9, was a beautiful day and gift to all of us in St. Lawrence Parish. The festivities began with a bilingual Mass in honor of our patron, St. Lawrence the Martyr. The theme of the preaching was giving thanks to God together for His gifts to us, for Jesus, for Jesus' sacrifice, and for all of the other blessings He has given us as individuals, families and as a parish. The Mass was followed by a wonderful picnic, with many types of food treats, international entertainment, games for children and a beautiful day for making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. We all need to take time to thank Deacon Bill Devizio and the committee and all of the volunteers and donors for providing us all with a beautiful day as a community!

VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD 2022

The Vivere Christus Award was initiated by Bishop Serratelli. The name comes from his episcopal motto, which in turn comes from a line from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Vivere Christus means literally "To live is Christ." "To live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1: 21) This saying points to our baptismal calling to enter Christ's Paschal Mystery, sharing in His victory by following Him into death and life. "Vivere Christus" is a call to humble service.

This year's recipient from St. Lawrence is the Colannino family. Christine Colannino is the chair of our Haiti Committee and her husband Michael and her children Sophia, Luke and Max join her in many projects to help the people of St. Francois D'Assise in Dufailly, Haiti, and its surrounding mission churches.

God bless.

Father Nick

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK 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 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, 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, Florence DeMarzo, Ann Marie Albert, JoAnn Buttari, Brenda Reaves, Francine Stodt, Sandra Ennis, Elizabeth, Melissa T., Madeline Clinton, Josephine, Larry Malovey, Karl Schmid, Mary Fuscaldo

Clergy: Rev. John (Jack) Klein, Rev. Richard Kilcomons, Rev. Joseph Buffardi, Rev. Joseph Lugo, Rev. George Gothie, Msgr. Edward Puleo, Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, Msgr. William Naughton, Msgr. Raymond Lopatesky, Rev. Brendan Murray

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022**

8:00 am - Jim & Nancy Welch
 9:00 am - Amelia Jimenez Quesada
 - Joan McCann

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

8:00 am - Celeste Estrade
 9:00 am - Ed Wiczorek
 7:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Ryan Farbanish

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

8:00 am - Isabell Frech
 - Edwin Hernandez
 9:00 am - Ida Schoen

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

8:00 am - Richard Butler
 9:00 am - Kathleen Steidle

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

8:00 am - Albert Ambacher
 9:00 am - Denis Lamb

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

9:00 am - Bonnie Lieberworth
 5:00 pm - Jean Gondek
 - Betty Windt
 - Genevieve Gondek

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

7:30 am - Denis Lamb
 - John Boyle
 9:00 am - William J. Mackey
 - Gloria Buxton
 - Richard Butler
 11:00 am - Conchita Owens
 - Niels Klingenberg
 12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish
 6:00 pm - James Farley, Sr.

FLORAL REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

Parishioners have the opportunity to sponsor a floral arrangement for the church altar (\$125), the tabernacle (\$75) or the chapel altar (\$100) in memory/honor of a loved one. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 to choose an available Sunday (other than Easter or Christmas).

VISION

*Some people see more in a walk around the block
 than others see in a trip around the world.*

—Anonymous

ST. LAWRENCE SOCIAL AND BOOK CLUB

Join us for our once a month social and book club evening. Our next gathering will be on **Friday, October 21 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center (Room 12)**. This is a fun evening where we support each other in our faith, family and life journeys.

For our new members, welcome! Most of us are reading different Catholic books that we enjoy and all are welcome to participate and share to any extent you are comfortable with. Please reach out to Laura Star at laurastar753@gmail.com if you would like a list of books that have been recommended by our wonderful members.

**FALL FOOD DRIVE
 ADVENT WREATH SALE FUNDRAISER
 (Sponsored by the Good Samaritans)**

Please support our Fall Food Drive and Advent Wreath Fundraiser and prepare our own families for the Advent Season. November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent.

We will be **selling candles and wreaths while supplies last every weekend in November after the Masses starting Saturday, November 5**. Proceeds will buy Shoprite gift cards for parish families.

Candles (3 purple, 1 rose) \$10
Wreath (green with holders) \$10

We will also be **collecting food donations at this time**.

Requested items:

Cooking oil, rice (2 lbs. bags), red / black beans, canned tuna / chicken, canned fruit, Mac & Cheese boxes, Chef Boyardee, juice boxes, coffee (strong), cookies, granola bars, peanut butter / jelly, diapers (all sizes), toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap. Gift cards to Shoprite are also appreciated.

FULFILL TODAY

*If what you did yesterday still looks big to you,
 surely you have not done much today.*

—Anonymous

**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!

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 October 9, 2022	\$10,785.00
Tithing Income for October 10, 2021	\$ 11,943.00

TRUE HAPPINESS

*Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God,
 and in this way you will become truly happy.*

—Blessed Henry Suso

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our parishioners for your part in making the parish picnic a great success. It was inspiring and heartwarming to see so many people coming together to enjoy the beautiful weather. Our theme of Homecoming was evident as people of all ages united in a spirit of love and friendship. The sense of community was clear to see in the smiles on so many faces and the laughter we heard as friends, old and new, enjoyed each other's company. Special thanks to all those who pitched in as volunteers to help out. This was "the day the Lord had made"—so happy we were able to be the parish family who was able to "rejoice and be glad" together. God bless you and our wonderful parish community!







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