



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 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:** Bill DeVizio, Greg Szpunar, Dave Galdi

**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:

**Sunday EARLY AM 8:50am-10:15am**

Grades K, 1 & 2

**Sunday AM 9:00am-11:15am \*includes 9am Mass**

Grades 1 - 6

**Sunday PM 4:45pm-7:15pm \*includes 6pm Mass**

Grades 2 through YEAR 1 Confirmation

**Sunday LATE PM 6:00pm-8:15pm \*includes 6pm Mass**

YEAR 2 Confirmation and High School Confirmation

### 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)

## 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 Wieczorek	(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

### JUNE, THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART



Last Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast has more than one origin. One is that Jesus conversed with St. Juliana of Cornillon in the early thirteenth century and asked her to appeal to the Pope to create a new feast calling for adoration of Jesus in this sacrament. This adoration is meant to make reparation to Jesus for the sins of the world. Another is that a Eucharistic miracle took place in Bolsena in Italy in 1263 that would also encourage this same pope, Pope Urban IV, to initiate this devotion and feast in many dioceses of the world.

Many other Eucharistic miracles have taken place in the near 2,000 years since the institution of this great sacrament at the Last Supper. Notably, many of these miracles have involved a consecrated host becoming visibly what it is in essence, the flesh of Jesus. It is also worthy of note that the flesh of Jesus in these miracles is always from a particular part of His body, namely, from the left ventricle of His heart. The left ventricle is the portion of the heart that sends oxygenated blood through the body to give the body life. How appropriate it is that we would receive from Jesus a portion of His most life-giving flesh.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please pay special notice to the fact that the host that we receive at Mass is composed of flesh from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Heart of Jesus gives us life. The Heart of Jesus is also what is meant to direct our love and our lives. "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you." "May the Heart of Jesus in the most blessed sacrament be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection, at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world until the end of time. Amen."

### WELCOME JOHN PETER ZAPPE

Bishop Sweeney has assigned seminarian John Peter Zappe to St. Lawrence the Martyr Church for six weeks having started on June 5. John Peter is a native of our diocese and is from Green Twp., NJ. John Peter has completed three years of college seminary and will return to Seton Hall in the Fall. We welcome John Peter and are glad to have him with us in June and July.

God Bless.

*Father Nick*

### STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN

God took the strength of a mountain,  
 The majesty of a tree,  
 The warmth of a summer sun,  
 The calm of a quiet sea.  
 The generous soul of nature,  
 The comforting arm of night,  
 The wisdom of the ages,  
 The power of the eagle's flight.  
 The joy of a morning in spring,  
 The faith of a mustard seed,  
 The patience of eternity,  
 The depth of a family need.  
 Then God combined these qualities,  
 When there was nothing more to add,  
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
 And so, He called it ... Dad  
 - Author Unknown

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

### THOSE WHO USE ON-LINE GIVING: PLEASE NOTE

If you currently use WeShare for your weekly offering to St. Lawrence Church and are receiving donation envelopes in the mail, please contact the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 so that we can stop delivery. This also applies to envelope users who would like to switch to WeShare. Thank you for your help!



**RECENTLY JOINED  
OUR PARISH**  
**So happy to have you here!**

*Vincent & Nathalie Reilly and their  
 children Daniel and Emily of  
 Crenshaw Drive, Flanders.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023**

8:00 am - Charles Waugh  
9:00 am - Bill & Jeanne McCormick

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**

8:00 am - Jeanette Coppola  
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Lisa Peterson  
7:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Justin Steven

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023**

8:00 am - Michael Zonfrillo III  
9:00 am - Catherine Geremia

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Sue Sinclair  
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Anna Innis  
- Spec. Int. of Thomas Purcell

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Joe Staigar  
9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023**

9:00 am - Kathleen Agnes Minicus  
5:00 pm - Mary Forkell  
- Vincent Infinito

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023**

7:30 am - Spec. Int. of Lori Rotter  
9:00 am - Joseph DiFranco  
- Carol Aschoff  
11:00 am - Patty Shields  
- John Gaffney  
- For the People of the Parish  
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory  
6:00 pm - Jose Luayon  
- Spec. Int. of Joseph DeMarzo

**MOMS AND TOTS GROUP RESUMING**

If you're a mom, dad, grandparent, or caregiver looking for a playgroup for your toddlers where you can connect with others in the same situation, St. Lawrence Church will be resuming the Moms and Tots program weekly in the Church Hall.

