



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 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 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](mailto:parish@stlchester.org)

**Parish Web Site:** [www.stlchester.org](http://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



### FEAST OF PENTECOST

#### THERE IS NO CONFLICT AMONG THE THREE PERSONS OF GOD

You have probably heard the biblical belief that only God the Father knows the time and day for the end of the world. The Son and the Spirit do not know that time or day. This truth is perfectly in accord with the revelation of Jesus, which says that He only says what He has heard from God the Father. Jesus does not initiate the Word of God. He says only what He hears. He says only what He receives from the Father. It is also true the Holy Spirit only passes on what He has heard from the Father and the Son.

All of this has implications for our lives and for the life of the whole Church. Many people claim that they are guided by the Holy Spirit. However, when someone says something that conflicts with what Jesus and the Father have said, we can know with certitude that what they are saying is wrong and not from God. Again, the Spirit says only what He hears. The words of Jesus are a reliable measure for the veracity of current statements that are being attributed to the Holy 'Spirit'. A nice way of summarizing this is that there are no contradictions in God.

### NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS

On this Feast of Pentecost, I want to share with you a beautiful prayer that can be said daily. It is called the Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts (EWTN). This prayer can be found online. The words of this prayer are beautiful and informative. This prayer can be said at any time of the year and when one completes the novena, he or she can begin again. This prayer can deepen the power of the Holy Spirit in us. I highly recommend this prayer!

God bless.

*Father Nick*



### FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank you for the generous response to our recent food drive! Donations were divided and delivered to the Chester Mendham and Long Valley food pantries. They were very grateful for our support!

*Good Samaritans*

### 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, Savia Gioraia, Joe Staigar, Patty Desmaris, Rosemarie Carfaro, Edward Stone

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023**

8:00 am - Laraine Saenger  
9:00 am - Frank Fila

**TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Joe Staigar  
9:00 am - John Gaffney

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023**

8:00 am - Jim Sommer  
9:00 am - Richard & Patti Hale

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Edward Stone  
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Cathy Schmetter

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Betty Ann Spring  
9:00 am - Lenore Longo

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023**

9:00 am - Maureen Makris  
5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023**

7:30 am - Spec. Int. of Culver Family  
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Loretta Stewart  
- For Protection of Unborn & their Families  
11:00 am - Thomas J. Miele  
- John Gaffney  
- Linda Gerber  
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory  
6:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Lori Rotter

ST. LAWRENCE  
SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

**WHO:** Any **high school senior** who is a registered parishioner of St. Lawrence Church, attends Mass regularly and is active in parish life.

**HOW:** Contact Allison Furnald, Youth Minister, at [afurnald@stlchester.org](mailto:afurnald@stlchester.org) for information and application.

**WHEN:** Applications **due back by Monday, May 29**. Will be reviewed by St. Lawrence Scholarship Committee. Award recipients will be **notified by mid June**.

## CALM WATERS

*In calm waters,  
every ship has a good captain.*  
—Swedish proverb

NEW PARISHIONER  
So happy to have you here!

*Rosemary Lavalley  
of Main Street, Chester.*

## 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 May 21, 2023**      \$ 9,753.00

**Tithing Income for May 22, 2022**      \$12,043.00

**Thanks from Fr. Nick:** "You inspire me with your commitment to making a return to the Lord for His goodness to us."

**A Testimony from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Manville, NJ:** "This is a real act of faith for me! One thing 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."

## COWARDLY

*To know what is right and not to do it  
is the worst cowardice.*

—Confucius



**NEXT HEALING MASS**  
**Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 pm**  
**Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm**

Come bring your prayers  
for healing.

## MORE

*Care more than others think necessary.  
Trust more than others think wise.  
Serve more than others think practical.*  
—Anonymous

## RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN

Join us for a **free 1-day retreat** to help young men of high school age consider their vocation and path in life. Sports & games. Mass with Bishop Sweeney. Three meals provided, incl. a BBQ lunch by the Knights of Columbus.

