

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 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

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.

Mailing Address: PO Box 730 Chester, NJ 07930

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.

<u>Parish Email</u>: parish@stlchester.org Parish Web Site: www.stlchester.org

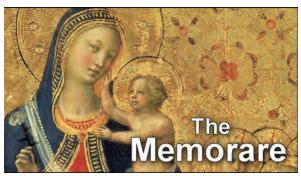
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Altar Servers	Fr. Angel Torres	(908) 879-5371	Mary's Moonflowers	Karen Jones	(973) 479-5271
Arimathaea	Arlene McDonald	(973) 229-9697	Men's Cornerstone	Tommy Reynolds	(908) 463-0167
Armata Bianca	Lorna Phillips	(617) 538-5567	Moms & Tots	Meghan Mahoney	(732) 407-1618
Barn Ministry			Music Minister	Joe Tamburro	(347) 213-0621
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Liturgical Environment	Joanne Carr	(908) 879-5543	Women's Cornerstone	Lissette Howell	(973) 975-7343
			Youth Ministry	Allison Furnald	(908) 879-6714

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE MEMORARE A FAVORITE PRAYER OF THE SAINTS



A favorite prayer of many of the saints is the *Memorare*. Here are the words of the prayer.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, Oh Virgin of Virgins, my mother. To you, I come, before you, I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

This beautiful prayer is traditionally associated with St. Bernard of Clairveaux. It is a wonderful petition to Mary. I know that Mother Teresa of Calcutta would say this prayer for nine consecutive days in times of special need. She called this a "novena of Memorares." I know that Eileen George, too, would storm heaven with this prayer when she had an urgent request. I highly recommend that you learn this prayer and make regular use of it and pass it along to others.

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, 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, Mike Rodriguez, Young Carlitos Vasquez, Carol Ann Miller, Laura Collins, Carol Crum, Robert Giarraffa, Leigh Maynes, Anselma Huaman

ST. LAWRENCE SOCIAL AND BOOK CLUB



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 we are comfortable. Please reach out to

Laura Star at laurastar753@gmail.com for questions or if you would like a list of books that have been recommended by our wonderful members. Join us for the next meeting on Friday, March 24, at 7:30 pm in Room 12 of the Parish Center!

MEN'S CORNERSTONE XIX Friday-Saturday, April 14-15



Have you ever had the feeling that life is going by too fast? Consider giving yourself the gift of Cornerstone. Renew your faith and strengthen your relationships with Christ and each other. For information, please contact Tommy Reynolds at 908-463-0167 or trsb42@aol.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

8:00 am - Ann Light 9:00 am - Ida Schoen

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TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

8:00 am - Claire Kingsley 9:00 am - Francis Corcoran

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

8:00 am - Bill & Jeanne McCormick 9:00 am - Rodrigo Guzman Solis

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

8:00 am - Frank Moltane 9:00 am - Kathy Steidle

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

8:00 am - William Hogan

- Spec. Int. of Kemper Family

9:00 am - Antoinette Puliti

- Katherine Marie Leiker & Baby Emmet

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

9:00 am - Jim Sommer

5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

- Ernesto Rastelli

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

7:30 am - For the Souls in Purgatory 9:00 am - Catherine McLaughlin

11:00 am - Frank Ferrugia

- Margaret Lefevre

- Lidia Camplese 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm - For Those who are Grieving

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 March 5, 2023
 \$13,731.00

 Tithing Income for March 6, 2022
 \$12,135.00

A Word from Father Nick: "I thank you for the love that you show for God and others through your offerings each Sunday!"

From a Parishioner of the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, NJ: "We don't 'give' anything to God. He already owns everything. What we have is given to us through life, health and the ability to work. We are merely His stewards from whom tithes are due."



NEXT HEALING MASS March 21, at 7:00 pm Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm

Come bring your prayers for healing.
All are welcome!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us in the **church on Friday evenings** at 6:30 pm for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations remind us of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports the more than 37 million people in the United States living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Thank you for your generosity.



