



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 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:

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**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

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 Wiczorek	(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 Furnal	(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

### FROM THE PRODIGAL SON "Everything I have is Yours"



The parable of the Prodigal Son was composed by Jesus. Some literary students have called it the greatest piece of literature of all time! In addition to its beauty, being an inspired parable, this lesson has the power to teach us many things about God and about the Kingdom of God.

There are three characters in the story, the father and the two sons. For myself, I think of their family home as the Kingdom of God. The younger son asks for his inheritance and decides to leave home, to leave the Kingdom. With what he receives as a share of the inheritance, the younger son is able to function for a short time, but then his savings are exhausted. This reminded me of ourselves when we drift away from prayer and the sacraments. The graces that God gives us in prayer can last for just so long. We can use them up. To live the Christian life well, we must remain connected to God. Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches." In this connection, we are fed. Breaking away, we are living on a limited supply of God's grace.

The older son refuses to join in the celebration of his brother's return. He was invited to the feast. He could have partaken in a marvelous meal. He was invited to share in the welcoming gestures of their father, but he was resisting being a part of his father's heartfelt celebration of his brother's safe return. He was disappointed that the celebration was about his brother and not about himself.

The older brother was never in danger as was the younger brother. The Father tells the older son that, "Everything I have is yours." This statement of the father is quite a revelation. This reminded me of a teaching by St. John of the Cross. St. John explains that God's Word is like an endless vein in a gold mine. We can follow the vein and never exhaust the gifts of God. God always has more to give us. "Seek and you will find." God encourages us to keep coming, to keep seeking. There is always more that He wishes to give us! What a great God we have!

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, Joe Cillo



### 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 [trs42@aol.com](mailto:trs42@aol.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

8:00 am - Catherine McLaughlin  
 - Frederick Lorenzo  
 9:00 am - John Michael Kasitz

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023**

8:00 am - James D. Thalacker  
 9:00 am - Stephen & Olga Farbanish

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

8:00 am - Joan Comiskey  
 9:00 am - Maureen Makris

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023**

8:00 am - Ida Schoen  
 9:00 am - Melissa Mazza

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023**

8:00 am - Kenneth P. McGuire  
 9:00 am - Lucille Valerio

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023**

9:00 am - Catherine Nolan  
 5:00 pm - Catherine McLaughlin  
 - Spec. Int. of Lilia Hernandez Cortes

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023**

7:30 am - For the People of the Parish  
 9:00 am - Catherine McLaughlin  
 - John Paynter  
 11:00 am - Mechelina "Micki" Pitch  
 - Nancy Strampfer  
 - Robert Strampfer  
 12:30 pm - Antonio Jose Martinez  
 6:00 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

**24 - HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Also known as Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Is adoration of Jesus Christ**  
**present in the Holy Eucharist.**

The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine. Exposition is the placement of the sacred host outside the tabernacle for public adoration. The Eucharist is displayed in a special holder, a monstrance, placed on the altar.

**Our church has 24-hour adoration where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from Thursday at 5 pm until Friday at 5 pm.** Individuals ("adorers") commit to taking turns being there around the clock. **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.**

St. Alphonsus Liguori commented on Eucharistic Adoration: *"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."*

Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and devotion is spending time before the living God. Please email [agamcfeely@gmail.com](mailto:agamcfeely@gmail.com) for sign-up help or questions or go to <https://stlchester.weadorehim.com>.

**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.

<b>Tithing Income for March 12, 2023</b>	<b>\$9,654.00</b>
Tithing Income for March 13, 2022	\$8,673.00

**Father Nick:** "May the Lord bless you abundantly for your efforts to follow His plan for giving! I know it is a sacrifice. Thank you!"

**Parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Manville, NJ:** "This a real act of faith for me! One thing that I have discovered about myself is that I never brought God into my finances. This is a very important area for me and I am glad that now God is a part of it."



**RECENTLY JOINED OUR PARISH**  
**We are happy to have you here!**

*Michael & KelliAnn DeChiara and their daughters  
 EmilyAnn, Abigail and Allison of  
 Old Farmstead Road, Chester.*

**LENT REMINDERS . . .****Stations of the Cross**

In church on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm  
 (7:15 pm in Spanish)

**Confession Schedule**

At all churches in Diocese from 7-8:30 pm on Mondays during Lent.

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

**Operation Rice Bowl**

The cardboard holders are in the church vestibule and Parish Center.



