St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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*

MASSES:
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, 9 am, 5:30 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 Furnald*
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

Altar Servers	Fr. Angel Torres	(908) 879-5371	Mary's Moonflowers	Karen Jones	(973) 479-5271
Arimathaea	Arlene McDonald	(973) 229-9697	Men's Cornerstone	Tommy Reynolds	(908) 463-0167
Armata Bianca	Lorna Phillips	(617) 538-5567	Moms & Tots	Meghan Mahoney	(732) 407-1618
Barn Ministry			Music Minister	Joe Tamburro	(347) 213-0621
Discover Gifts/Talents	Robert Holl	(908) 876-3488	Pastoral Adv. Board	Jerry Frech	(908) 377-2900
Eileen George Prayer Gr.	Fr. Nick Bozza	(908) 879-5371	Racial Justice Ministry	Bill DeVizio	(732) 236-3361
Eucharistic Ministers	Loretta Stewart	(973) 222-7492	RCIA	Jan Richards	(908) 975-3555
Family Mass Social	Marc McFeely	(973) 222-9739	Respect Life	Robert Holl	(908) 876-3488
Formation for Apostolates	Connie Wieczorek	(908) 397-5986	Rosary Society	Marie Holl	(908) 876-3488
Good Samaritans	Patsy Soden	(908) 879-3374	Spanish Ministry	Louis Villafane	(908) 879-3032
Haiti Twinning Program	Christine Colannino	(201) 314-9824	Ushers	Bob Holl	(908) 876-3488
Knights of Columbus	Robert Holl	(908) 876-3488	Welcome	Michael & Lunden Scheller	(973) 908-9719
Lectors	John Kennington	(908) 872-0575	Women's Book Club	Laura Star	(254) 640-6848
Liturgical Environment	Joanne Carr	(908) 879-5543	Women's Cornerstone	Lissette Howell	(973) 975-7343
			Youth Ministry	Allison Furnald	(908) 879-6714

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

To arrive in heaven requires regular effort on our part. A couple of the sayings of Jesus remind us of this. One of these is, "Be perfect as my heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5: 48). Another is, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road wide that leads to destruction. Those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few." (Matthew 7: 13). To enter heaven, we need to be perfect. A part of being perfect is repenting of our sins. There are people who die without having repented of their sins. Remember, after we die, we can go to heaven, purgatory or hell. Purgatory is the destination of those who loved God and neighbor, but have not yet been perfected. During the month of November, we pray for the souls in purgatory. The best prayer that we can offer is the Mass. The graces of the Mass are tremendous. I hope you are offering Masses for your deceased family members and others of your loved ones. During the month of November, we as Catholics pray for the souls in purgatory. The souls in purgatory are depending on us!

God bless.

Father Nick

DINING WITH THE DEACONS

Join us on **Friday, November 18 at 6:30 pm** for our next Homecoming event. Joe Salamon will share an inspiring witness talk about turning tragedy into triumph. He will tell us about his cross country fundraising bike trek and how it drew him closer to God and those he met in his travels. You do not want to miss this!

Dinner and dessert will precede the presentation. BYOB. **Please call 908-879-5371 to register so we can be prepared for all who look to join us.**

ST. LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS CONCERT
December 11, at 3:00 pm

Come celebrate our Savior's birth with music and song!

THE PATH

People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps.
~Anonymous

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, 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, 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, Alisa Carfaro, Kazimir Cwalinski

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, NOVEMBER 14, 2022
8:00 am - Catherine Farrelly
- Ellen Ravese
9:00 am - Bruno DiEdwardo

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022
8:00 am - Dr. John Vitale
9:00 am - Roger Harbec
- Spec. Int. for a son

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022
8:00 am - Brian Spring
9:00 am - Charles Kraft

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022
8:00 am - Bernice Dube
9:00 am - Olivia McGuire

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022
8:00 am - Brittney Michaels
9:00 am - Elaine Ehling

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022
9:00 am - Spec. int. of Molly Higgins
5:00 pm - John William Pigott
- Spec. int. of Sharon Wilk
- Carmela Scalera
- Concettina & Antonino Staiti

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022
7:30 am - Theresa Harvey
- Carl Pippin
9:00 am - For the People of the Parish
- Michael Leo, Sr.
11:00 am - Letitia & Joseph Larsen
- Conchita Owens
- Beverly Pickering
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
6:00 pm - Letitia & Joseph Larsen

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 November 6, 2022	**$9,757.00**
Tithing Income for November 7, 2021	$9,868.00

A Word from Fr. Nick: "I appreciate the saying of Mother Teresa, 'God does not call us to be successful. He calls us to be faithful.' Thank you for your faithfulness in making your offering to God!"