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Confessions are heard at all churches in our Diocese from 7:00-8:30 pm on the Mondays during Lent.

St. Lawrence Church confession times are Monday 6:30-8:30 pm; Saturday 4-4:30 pm.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We are participating in Operation Rice Bowl which gathers funds for the poor of the world. The cardboard holders are in the vestibule.



ADORATION

The church is open for prayer every Thursday from 5 - 10 pm and on Fridays from 10 am - 5 pm in the chapel. Please note that church will be locked from Thursday 10 pm - Friday 7 am.

BROKEN AND BLESSED: MEN IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST Friday, March 24, from 6 – 9pm Lenten Evening of Prayer

Calling all men in the Diocese of Paterson to a Lenten Evening of Prayer at Saint Paul Inside the Walls (205 Madison Avenue, Madison). As we journey through this Lenten season, why not join us for a men's night of pizza, penance and prayer? Bishop Emeritus Arthur Serratelli will present a reflection on the Eucharist and the evening will include both Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for Confession.

Register in advance by visiting https://insidethewalls.org/lentenreflection.



NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome!

Brian & Tracy Kramer and their daughter Allie of Pottersville Road, Chester.

Lent 2023

YEAR 2 Confirmation Students

Please help our students pray for those dear to their hearts each day.

Lord Hear Our Prayer.

This season of Lent, we invited our YEAR 2 Confirmation students to share their prayer intentions with our parish. In this way, our entire parish family unites to demonstrate the power of prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 12 Please pray that I can get more sleep. Please pray for my grandfather	Please pray for my sick dog. Please pray for my Physics teacher.	Please pray for my aunt. Please pray for my grandfather Please pray for my uncle. Please pray for my uncle.	Please pray for Maverick the dog, my history teacher, and my grand- parent.	Please pray for my parents and grand-parents. Please pray for my grades.	Please pray for the health of my family, the happiness of loved ones, that my parents know how amazing they are, and that my friend group stays close and grows deeper in friendship.	Please ask God to watch over my grandmother. Please remove all stress from my parents and keep my bond with my siblings inseparable.
Please pray for my family who has been through a lot of loss. Please pray for the homeless and the poor.	Please pray that my family stays strong and I find happiness Please pray for my parents, my friends and my dog.	Please ask God to make sure my grandma is doing well in heaven. Please pray for peace, happines s and health for my family.	Please pray for the orangutans that are in danger of going extinct. Please pray for my grandfather and my mother.	Please pray my family and friends stay happy and healthy. Please pray for my grandp a who had Covid.	Please pray for my grandpa because he has cancer. Please pray for my grandpa because he needs he aling.	Please pray that I get good grades and for my family to be safe. Please ask God to help my grandmother feel better and have no pain.

26	27	28	29	30	31	APRIL 1
Please pray for my parents and grandma and that I made the right choice with my most important decision. Please let everything work out.	Please pray for everyone's health that they are happy with who they are and where they are at.	Please pray for guidance in my school and for motivation in everything I do.	Please pray for the health and safety of my family and grandparents . Please help them trust me, I won't let them down. Please pray I make them proud. Please help my dreams come true and to be the best player I can be.	Please pray for peace and forgive-ness My prayer is for my mom & dad and two brothers. Please pray for my grandpa and mother.	Please pray for my parents, grandparent s and for Paxton. Please pray for my grandmother, grandfather, father and uncle.	Please pray for confidence in myself and to keep my family, friends, and myself safe. Please pray for my great-aunt, grandparents, cousins, family, dog, soccer career, and my friends.
Please pray for me and my family to prosper in health, happiness, love and safety.	Please pray for my great-grandmother, my family, good health and a good baseball season.	Please pray my family will live a long, happy and healthy life! Please pray I can be really good at basketbal I and that I can have a lot of friends in high school.	Please pray for my special someone. I hope all of his hopes and dreams come true.	Maundy	Good Friday	Holy Saturday

CYO BASKETBALL

This year the St. Lawrence Church CYO Basketball program had 10 teams for boys and girls between the ages of 3rd and 8th grade that participated in the Diocese of Paterson CYO League. The League consists of 20 parishes in Morris, Sussex and Bergen County with over 120 teams in total.