**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!

*You will never speak to anyone more than  
 you speak to yourself in your head.  
 Be kind to yourself.*





## INFORMACIÓN COMUNIDAD LATINA

### PARROQUIA SAN LORENZO MÁRTIR

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Bozza

Vicario: Rev. Angel Torres

375 Main Street, Chester, NJ 07930

#### 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

#### Confesiones:

Lunes a las 6:30 pm

Y Sábado a las 4:00 pm

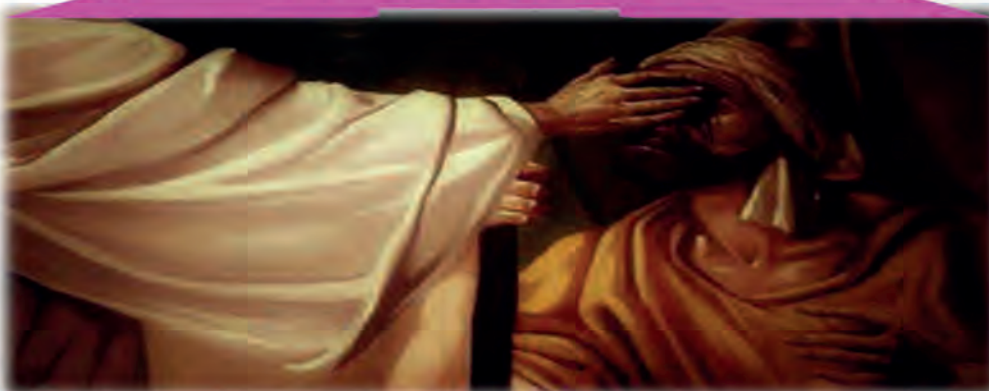
Contáctanos al  
Whatsapp o llámanos:

**9086453021**

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

**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.**

#### IV Domingo del Tiempo de Cuaresma



#### Lecturas domingo 19 de Marzo del 2023

Primera Lectura: 1 Sm 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13a

Salmo 22, 1-3a, 3b-4. 5. 6

Segunda Lectura: Ef 5, 8-14

Evangelio Jn 9:1-41

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever  
follows me will have the light of life." Jn 8:12

Amadísimos hermanos y hermanas: "Laetare, Jerusalem...". Con estas palabras del profeta Isaías la Iglesia nos invita hoy a la alegría, en la mitad del itinerario penitencial de la Cuaresma. La alegría y la luz son el tema dominante de la liturgia de hoy. El evangelio narra la historia de "un hombre ciego de nacimiento" (Jn 9, 1). Al verlo, Jesús hizo barro con la saliva, se lo untó en los ojos y le dijo: "Ve a lavarte a la piscina de Siloé (que significa "Enviado"). Él fue, se lavó, y volvió con la vista" (Jn 9, 6-7). El ciego de nacimiento representa al hombre marcado por el pecado, que desea conocer la verdad sobre sí mismo y sobre su destino, pero se ve impedido por una enfermedad congénita. Sólo Jesús puede curarlo: él es "la luz del mundo" (Jn 9, 5). Al confiar en él, todo ser humano espiritualmente ciego de nacimiento tiene la posibilidad de "volver a la luz", es decir, de nacer a la vida sobrenatural.

Síguenos en Nuestra Página de Facebook:  
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Además de la curación del ciego, el evangelio da gran relieve a la incredulidad de los fariseos, que se niegan a reconocer el milagro, dado que Jesús lo ha realizado en sábado, violando, a su parecer, la ley de Moisés. Se manifiesta así una elocuente paradoja, que Cristo mismo resume con estas palabras: "Para un juicio he venido yo a este mundo: para que los que no ven, vean, y los que ven, se queden ciegos" (Jn 9, 39). Para quien encuentra a Jesús, no hay términos medios: o reconoce que lo necesita a él y su luz, o elige prescindir de él. En este último caso, tanto a quien se considera justo ante Dios como a quien se considera ateo, la misma presunción les impide abrirse a la conversión auténtica. Amadísimos hermanos y hermanas, nadie debe cerrar su corazón a Cristo. A quien lo acoge, él le da la luz de la fe, una luz capaz de transformar los corazones y, por consiguiente, las mentalidades y las situaciones sociales, políticas y económicas dominadas por el pecado. "Creo, Señor" (Jn 9, 38). Cada uno de nosotros, como el ciego de nacimiento, debe estar dispuesto a profesar humildemente su adhesión a él.

San Juan Pablo II - Creo, Señor- (Ángelus, domingo 10 de marzo de 2002)



### 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 mí 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.



Comunicarse con el Padre Angel  
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## Viacrucis

Todos los viernes a las:  
6:30 pm en la Iglesia (ingles)  
7:15 pm en la Iglesia (español)

### 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  
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El Servicio es fruto del Amor

¡Gracias por su Servicio a la Iglesia!



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- Sacar la tarjeta de la libreria.
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DOMINGO 26 DE MARZO  
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE  
12:30PM EN EL HALL DE LA  
IGLESIA




IGLESIA SAN LORENZO MARTIR  
375 MAIN STREET, CHESTER, NJ 07930

TE ESPERAMOS!







St. Lawrence Church

Presents:

# Easter

## EGG HUNT EVENT!

Hop on over and join the fun! Children all ages are welcome  
on Holy Saturday!

Month

**04**

Date

**08**

Year

**23**

**Time:** 9:30AM

On The Lawn

Light refreshments will be served

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your easter basket  
to collect your eggs!

\*No RSVP is  
necessary\*



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