A Tithing Reflection: "Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of *my* life?"

MOVING? LOCAL ADDRESS CHANGE?

Please notify the parish office by phone or email if you are moving or if your address has changed. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish directory up to date.

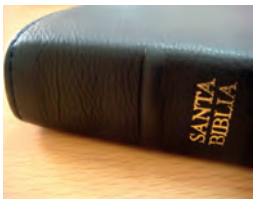
2022 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL
"One Body In Christ"

It is important that when you give to a charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities' agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary education, and our priests' retirement residence. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal are returned to the parish directly for their own needs. Please make a gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2022appeal.org.

WEIGHTY

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching.
~John Ray

BIBLES IN SPANISH NEEDED



Please consider making a donation towards the purchase of Bibles in Spanish for our Spanish ministry. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated by those who desire to read the Word of God in their native language. If you can help, please mail your donation to St. Lawrence Church, PO Box 730, Chester, NJ 07930. Thank you.

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder
is the heaviest load anyone can carry.
~Anonymous

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

May God hold you always in the palm of His hand.

Julia Marie Engelen, daughter of Jan-Willem & Jenna Engelen of Maxwell lane, Hoboken.

EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP

The Eileen George Prayer Group meets on the **third Sunday of each month in the Church Hall at 4 pm.** The one-hour meetings will include listening and discussion of one of her recorded teachings, prayers of petition and social time with refreshments. All are welcome! **Join us for the next meeting on Sunday, November 20.**

NEXT HEALING MASS

Tuesday, November 15 at 7 pm
Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm

Come bring your prayers for healing.
All are welcome!

THE JOY OF GIVING

The St. Lawrence Church Annual Giving Trees will be displayed in the Church Hall and vestibule next weekend, **November 19-20.** We continue to support the same organizations we have in the past and request only GIFT CARD donations as the groups that we help have indicated that this works best for their needs. **Please place your gift card with tag attached in the regular weekly collection or mail to the church office with a notation as to which organization you would like to support and we will match it to a tag on the tree. Please do not leave any gift cards in the box outside the Parish Center.**

The parishioners of St. Lawrence Church have generously supported numerous families during the holiday season for many years. Thanks to you, we have been able to assist many families during the holiday season. The agencies we assist continue to depend on our donations especially now with inflation rising so quickly. If you are in a position to help out, please consider participating in this year's Giving Tree. Below is the list of organizations that we will be supporting:

- **St. Peter's Village/Orphanage** provides a temporary home for young boys and provides them with a safe environment to live and learn. With the help of Target, Amazon or Walmart gift card donations, the orphanage is able to shop for Christmas gifts for the boys.
- **Family Promise of Morris County** provides assistance to homeless children and their families in Morris County. This year they are in need of Walmart and Amazon gift cards.
- **Birth Haven** provides assistance and a safe environment to pregnant teenage girls by supporting and educating them while they await the birth of their baby. ShopRite, Amazon and Walmart gift cards provide the most help to this organization.
- **Catholic Family & Community Services of Paterson** supports inner city families and children and adults who have disabilities. This year they have requested Walmart and Amazon gift cards.
- **Fr. Enrique's Parish (St. Agnes) and Fr. Roland's Parish (Our Lady of Fatima)** have asked for our support for their families in need. Donations of ShopRite and Walmart gift cards will greatly assist a family that needs help during this holiday season.
- **Local parish families** that are experiencing challenges. This year we are most in need of Shop Rite gift cards to help families with their groceries and household supplies.

Thank you so much for your assistance in helping many families during this Christmas season.
Your support and prayers are very much appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE WEEKLY COLLECTION BOX OR MAIL DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT:

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church
PO Box 730
Chester, New Jersey 07930

(Please do not leave any gift cards in the box outside the Parish Center.)

Year C

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 21:5-19

Before Jesus comes **again** the **earth** will see **great** unrest. **Jesus** reminds His **followers** to remain faithful and "not a **hair** on your head will be destroyed."

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Fill in the blanks with the bold and underlined words above. Match the sentence number to the number's below and write the starred letter in the blank to see Jesus' command.

Stand firm, and you will win life.

LUKE 21:19

1) Today is the Gospel of ____ ____ ____ ____.

2) As Catholics we are ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ of Jesus.

3) We know Jesus will come ____ ____ ____ ____ ____.

4) ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ Jesus comes, we will see signs.

5) The ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ will see unrest.

6) The unrest will be ____ ____ ____ ____ ____.

7) ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ tells us what to do.

8) "Not a ____ ____ ____ ____ on your head will be destroyed.

Jesus said, "Remain

____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____."

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