St. Lawrence CYO had 7 teams with winning records that qualified for this year's playoffs with 4 teams making the finals and 2 teams winning Championships!!!

The 4th Grade Girls team won the Junior Varsity Girls Southwest Championship with a record of 11-1!! The players were Priya Amin, Alessandra Laracca, Grace Connolly, Elyse Aumenta, Makenzie Fleres, Kaya McFeely, Caroline Snellings, Eva Downs, Natalie Simonelli, Natasha Visicaro, Lindsay Mastriano, and Alexa Wilk. The Coaches were Matt Wilk, Erin Visicaro and Jen Amin.

Congrats coaches and players on such an amazing season!



The 8th Grade Boys team won the Varsity Boys Big East Championship with an UNDEFEATED record of 13-0!!! This makes for Back to Back Undefeated seasons for these boys as they also won the Championship last year as 7th graders.

The players were Collin Pajunas, Colton Weyers, Owen Murphy, Liam Gregory, Xavier Cresti. David Lomelo, Luke Giannattasio, Michael West and Talon Wehmeyer. The Coaches were Anthony Cresti, Rob Wehmeyer, John West and Tom Murphy.

Congrats coaches and players on back to back undefeated seasons!

Thank you to all the coaches who volunteered their time this year as well as to Father Nick for always supporting this program!



24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion dating back to the early days of the Church. It involves exposing a consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament, allowing people to sit and pray in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.

At St. Lawrence Church, we have Adoration every week on Thursday from 5 pm until Friday at 10 am in the church and Friday from 10 am until 5 pm in the chapel. This means that we have an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus in personal prayer.

We are now in the special time of Lent. We encourage you to commit to coming to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament regularly during this season. We have several openings in our adoration schedule. We especially need volunteers during our night hours from Thursday night until Friday morning, where the sacrifice to attend is greater; God appreciates and rewards our sacrifices.

If you need help with how to spend your hour, don't worry, we have plenty of resources to assist you with your prayer time. Please visit https://stlchester.weadorehim.com or email Aga at agamcfeely@gmail.com with any questions, help with signing up, or interest in knowing where you can best help.

Go and find Him when your patience and strength run out and you feel alone and helpless. Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel. Say to Him, "Jesus, you know exactly what is going on. You are all I have and you know all things. Come to my help."

And then go and don't worry about how you are going to manage. That you have told God about it is enough. He has a good memory.

-Saint Jeanne Jugan- (1792-1879)





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REHEARSAL TIMES FOR ADULT CHOIR
TUESDAY @ 3:30PM
WEDNESDAY @ 7:00PM
SUNDAY @ 10:30AM

REHEARSAL TIMES FOR YOUTH CHOIR FRIDAY @ 3:30PM SATURDAY @ 3:00PM



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INFORMACIÓN COMUNIDAD LATINA

PARROQUIA SAN LORENZO MÁRTIR

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Bozza

Vicario: Rev. Angel Torres

375 Main Street, Chester, NJ 07930

La Misión de la Iglesia San Lorenzo Mártir es continuar construyendo una comunidad amorosa y acogedora, alentando a nuestros hermanos en Cristo a crecer en Santidad y llevar a todas las personas a Jesús.

Horario de Misas

Domingos 12:30 pm y Lunes 7:00 pm.

¡Bienvenidos todos!

Misa de Sanación

Los 4to lunes de cada mes hay misa de sanación.

Lugar: Iglesia San Lorenzo Mártir

Hora: 7:00 pm

III Domingo del Tiempo de Cuaresma



Lecturas domingo 12 de Marzo del 2023

Primera Lectura: Ex 17, 3-7 Salmo 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9.

