



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 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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#### **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 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 Furnald	(908) 879-6714

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### EASTER THE SEASON OF NEW LIFE



The word, Easter, seems to have come from an Old High German word that means Dawn. This word Dawn points to the resurrection of the Lord and our own opportunity to rise to new life.

We can experience a great joy when we recall the resurrection of Jesus and His victory over sin and death. We can also experience a wonderful joy when we recall that God is inviting us all to grow in the new life of love. I find this so encouraging to know that we can share in the new life of Jesus. There is no limit to how much we can grow in love! We just have to meet with Jesus as often as we can in conversational prayer and in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Each of our encounters with Jesus makes it possible to change our minds and our hearts. Whenever we meet with Jesus, He offers us His graces. We are changed when we accept the graces that Jesus offers us. I am so excited to consider this great invitation to grow. How great is our God!

### THE HOLY SPIRIT BOARD GAME

I recently heard the interview of a Catholic priest exorcist. He was issuing a warning about a new board game called the Holy Spirit Board Game. The game claims to allow us to contact God for advice and knowledge. The game is almost identical to a Ouija Board except that it uses Christian words and symbols. The thought of a board that allows us to get messages from God is quite appealing. Please avoid this game. Let's err on the safe side.

Gd 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, Lillian Ehrenbeck, Kazimierz Cwalinski



### CAR WASH TODAY!

Sunday, April 23

1:30-4:30 pm in St. Lawrence Church parking lot

Fundraiser event for our teens' summer service trip to  
Catholic Heart Work Camp

Hope to see you there!



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Ryan Farbanish  
 9:00 am - MaryAnn Scanlon

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023**

8:00 am - V. D'Accardi  
 9:00 am - John Gaffney  
 - John Vieira

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023**

8:00 am - Alice Martin  
 9:00 am - Merwood Jones

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Cathy Schmetter  
 9:00 am - Frank G. Delmerico

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

8:00 am - Margarita Abularach  
 9:00 am - Marlene Needham

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

9:00 am - David Garcia  
 5:00 pm - Chandra Jejurar  
 - Bryan & Matthew Barton  
 - Catherine & Frank Ferrugia

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023**

7:30 am - For the People of the Parish  
 9:00 am - Catherine Mackey  
 - Pat Discher  
 11:00 am - Catherine McLaughlin  
 - John Michael Kasitz  
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory  
 6:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Cathy Schmetter

**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 April 16, 2023** **\$11,806.00**

**Tithing Income for April 10, 2022** **\$18,258.00**

**Father Nick:** "I am grateful to you all for your contributions each week. I am grateful to all those who have accepted God's invitation to tithe and to all those who make a sacrifice to support God's work done here at St. Lawrence Church!"

**A Tithing Testimony from a Parishioner of St. Michael Church in Netcong:** "We have been tithing and will continue to do so. We have received many blessings because of it. I will say again, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,' but the biggest blessing is what you do receive because of it. We will tithe as long as possible."



**NEXT HEALING MASS**  
**May 16, at 7:00 pm**  
**Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm**  
 Come bring your prayers  
 for healing.

**AN AFTERNOON OF OPERA**

**Sunday, April 30**  
**3:00 pm**

**Alexandria O'Shea, soprano**  
**Brigid Heitmann, flautist**

Hackettstown Center for the Arts  
 181 Main Street, Hackettstown

Buy your ticket at:  
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 908-813-2626

**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.

**STELLAR VBS**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**June 26-30**  
 • K-6th: 9am-12noon  
 • Preschool Age 3-4: 9:15am-11:45am  
 Camp Registration is OPEN!  
**\$60 for Campers**  
 \*Teen Volunteers join us for free\*  
 Sign up to become a VBS Counselor **today!!**  
 7th -12th Grade!  
 Adult volunteers: We need you, too!  
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**DO ALL THINGS WITH LOVE**

*It is not the greatness of the work  
 which matters to God,  
 but the love with which it is done.*

~ St. Lawrence of the Resurrection



## **MEN'S CORNERSTONE XIX**



Under the supervision of the “Leadership from Above”, the men of Saint Lawrence hosted their 19th Cornerstone Retreat on April 14-15, 2023. The 27-hour gathering took place at the Villa Pauline Retreat House in Mendham and was centered on testaments of living faith. The retreat began with a team mass and included numerous poignant moments. Most notable among the many highlights were Witness Talks, the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation, a candle lighting ceremony, Divine Mercy chaplet and reflections led by Deacon Greg, a quiet period of reflection while support letters from loved ones were read, and a Saturday evening Mass to close out the weekend. Over the years we have found that the Cornerstone experience becomes an entry point into a more active Catholic life, characterized by a deeper faith, a new appreciation of Church community, and a hunger for Christian service. God willing, we hope to share this experience with other men of our parish as we celebrate our twentieth Cornerstone Retreat in 2024.







The generous contributions of all in attendance amounted to over \$300 in a donation made to the Sister's House.



## Faith Formation Corner

This past Saturday, April 15, 2023, with just 3 weeks away from celebrating their First Communion, the children of our parish were blessed to partake in a Retreat led by the Salesian Sisters of the John Bosco Order



The children traveled back in time to explore the life of the oppressed Israelites in Egypt, they were led by Moses into freedom, they wandered in the dessert for 40 years. They also explored the Holy Tent, the first Tabernacle.





They joined for re-enactment of the Last Supper when Jesus gave us the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

Finally, children observed how flat bread is made and even punched their own round hosts.



### Pray for our First Communicants



Keira Altieri	Mackenzie Hatton	Michael Paniconi
Alondra Arce	Madeline Huelbig	Kevin Peguero
Connor Battle	Catarina Johnston	Aiden Rosario
Ava Colicchio	Matthias Katsigiannis	Luca Saccone
Henley Fink	Ava Kessler	Michael Scheller
Connor Giffin	Morgan Malyk	Samuel Schellhorn
Addison Goodman	Mia Menza	Colin Schlecht
Gialla Graziano	Logan Miller	Jacqueline Veliz
Luca Graziano	Nicholas Orozco	Abby Villani
Colton Greene	Victoria Ortega	Grace Villani
Gianni Haight	Brian O'Toole	Blake Woodhull
Anne Hardesty		

First Communion is May 6, 2023





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