



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 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 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 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

MAKING THE MOST OF HOLY WEEK



Holy Week is the most important time of the year for Catholics. This year Holy Week runs from Sunday, April 2 until Sunday, April 9. During this week, we recall together what the Son of God did to save us from our sins and from having to spend eternity suffering because of our sins. Truly Jesus is our hero and we love Him because of the great sacrifice He made to save us.

We begin Holy Week with **Palm Sunday of the Passion**. The reading of the Passion by one of the synoptics helps us to appreciate the loving sacrifice of Jesus. On Monday of Holy Week, we will have the **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral when the Bishop will bless the three types of holy oils that are used in the sacraments. On Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, we will have evening confession times.

On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm when we will recall the gifts Jesus created for us of the Sacrament of his Body and Blood and of the Sacramental Priesthood.

On **Good Friday**, we recall the suffering of Jesus on the day that He died. At 3 pm, we will read the Passion, venerate the wood of the cross, and receive Jesus in Holy Communion (we will repeat this Mass in Spanish at 6 pm on Good Friday). On Friday evening, at 7:30 pm, we recall the **Seven Last Words of Jesus** in church.

Jesus promised that He would rise from the dead in three days. On **Holy Saturday**, after sunset, we begin to celebrate Christ's new life on Easter. Our first Mass will be on Saturday at 8 pm. On **Easter Sunday**, we will have four Masses at 7:30, 9 and 11 am and at 12:30 pm in Spanish.

I hope you will all make an extra effort to join us for our parish celebration of the greatest gift that God has ever given us of new life in Christ through the saving Passion and Resurrection of Jesus!

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, Lillian Ehrenbeck

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, MARCH 27, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Josanne Fries
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Donald Lynch

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

8:00 am - For the Teens of the Parish
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Troller Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

8:00 am - The Ventrichelli Family
 9:00 am - Dennis Moore

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

8:00 am - Sally Foley
 9:00 am - James Flaherty

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

8:00 am - Kevin O'Boyle
 9:00 am - Marian Cingari

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

9:00 am - Wajih & Souraya Chbat
 5:00 pm - Phyllis Tscherné
 - Catherine McLaughlin

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

7:30 am - Edward Todd
 9:00 am - Alba Cuomo
 - Spec. Int. of Deborah Korczukowski
 - For Protection of Unborn & their Families
 11:00 am - For the People of the Parish
 - Beverly Pickering
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
 6:00 pm - James & Anna Moore

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 19, 2023 **\$11,309.00**
Tithing Income for March 20, 2022 **\$9,750.00**

From Father Nick: "I want to applaud you for your generosity and obvious trust in God! That trust in God is a gift from Him."

A Testimony from a Parishioner of St. Lawrence Church in Chester, NJ: "No one would have anything if it weren't given from God. Tithing is a wonderful way to give thanks to God as well as put 100% trust in Him."

LENT REMINDERS**Confession**

Saturdays at 4 pm. Mondays at 6:30 pm.
 (7 pm Monday at churches throughout Diocese)

Stations of the Cross

In English ... 6:30 pm (Church)
 In Spanish ... 7:15 pm (Church)

Operation Rice Bowl

Cardboard holders in church and Parish Center.

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Available at St. Lawrence Church every Thursday from 5 pm until Friday at 5 pm.

When going to Eucharistic Adoration, enter the chapel or church where Eucharistic Adoration has been made available in silence and reverence. Genuflect on both knees before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and make the Sign of the Cross. Then kneel or sit in prayer, recite favorite prayers, the rosary, or a chaplet. Sit and do some spiritual reading, write in a prayer journal, meditate and give thanks. It's a time to contemplate acts of faith, hope and charity; a time to simply be in the presence of Jesus; a time to listen to the Holy Spirit; a time to examine one's conscience in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Many people sign up for a specific hour of Adoration each week — it is their personal time with Jesus. **We have several openings in our adoration schedule. We especially need volunteers during our night hours from Thursday night until Friday morning when the sacrifice to attend is greater.**

St. Teresa of Calcutta said: "... *Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.*"

St. John Paul II wrote: "*Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration so that our love may be complete.*"

We hope you can join us. To sign up, please visit the website: <https://stlchester.weadorehim.com> or email agamefeely@gmail.com with any questions, help to sign up, etc.



NEXT HEALING MASS
April 18, at 7:00 pm
Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm

Come bring your prayers
 for healing.
 All are welcome!

A GOOD APOLOGY HAS THREE PARTS:

1. I'm sorry.
2. It's my fault.
3. What can I do to make it right?

Most people forget the third part.



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.

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

Uncion de los enfermos

Contáctanos al

Whatsapp o llamanos:

9086453021

También puede llamar a
la Oficina al 908-879-5371
ext: 12



V Domingo del Tiempo de Cuaresma
Lecturas domingo 26 de marzo del 2023

Primera Lectura: Ez 37, 12-14

Salmo 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4c-6. 7-8

Segunda Lectura: Rm 8, 8-11

Evangelio Jn 11, 1-45

**"Yo soy la resurrección y la vida, dice el Señor;
el que cree en mí no morirá para siempre."
Jn 11, 25. 26**

El Evangelio de este quinto domingo de Cuaresma nos narra la resurrección de Lázaro. Es la cumbre de los «signos» prodigiosos realizados por Jesús: es un gesto demasiado grande, demasiado claramente divino para ser tolerado por los sumos sacerdotes, quienes, al conocer el hecho, tomaron la decisión de matar a Jesús (cf. Jn 11, 53). Lázaro estaba muerto desde hacía cuatro días, cuando llegó Jesús; y a las hermanas Marta y María les dijo palabras que se grabaron para siempre en la memoria de la comunidad cristiana. Dice así Jesús: «Yo soy la resurrección y la vida: el que cree en mí, aunque haya muerto, vivirá; y el que está vivo y cree en mí, no morirá para siempre» (Jn 11, 25-26). Basados en esta Palabra del Señor creemos que la vida de quien cree en Jesús y sigue sus mandamientos, después de la muerte será transformada en una vida nueva, plena e inmortal. Como Jesús que resucitó con el propio cuerpo, pero no volvió a una vida terrena, así nosotros resucitaremos con nuestros cuerpos que serán transfigurados en