Segunda Lectura: Rm 5, 1-2. 5-8

Evangelio Jn 4, 5-42

Señor, tú eres el Salvador del mundo. Dame de tu agua viva para que no vuelva a tener sed. Jn 4, 42. 15

Confesiones:

Lunes a las 6:30 pm Y Sábado a las 4:00 pm

Contáctanos al Whatssapp o llamanos:

9086453021

También puede llamar a la Oficina al 908-879-5371 ext: 12 o por mensaje de Facebook.

JESÚS, LA RESPUESTA PARA NUESTRA SED TAMBIÉN HOY

Nos podemos ver fácilmente reflejados en la historia del pueblo y en la situación personal de la samaritana. También nosotros tenemos sed. Nuestra generación, tanto o más que las anteriores, tiene sed de verdad, de seguridad, de amor, de sentido de la vida. Sin formularlo explícitamente, tenemos sed de salvación. Todos sentimos sed, los jóvenes y los no tan jóvenes. Sentir sed, y saberlo, es una de las condiciones para recorrer con esperanza y sentido el camino hacia la Pascua. Y la respuesta nos la da Dios. Pablo, en la segunda lectura, nos habla del Dios Trino que sale a nuestro encuentro, del amor del Padre que se nos da por su Espíritu en lo más profundo, de un amor que se nos manifiesta sobre todo en que Cristo murió por nosotros, a pesar de que no nos lo merecíamos.

Síguenos en Nuestra Página de Facebook: Parroquia San Lorenzo Chester Escribenos al correo:

Comunidadlatina@stlchester.org

La respuesta es misteriosa, pero segura: estamos envueltos en el amor que Dios nos tiene. Y ese amor tiene un nombre concreto: Jesús. En medio de las múltiples respuestas que el mundo de hoy nos ofrece, ésta es la única creíble. Nuestra sed no quedará nunca satisfecha si acudimos a otras fuentes de agua. El «yo soy» de Jesús sigue siendo la respuesta más entrañable a nuestra sed, a nuestra fatiga, a nuestra desesperanza. En la Pascua Dios nos quiere salir al encuentro, una vez más. Como Jesús a la samaritana. Sea cual sea nuestro estado personal humano y cristiano. Si Dios diera su agua sólo a los que la merecen... Pablo dice que Cristo murió por nosotros a pesar de que éramos pecadores. A cada uno de nosotros Cristo nos dice de nuevo: «Yo soy» el Agua, el Salvador, la respuesta. La Pascua nos invita a renovar cada año el camino que empezó en nuestro bautismo, cuando por primera vez nos unimos a Cristo y entramos en su vida o él entró en la nuestra. Hoy con la imagen del agua. En próximos domingos con la de la luz o la vida.

(J. ALDAZABAL, MISA DOMINICAL 1993/04)



Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (18 +)

Si aun no has recibido los sacramentos de iniciación cristiana como lo son el Bautismo, la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación. Y quieres comenzar tu preparación para recibir estos sacramentos puedes comunicarte con el Padre Angel:

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¡Dejad que los Niños Vengan a mi Dice el Señor! Mateo 19, 14

Se necesitan acólitos para las misas los Domingos a las 12:30 pm y los lunes a las 7:00 pm.

Por favor animen a sus hijos a servir en el altar.