Many long-term relationships were established as a result of past participation in the program. **In order to resume, we are looking for 2-3 volunteers who would be willing to assist with setting up toys and greeting attendees. If you're interested, please contact Deacon Bill ([deviziob@gmail.com](mailto:deviziob@gmail.com) or 732-236-3361).**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND****Collection for the Church in Latin America**

Your generosity supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean including disaster relief to rebuild hurricane-damaged chapels in Nicaragua, youth ministry in Haiti, diocesan missionary efforts in Cuba, and seminary studies in Paraguay.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.



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

Bring your prayers for healing.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS****RESPECT LIFE EVENTS**

**June 24: Rally for Life** in Trenton at Statehouse annex beginning at 11 AM to 1 PM.

**June 29: Life Choices Celebration.** Please see the separate signup announcement in the bulletin.

**SCHEDULED PILGRIMAGES**

**July 22:** Visit **Padre Pio Shrine** in Barto, PA.

**August 13:** Visit **Blue Army Shrine** in Washington, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will be the keynote speaker.

**August TDB:** Trip to **Sights & Sound Theater** in Lancaster, PA to see the biblical story of **Moses** on stage.

**October 5 to 6:** Visit **Divine Mercy Shrine** in Stockbridge, MA. Deacon Greg will be our Spiritual Director.

For more information or questions, contact Marie Holl at [marieholl@comcast.net](mailto:marieholl@comcast.net) or 908-876-3488.



**RECENTLY BAPTIZED**  
**May God hold you always in the palm of His hand.**

*Addison Teresa and Theodore  
Francesco Ferriere, children of  
Eric & Alexandra Ferriere of  
Pleasant Hill Road, 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 June 11, 2023 \$ 9,677.00**

**Tithing Income for June 12, 2022 \$13,597.00**

**WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE****Morris Catholic Baseball Clinic**

Morris Catholic is hosting an open clinic for baseball players of all skill levels entering grades 6-8. Clinic days will be on the following Mondays: June 19, July 10, and July 17 and will be 5:00-6:30 PM each day. Come see what it's like to play baseball at Morris Catholic. To sign up or for more information, visit [queensmenbaseball.org](http://queensmenbaseball.org).



# STELLAR VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26-30

• K-6th: 9am-12noon

Preschool Age 3-4: 9:15am-11:45am

Camp Registration is OPEN!

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## Gospel Today

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 9:36–10:8

Jesus knew that many people were troubled, so He sent His disciples out to help. He gave the twelve the power to cure the sick and proclaim, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is near.' Jesus told them, "The gift you have received, give as a gift."

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As you go,  
proclaim this  
message: 'The  
Kingdom of Heaven  
has come near.'

MATTHEW 10:7



## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right,  
up, down or diagonally.

Jesus  
Shepherd  
People  
Crowds  
Leadership  
Compassion  
Harvest  
Plentiful  
Workers  
Instructions  
Twelve  
Disciples  
Power  
Heal  
Lost  
Sheep  
Proclaim  
Message  
Teach  
Kingdom  
Heaven  
Freely  
Received  
Give  
Gift

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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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Join St. Lawrence Parish

## Moses at Sight & Sound Theatre

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

### FAR FROM PERFECT, YET CLOSE TO GOD.

From the banks of the Nile River to the depths of the Red Sea, MOSES is a spectacular entertainment experience for the whole family! Set adrift as a baby, he is an unlikely hero — until God calls him to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Journey with Moses as he ventures through the wilderness, encounters God at the burning bush, and ascends to the top of Mount Sinai. Experience one of the Bible's most epic stories as MOSES comes to life with massive sets, special effects, and live animals in this original stage

#### Details

**Departs:** St. Lawrence Church, Chester at 7:30 am

**Returns:** Approximately 6:30 pm

**Meal:** Bird-in-Hand Restaurant Smorgasbord at 2:00 pm

**\$155.00 per person**

**Make checks payable to St. Lawrence Parish  
and give to Marie Holl or the church.**

St. Lawrence Parish  
contact info:

Marie 908-876-3488  
marieholl@comcast.net

*Cancellation policy:*

*non-refundable after July 7, 2023 unless ticket is re-sold.*



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### St. Lawrence Sight & Sound "Moses" - Tuesday, August 22, 2023

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*Make checks paya-  
ble and mail to:*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*St Lawrence Parish  
375 Main St  
Chester, NJ 07930*

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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