



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## SUNDAY, JULY 2, 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 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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### JULY, THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS



I remember many years ago attending to a family who had experienced a horrific tragedy. I had been called to anoint the body of a woman who had been knifed by a crazed man. The woman had been attacked while she was in bed. When I arrived, I saw that her bed and pillow were soaked with her blood. The police were at the crime scene when I arrived and one police officer was tossing the pillow in the trash with a careless remark about the pillow. He said, "What is this s---?" After he tossed away the blood-soaked pillow, the daughter of the deceased woman chastised him for his choice of words about her mother's pillow. I remember thinking that an element in the daughter's sensitivity was that the pillow was soaked with her dear mother's blood. Clearly the blood of the mother and her pillow were sacred to the daughter.

In the movie, the "Passion of the Christ" by Mel Gibson, there is a moving scene in which the wife of Pontius Pilate brings linens to our Blessed Mother so that Mary could wipe up the precious blood of her dear son from the pavement upon which he had been scourged. The blood of a loved one is a sacred relic. And so, it surely is with the Precious Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ! You and I are washed clean with the blood of the Lamb.

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, Antonia Phillips, Byron Collins

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023**

8:00 am - Mildred Cook

9:00 am - Mary Sanders

**TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023**

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dorothy Connington

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023**

8:00 am - Jean Allatta

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Sue Sinclair

9:00 am - Kerry McElwain

**FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023**

8:00 am - Mary Gatti

9:00 am - Carole Wallace

**SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023**

9:00 am - Fred Canzano

5:00 pm - Richard Boye

- Donald Buck

- Spec. Int. of Metzler Family

**SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023**

7:30 am - Helen Fisher

9:00 am - John Gaffney

- Arthur DelColliano

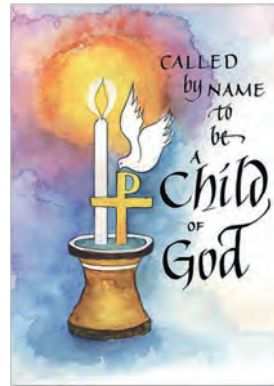
11:00 am - John Gaffney

- Spec. Int. of Porras-Guzman Family

- Spec. Int. of Guzman-Barrantes Family

12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

*Octavia Lane Olcese, daughter  
of John & De'Anna Olcese of  
The Trail, Hackettstown.*

*Jaimie Lucia Gonabe, daughter  
of Patrick & Jhenny Gonabe of  
Lee Court, Flanders.*

**RECENTLY JOINED  
THE PARISH**

*Terry & Leila  
McSweeney and their  
son Oliver of  
Daly Road, Far Hills.*

**A PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me...And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."**

How frequently in the Church we find the word 'receive' to describe important moments. We receive communion and confirmation, we receive absolution and anointing of the sick. It almost seems like a passive moment. Yet Jesus speaks of an action which describes our life, to give only a cup of cold water.

As we give and as we accept, we are drawn closer to the Lord. The reward is God's grace to live with Him. Grace is the life of God, not merited, offered to us as a gift, and accepted. We move from receiving to acting as a true disciple.

In this time when we buy bottled water while others are deprived of good clean water, may we use the message of Jesus to discover how we can give Him to others as a cup of water, as a cup of kindness, as a cup of care and concern. There is definitely a reward.

**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 25, 2023** **\$10,744.00**

Tithing Income for June 26, 2022 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\*Amount unavailable at time of bulletin printing.

**A Word from Father Nick:** "Thank you for your offerings made last weekend. I appreciate your sacrifices and your efforts to be faithful to God's Word!"

**A Testimony from a Parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Lewiston, PA:** "My parents always used the Holy Family as their model. Their example led me to believe and feel this is right — this is what Jesus, Mary and Joseph did. Knowing that God's direction is leading me in tithing is exciting to me."

*With God*  
**ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**



**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!



## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The St. Lawrence Social Justice Ministry participated in an Ecumenical celebration with several local churches and civic leaders to commemorate this Federal Holiday at the Gazebo on Main Street in Chester. Juneteenth is the symbolic date representing African American Freedom in the United States. Many parishioners from St. Lawrence Church were in attendance and the Social Justice Ministry expresses their appreciation for the support.



# Padre Pio Shrine Visit

111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

Saturday, July 22, 2023



**10 - 10:30 am:** Arrival, welcome, restrooms

**10:30 - 11:30 am:** Mass by Fr. Nick

**11:30 am - 12:30 pm:** Daily Rosary followed by veneration of Padre Pio's glove (After the daily Rosary, Padre Pio's glove is displayed for all who want to approach it, touch it or say a short prayer.)

**12:30 - 1:30 pm:** Lunch. There is a picnic area that we are welcome to use or you can pre-order a lunch. If you are interested in pre-ordering, please contact Concetta at 610-750-4552.

**1:30 - 2 pm:** Tour of Our Lady of Grace Chapel and Spirituality Center

**2 - 2:30 pm:** Film on Padre Pio and the Calandra family (our founders), Q&A

**2:30 pm:** Departure, tour of museum and gift shop

**Carpools are being formed.**

**Please indicate your interest by contacting**

**Marie at 908.876.3488 or [marieholl@comcast.net](mailto:marieholl@comcast.net).**





Join St. Lawrence Parish

**Moses**  
at  
**Sight & Sound Theatre**  
**Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

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**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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375 Main St  
Chester, NJ 07930*

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

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

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

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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.**



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