Sponsored by Paterson Diocese Vocation Office.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023**  
**9AM TO 8PM**

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# LIFE CHOICES NEEDS YOU TO HELP MORE BABIES AND MOMS



## Every Baby is a Gift from God

What a great joy it is to play even a small role in helping so many courageous women choose life for their beautiful children! 23 Years of hard work with so many wonderful good-hearted people! I am so thankful. Can you imagine how much more we can do? I can!!!

Please come out and join us for this year's Fund Raising Banquet. I will share stories so you will know more about the amazing work you have played such an important role in. There is no ticket cost.

We want everyone to be able to come. At some point during the evening we will ask for a donation. Some people may only be able to pledge their prayers, but prayers are needed! Please invite your friends too.

This year's speaker is a long time supporter of Life Choices, a priest who came to our Banquets even before he entered the seminary! Rev. John Maria Devaney, OP is a Dominican Friar of the Province of St. Joseph currently serving in Hanover, NH at St. Dennis Parish and Aquinas House Catholic Ministry at Dartmouth College. After ordination in 2015, Fr. John served as a hospital chaplain, including on the front lines of the Covid-19 crisis, on the Upper Eastside of Manhattan as part of the Dominican Health Care Ministry until summer of 2022. Also, for almost a decade, Fr. John has also hosted a weekly SiriusXM satellite radio show entitled "Word to Life" on The Catholic Channel. On a special note, since the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Fr. John Maria serves Pope Francis and the Church as a Missionary of Mercy with the commission to be "living sign of the Father's welcome to all those in search of his forgiveness..." (Misericordiae Vultus #18).

Father will speak with joy and enthusiasm. When I last wrote to you, I had asked for help in replacing our leaking windows at St. Anne's Center. Donors promised to match up to

## Please join us for Life Choices' Celebration

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

**In the Riverview Banquet Center**

**Bloomsbury, NJ**

**Doors open at 6PM**

**Keynote Speaker will be  
Father John Maria Devaney**

**Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert  
with the best of company!**

**Registration is required**





***Thank you for all of your generous support and prayers!***

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE SUCH AN AWESOME DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES**

\$70,000. I asked you to meet that challenge. Well, what a blessing it is to be able to say that we surpassed the match raising an additional \$35,000 for a total of \$175,000. We are awaiting a response to a grant proposal before work can begin. Please keep praying. If we receive the grant funds we will have all the funds required for this expensive but necessary project. Without the grant, we will begin work, but will need to do some sections at a later time. Please keep praying! I hope that I will have news by the time we gather for the Banquet.



**Every Child is full  
of God-given,  
awesome potential.**

**Please help us to  
reach more women  
with more life-  
saving services!**

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**Register for Life Choices' Banquet**

Send completed form to:

**Life Choices, Inc.  
411 S. Main Street  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865**

**Or email:  
joan@lifechoicesonline.org**

Thursday June 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# of persons \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I regret that I cannot attend.

I am enclosing a donation to support the work  
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## **Faith Formation 2023-2024 REGISTRATION GRADES K-10**

**Registration for Faith Formation classes is OPEN!**

**The Faith Formation Team is delighted to welcome our families to register for another year of faith, fun and friendship!**

**Class registration is now open for grades Kindergarten through 10th grade for the 2023-24 calendar year.**

**Early Bird Tuition Rates available through June 15th**

**Registration link is on  
our website:  
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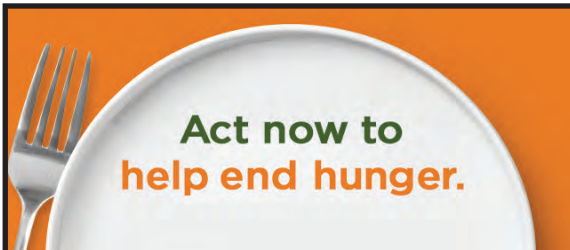
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