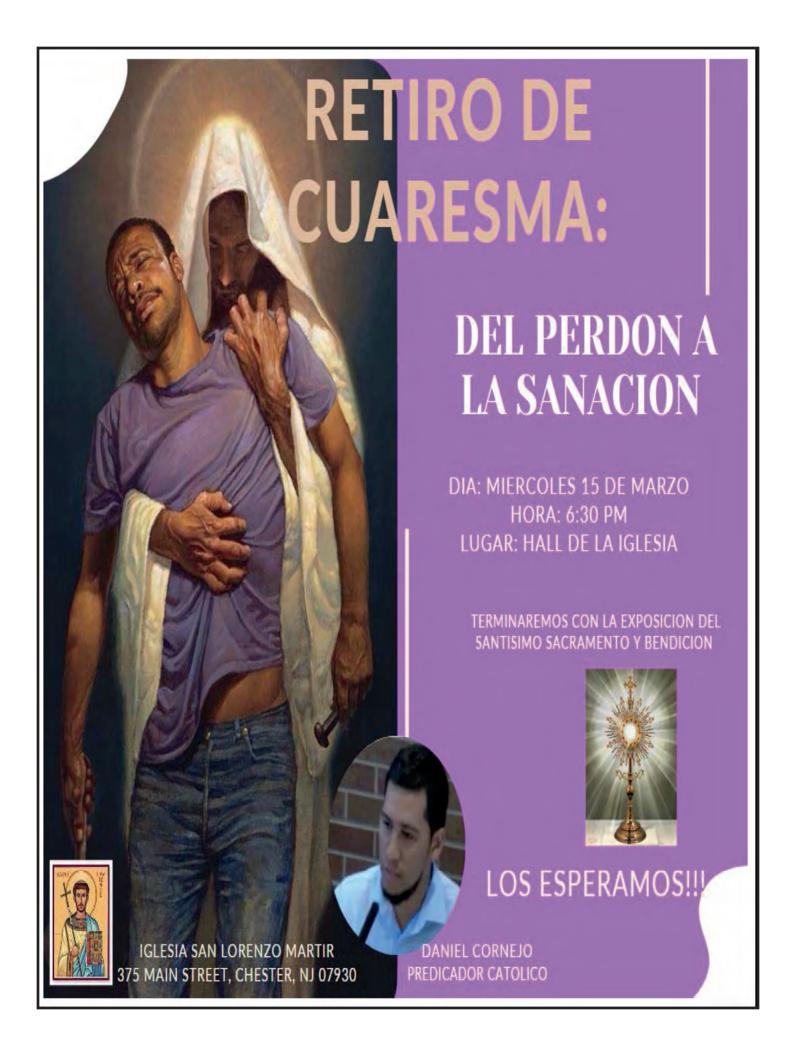
Padre Angel

La Iglesia necesita de Ti:

Si quieres servir en nuestra comunidad parroquial como Proclamador de la Palabra, Ministro de Eucaristía o en el Ministerio de Bienvenida.

Contactarse con el Padre Angel 908-6453021

¡Gracias por su Servicio a la Iglesia!





Ready to Love, Serve, and Connect ?! Save The Date June 18th-23rd

St. Lawrence church will be attending Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer!! June 18 -23, we will be attending the Dover Delaware camp. We are so exited to join CHWC again this summer and create amazing memories by loving, serving, and connecting! We will be have a Information meeting, March 14th at the church hall at 5pm-6pm for anyone who is interested!

We are so excited for your YES to serve this summer! We only have a few spots and it will be first come first serve! This will be for teens grades 9th-12th and for those adults who would like to come!

Check out the CHWC Website for more information: https://heartworkcamp.com

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know!

Allison Furnald

Youth Minister

St. Lawrence Church

afurnald@stlchester.org



Gospel Today Third Sunday of Lent | John 4:5-42

The Samaritan woman shared her drinking water with Jesus, a stranger, and Jesus shared "living water" of the Holy Spirit with the woman. The woman and her neighbors believed in Jesus.

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Believe... Share with others

This week I can share my time, talents and treasure. What will I do?

Write down how you plan to share with others for each day of the week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

The Third Sorrowful Mystery - The Crowning of Thorns

Think about this mystery before praying. The Holy Spirit stayed with Jesus through His final days.





Through our baptismal water the Holy Spirit came to stay with you and guide you. This third week of Lent, what can you do for others with help from the Holy Spirit?

This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

"Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'... Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him."

The wonderful conversation of Jesus shows the patience of Jesus in bringing the woman to conversion. He is patient with her, and her openness and curiosity moves her to a new relationship with God.

Our Lenten prayer and practice is our chance to respond to the patient love and concern that Jesus has for us all.

We listen to His Word and learn as she did that He is a Jew, a teacher, the Messiah.

Then she leaves to tell others. Our prayer conversation calls us in the same way. This week, as you look for something to drink, remember Jesus has a thirst for us today as well.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS





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