



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 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:

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:

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

Parish Web Site: 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 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

THE SAINT LAWRENCE THE MARTYR PASTORAL ADVISORY BOARD



This coming Tuesday, our parish Pastoral Advisory Board, aka PAB, will meet. The PAB is a consultative group, not a decision-making body. The PAB has several purposes. One is to help the pastor to make good decisions. The pastor brings to the attention of the board members what is happening in parish life so that he can hear their thoughts and seek their wisdom. For example, we are currently trying to re-open the Barn Ministry in the parish and need to come to a resolution about the furniture for Haiti that is stored there. I will ask the Board members for their thoughts on how to transport the furniture to our sister parish in Dufailly, Haiti, or at least to remove it from the Barn. We will also discuss the US Bishops request that the US Church engage in a Eucharistic Revival. Other subjects will be discussed, too, on Tuesday.

The PAB is also a place where the pastor can inform the members about various initiatives in parish life and discuss them with the members. A number of initiatives have begun since the Board last met. The makeup of the Board is meant to represent the composition of our community. We try to have representatives from the long time parishioners, from the immigrant population, from the young families, from the young adults, and from different age groups. The PAB is also a forum where the members' concerns can be discussed. The Board tries to meet four times per year and membership is by appointment of the pastor.

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, Lillian Ehrenbeck, Kazimierz Cwalinski, Savia Gioraia, Joe Staigar, Patty Desmaris, Edward Stone, Sue Sinclair, Anna Innis, Allie Kramer, Lisa Peterson, Sue Sinclair, Anna Innis, Addison Moke

RECENTLY JOINED THE PARISH Welcome!



Victor & Nelida Carrera and their son Victor of Hillside Road, Chester.

Gregory & Kristen Lowe and their children Vincent and Gabriella of Fairmount Avenue, Chester.

Daniel & Tiffany Hudspith and their daughter Savannah of East Valley Brook Road, Long Valley.

Francisco Godinez & Brenda Chavez and their children Francisco and Brenda of Oakwood Village, Flanders.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023**

8:00 am - John Gaffney

9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

8:00 am - Robert Allatta

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Anna Innis

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

8:00 am - Albert Senger

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Joe Staigar

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Lisa Peterson

9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

- Kerry McElwain

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Andria Tusa

9:00 am - Spec. Int. Sue Sinclair

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023

9:00 am - John Gaffney

5:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Chrissy Limetti

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

7:30 am - Theodore & Heidi Wenz

9:00 am - For protection of Unborn & their Families

- Ted Voyce

- Spec. Int. of Kazimierz Cwalinski

11:00 am - William Basso, Jr.

- Catherine Basso

12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish

6:00 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

A NOTE FROM DEACON DAVE

Dear St. Lawrence Parish Community,

Thank you. I am overwhelmed by the response of our parish community over the past five years during my journey toward diaconal ordination. I cannot express my heartfelt thanks for everything that you've done as your constant encouragement, support and prayers have sustained me during this time and are most appreciated. I pray for God's grace to allow me to serve our parish with humility and vigor and may all His gifts be offered in service to the glory of God. Amen!

Faithfully in Christ,

Deacon Dave

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

Bring your prayers for healing.
 All are welcome!

ENEMIES AND NEIGHBORS

*The Bible tells us to love our neighbors
 and also to love our enemies,
 probably because they are generally the same people.*

~ G. K. Chesterton

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 18, 2023 **\$15,184.00**

Tithing Income for June 19, 2022 **\$10,436.00**

From Father Nick: "Thank you for your faithfulness to making a return to the Lord for all that He has done for you!"

From a Parishioner of St. Helena Parish in Blue Bell, PA: "We are thankful for the blessings we receive from God and feel honored to be giving Him something in return."

A MAGICAL EFFECT

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

~ John Quincy Adams

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The **Catholic Communications Campaign** engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Paterson Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Thank you for your generosity. Your support helps spread the gospel message.

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 or 732-236-3361).**

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

October 5-6: 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 or 908-876-3488.



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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Name(s): _____

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Address: _____

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375 Main St
Chester, NJ 07930*

_____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

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DOLLY'S TRAVELING ROSARY

The St. Lawrence Rosary Society honored Our Blessed Mother throughout the month of May by continuing their tradition for "Dolly's Traveling Rosary". The women meet at nine fellow Rosarians' homes to pray the Rosary together and ask for Our Blessed Mother's assistance and intercession for our various intentions including for our families, friends, protecting the unborn, the Church, and peace in our country and the world. Together we found comfort in praying together and rejoiced in the sisterhood of the Rosary family.





Congratulations
to our
Confirmation Candidates

On Friday, June 23rd, 54 candidates received the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Join us as we continue to pray for them as they continue their journey as strong disciples of Christ.



<i>Ella Allert</i>	<i>Luke Giannattasio</i>	<i>Max Miller</i>
<i>Lexi Alofs</i>	<i>Arianna Held</i>	<i>Owen Murphy</i>
<i>Jasmine Amin</i>	<i>Melissa Hernandez</i>	<i>Tommy Murphy</i>
<i>Ava Berrios</i>	<i>Margo Higgins</i>	<i>Collin Pajunas</i>
<i>Victoria Bono</i>	<i>Gabriella Katsigiannis</i>	<i>Makena Pajunas</i>
<i>Kelsey Burke</i>	<i>Amanda Katz</i>	<i>Michael Panolo</i>
<i>Vanessa Castro-Salazar</i>	<i>Emma Kessler</i>	<i>Victor Prignano</i>
<i>Luke Cespedes</i>	<i>Ryder Korczukowski</i>	<i>Rocco Racciopi</i>
<i>Joseph Compel</i>	<i>Brayden LaFronz</i>	<i>Lily Raudabaugh</i>
<i>Caylee Connors</i>	<i>Dominic Landolfi</i>	<i>Hunter Relton</i>
<i>Sydney Cooke</i>	<i>Niko Laoutaris</i>	<i>Meghan Rodas</i>
<i>Xavier Cresti</i>	<i>Liliana Laoutaris</i>	<i>Makayla Ryan</i>
<i>Sophia Cuihfo</i>	<i>Matthew Macias</i>	<i>William Schwartz</i>
<i>Shane Dressel</i>	<i>Brielle Magrini</i>	<i>Kathleen Tusa</i>
<i>Nicholas Drew</i>	<i>Victoria Maher</i>	<i>Kayla Vanko</i>
<i>Thomas Duffy</i>	<i>Aideen Manning</i>	<i>Andy Villani Gonzalez</i>
<i>Gianna Ferrugio</i>	<i>Gabriel McGurk</i>	<i>Ava Weah</i>
<i>Nicholas Ferrugio</i>	<i>Emma McNeil</i>	<i>Talon Wehmeyer</i>



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