



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

### MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of St. Lawrence the Martyr Church is to continue to build a loving and welcoming community, to encourage our members to grow in holiness and to bring all people to Jesus.*

**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 Farnald  
**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 Farnald	(908) 879-6714

**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

### THE GIFT OF THE SAINTS



One of my favorite saints is St. John Bosco. When I was sent to St. Mary Help of Christians Church in Paterson in 1982, I found that I would be serving there with the Salesian Sisters. The Salesian Sisters are the group co-founded by St. John Bosco and Mother Maria Mazzarello to serve girls and young women. The Salesian Sisters were responsible for St. Mary School.

After meeting the sisters, I decided that I should study the story of their founder to better understand and collaborate with the Salesians. I became fascinated with Don Bosco. The various aspects of Don Bosco's life taught me many things about God and His saving work. First, our experiences of childhood and our youth can be useful in our adult work. Don Bosco would be called to work with the street boys of Torino, many of whom were orphans due to the loss of their fathers during the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution. Don Bosco lost his own father when he was just two years old and this loss would help him to better understand the situations of orphans. Two great women would have a profound influence in John Bosco's life; one was his own mother who would raise him and his two brothers and the other was Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Help of Christians. John would learn sports and shoemaking as a boy and these would also help him in his work with the boys. God would form John Bosco and his ministry and guide him throughout his life.

When God's people need help, God forms and raises up saints like St. John Bosco to help those in need. God has raised up many men, women and youth to be of service to God's people.

God Bless.

*Father Nick*



### COME JOIN US!

Please join the Hospitality Ministry on **Wednesday, February 15, at 6:30 pm** for dinner and discussion in the Church Hall. Deacon Bill will be presenting "The Five Love Languages". This will be of interest for anyone looking to improve their relationships and communication with family, friends and colleagues. Dinner will be served first followed by the presentation and small group discussion. Please call the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 or email [kjaworski@stlchester.org](mailto:kjaworski@stlchester.org) to register so we can accommodate everyone.

### 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, 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, Elizabeth, Madeline Clinton, Josephine, Larry Malovey, Karl Schmid, Mary Fuscaldo, Kazimir Cwalinski, Pamela Howard, John Pauciullo, Vera Sax, Victor Fernandez, Jack Miller, Catherine Bollwark, Baby Mary Louise Wang, Bob Dante, Aunt Mary, Rose DeSantis, Dana Culver, Steve Rotter, Mike Rodriguez, Young Carlitos Vasquez, Carol Ann Miller, Michael Strampfer, Laura Collins, Carol Crum, Robert Giarraffa, Leigh Maynes

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dr. Eileen Conti  
 9:00 am - Frank Fila

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

8:00 am - Sonja Zagar  
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Sandra Ennis

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

8:00 am - Ethel Forkell  
 9:00 am - Jim Sommer

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dana Culver  
 9:00 am - Federico de la Riva

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

8:00 am - Alan Quick  
 9:00 am - Conrad & Anna spring

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

9:00 am - Larry & John Marzano  
 5:00 pm - Phyllis Tscherne  
 - Charles & Margaret Smith

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

7:30 am - For the People of the Parish  
 9:00 am - Carol Aschoff  
 - Lee Ann Ascoles  
 11:00 am - Beverly Pickering  
 - Margrit Klingenberg  
 - Margaret Lefevre  
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory  
 6:00 pm - NO MASS

**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 January 29, 2023 \$9,711.00**

**Tithing Income for January 30, 2022 \$9,074.00**

**Thanks from Father Nick:** "I thank you for the love you show for God through your weekly offering!"

**Testimony from a Member of St. Anthony Parish in Wilmington, DE:** "I was taught as a child that everything we have and hope to be comes from God. Therefore, it is my pleasure to tithe and give something back."

**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

If you would like a copy of your 2022 contributions to St. Lawrence Church for tax purposes, please contact Karen in the Parish Office at [kjaworski@stlchester.org](mailto:kjaworski@stlchester.org) or call 908-879-5371.

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

**Tuesday, February 21 at 7 pm  
 Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm**

Come bring your prayers  
 for healing.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:  
 BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY**

**Tuesday, February 7 at 7 pm in the chapel**

Please join the Rosary Society and the Racial Justice Ministry as we partner to jointly pray a Rosary in recognition of Black Catholic History. Refreshments will follow.

**PRAY THE STATIONS:  
 OVERCOMING RACISM**

**Friday, February 10 at 7 pm in the church**

Please join the Racial Justice Ministry in praying the Stations of the Cross. We will use the Stations published by USCCB (US Bishops) for Overcoming Racism.