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cuerpos gloriosos. Él nos espera junto al Padre, y la fuerza del Espíritu Santo, que lo resucitó, resucitará también a quien está unido a Él. Ante la tumba sellada del amigo Lázaro, Jesús «gritó con voz potente: “Lázaro, sal afuera”. El muerto salió, los pies y las manos atados con vendas, y la cara envuelta en un sudario» (vv. 43-44). Este grito perentorio se dirige a cada hombre, porque todos estamos marcados por la muerte, todos nosotros; es la voz de Aquel que es el dueño de la vida y quiere que todos «la tengan en abundancia» (Jn 10, 10). Cristo no se resigna a los sepulcros que nos hemos construido con nuestras opciones de mal y de muerte, con nuestros errores, con nuestros pecados. Él no se resigna a esto. Él nos invita, casi nos ordena salir de la tumba en la que nuestros pecados nos han sepultado. Nos llama insistentemente a salir de la oscuridad de la prisión en la que estamos encerrados, contentándonos con una vida falsa, egoísta, mediocre. «Sal afuera», nos dice, «Sal afuera». Es una hermosa invitación a la libertad auténtica, a dejarnos aferrar por estas palabras de Jesús que hoy repite a cada uno de nosotros. Una invitación a dejarnos liberar de las «vendas», de las vendas del orgullo. Porque el orgullo nos hace esclavos, esclavos de nosotros mismos, esclavos de tantos ídolos, de tantas cosas. Nuestra resurrección comienza desde aquí: cuando decidimos obedecer a este mandamiento de Jesús saliendo a la luz, a la vida; cuando caen de nuestro rostro las máscaras —muchas veces estamos enmascarados por el pecado, las máscaras tienen que caer— y volvemos a encontrar el valor de nuestro rostro original, creado a imagen y semejanza de Dios. El gesto de Jesús que resucita a Lázaro muestra hasta dónde puede llegar la fuerza de la gracia de Dios, y, por lo tanto, hasta dónde puede llegar nuestra conversión, nuestro cambio. Pero escuchad bien: no existe límite alguno para la misericordia divina ofrecida a todos. No existe límite alguno para la misericordia divina ofrecida a todos, recordad bien esta frase. Y podemos decirla todos juntos: «No existe límite alguno para la misericordia divina ofrecida a todos». Digámoslo juntos: «No existe límite alguno para la misericordia divina ofrecida a todos». El Señor está siempre dispuesto a quitar la piedra de la tumba de nuestros pecados, que nos separa de Él, la luz de los vivos.

S.S. Francisco p.p. - La cumbre de los signos prodigiosos (Plaza de San Pedro, domingo 6 de abril)



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:

9086453021



Viacrucis

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

Horarios de Semana Santa

Lunes

- ✠ Misa Crismal (Catedral San Juan Bautista en Paterson)
- ✠ Misa Lunes

Martes

- ✠ Confesiones 6:30 pm

Miercoles

- ✠ Confesiones 6:30 pm

Jueves Santo (Abril 6)

- ✠ Oración de la mañana: 8:00 am (Ingles)
- ✠ Celebración de la Cena del Señor: 7:30 pm (Español Capilla)
- ✠ Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento hasta la media noche

Viernes Santo (Abril 7)

- ✠ Oración de la mañana: 8:00 am
- ✠ Via Crucis Bilingue: 12:00 pm
- ✠ Solemne Celebración de la Pasión: 3 pm (English); 6 pm (Español)
- ✠ Las Siete Palabras de Jesús en la Cruz: 7:30 pm (Biligue)

Sabado Santo (April 8)

- ✠ Oración de la mañana: 8:00 am
- ✠ Búsqueda de Huevos de Pascua: 9:30 am
- ✠ Bendición de Comida de Pascua: 11:00 am
- ✠ Vigilia de Pascua: 8:00 pm (Bilingue)

Domingo de Pascua (Abril 9):

- ✠ Misa: 7:30, 9, 11 am; 12:30 pm (Español)
- No 6 pm Misa



¡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.



Comunicarse con el
Padre Angel
9086453021

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



El Servicio
es fruto del
Amor

¡Gracias por su Servicio a la Iglesia!



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 refrestments will be served

Don't forget to bring
your easter basket
to collect your eggs!

*No RSVP is
necessary*





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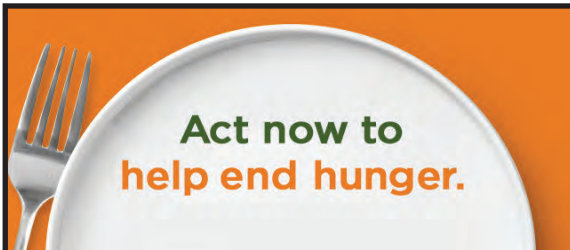
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