**NO 6 PM MASS ON FEBRUARY 12,  
 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY.****RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

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



*Hector Roberto Oliva Navarro, son of  
 Hector & Lizeth Oliva Navarro of  
 Larison Road, Chester.*

*Joana Angelina Calix, daughter of  
 Jose & Leila Calix of Rockaway Road,  
 Lebanon.*

A child asked God:  
 If everything is already written in destiny,  
 then why should I wish?

God smiled and said:  
 Maybe on some pages I have written,  
 "As you wish."

**WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE****First Time Mom Seeks Help with Child and Chores**

First time mother seeking hands-on help within the home 2-3 times per week as a paid position. Our family is in need of a motherly, nurturing companion who is willing to support mostly with household chores and some care of our 15 month old son. If interested, please contact the St. Lawrence Parish Office at 908-879-5371 or [parish@stlchester.org](mailto:parish@stlchester.org).





Come Join  
Us

*Antioch 83*

**RETREAT**

**FEBRUARY 24TH-26TH**

ST. LAWRENCE / ST. LUKE  
10TH -12TH GRADE

ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR  
375 MAIN STREET, CHESTER, NJ 07930

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ALLISON,  
AFURNALD@STLCHESTER.ORG

# **PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN FOOD PACK PROGRAM**

## **Catholic Charities of Paterson**



St. Lawrence Church continues to support the diocesan wide Pre-School Food Pack Program which provides needy preschool children of the El Mundo Del Nino School in Paterson with a supply of healthy food and snacks and a meal for families. Joe Murray, the director of the School said, "The families really appreciate these food packs because inflation has hit them hard."

**This year we are asked to provide 105 food packs that will be delivered to Paterson by Friday, February 17.**

A typical food pack for each child includes:

**2 breakfast items (instant oatmeal pack) [210 needed]**

**2 lunch items (Chef Boyardee Micro Meal Beefaroni, Kraft Easy Pack Mac & Cheese) [210 needed]**

**1 milk (Horizon White Milk) [105 needed]**

**1 Apple and Eve 100% apple juice [105 needed]**

**1 fruit cup (diced peaches, Mandarin orange segments, apple sauce) [105 needed]**

**2 snacks (Rice Krispie Treat, soft and chewy granola bars) [210 needed]**

**1 meal to share with family (16 oz. bag white rice, 5 oz. can tuna, 16 oz. bag dry black beans) [105 rice or beans needed / 105 cans of tuna needed]**

**Please stick to these items above. The food packs will be assembled by the Good Samaritans on Monday, February 13.**

**Now through Sunday, February 12:**

**Leave donations in Church Hall or bins in front of church.**

**Shoprite gifts cards are also appreciated.**

**As always, thank you for your generous support!**

# St. Lawrence Middle School Event

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

MOVE YOUR FEET.

JOIN US FOR A **SOLE HOPE** SHOE PARTY



**WHEN** February 17th

**WHERE** Church Hall

**HOSTED BY** Middle School Ministry

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#SOLEHOPE

Please bring a pair of Denim Jeans for  
material!



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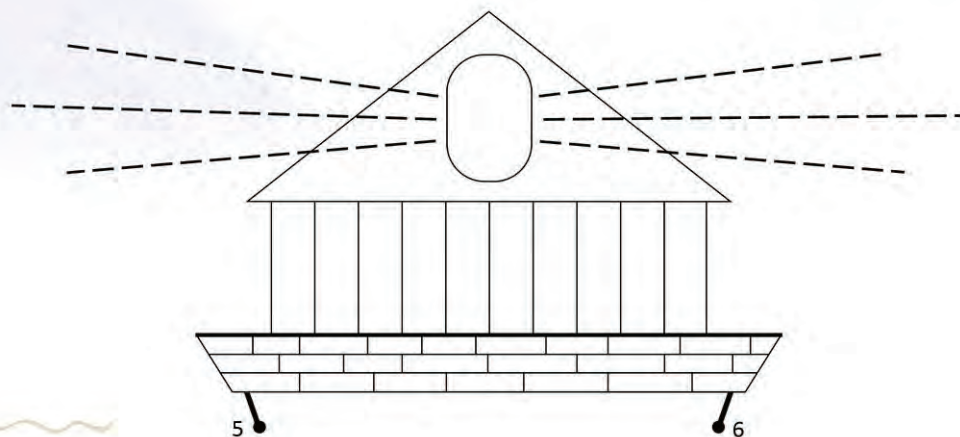
## Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus says let your good deeds shine on others like a light shining out in the darkness.

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LET  
YOUR  
LIGHT  
SHINE



Your light must shine  
before others, that  
they may see your  
good deeds and glorify  
your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

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**Follow the dots 1-15.**

**What do you see?**

Do you have a favorite lighthouse?  
They shine every day to aid sailors,  
even during cold winter nights.

Color the lighthouse shining bright.

What good work can you do to help  
others, while “**shining bright**” and  
glorifying Jesus?

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