



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 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 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](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 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

### SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA AND PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE



The Jesuits are known by many people for their colleges, like Georgetown, Loyola, Boston College, the University of San Francisco, Creighton, Saint Louis University and many others. The founder of the Jesuits was St. Ignatius of Loyola.

St. Ignatius of Loyola made great contributions to the life of the Catholic Church. One such contribution is Ignatian Discernment. Another is a method for praying with the Bible. I would like to say a little about his prayer with the Bible.

Jesus and the Eucharist should be at the center of our lives. Part of placing Jesus at the center is to converse with Him every day. Reading the Bible in the context of praying helps us to converse with Jesus. St. Ignatius suggested that when we read the Gospels, we place ourselves in the scene described in the Gospel story. Within the scene, looking at Jesus and listening to Jesus, we aim to learn as much as we can from Him. Once we come to love Jesus, we want to follow Him and learn as much as we can from Him. Those who choose to follow Jesus are called His disciples.

The Church offers us an ancient and highly effective way to converse with Jesus using the Bible. This way or method is called *Lectio Divina*. *Lectio* is generally described as having four parts. The first part is to read the Bible story. It is generally suggested that we read the passage two times. The second part is to meditate on the passage. Meditating here means thinking about what Jesus is saying to us personally through the passage. In this second part, we can apply the method of St. Ignatius to our advantage. The third part is to converse with Jesus about what we have heard Him say. And the fourth part is to try to retain and apply what we have learned. Conversing with Jesus allows us to become more like him, to truly be in His image and likeness.

Conversing with Jesus while using a Bible passage helps us to become more like Jesus and to grow closer to Him. We priests and deacons and some others, too, would be happy to help you to learn to pray with the Bible.

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, Savia Gioraia, Joe Staigar, Patty Desmaris, Edward Stone, Sue Sinclair, Anna Innis, Allie Kramer, Lisa Peterson, Sue Sinclair, Anna Innis, Addison Moke, Byron Collins, Jeanne Rodzinka

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023**

8:00 am - Jean Brown  
9:00 am - Phyllis Tscherne

**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023**

8:00 am - Don Freeman  
9:00 am - Michael, Tommy & Peter Donohue  
7:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Justin Steven

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023**

8:00 am - Pasquale Maiello, Jr.  
9:00 am - Conrad Spring

**THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023**

8:00 am - Rose Coppola  
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Robert Farbanish

**FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023**

8:00 am - Antonia Phillips  
9:00 am - Samuel & Adelaide Vezzosi

**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023**

9:00 am - Carole Wallace  
5:00 pm - William Begley  
- Donald Buck

**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023**

7:30 am - For the People of the Parish  
9:00 am - John Gaffney  
- Barbara Whalen  
11:00 am - Edward & Eleanor Boyle  
- John Boyle  
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory  
6:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Betty Ann Spring

**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! It is greatly appreciated.

**SCHEDULED PILGRIMAGES**

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

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

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

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

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



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

**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 July 9, 2023	\$9,036.00
Tithing Income for July 3, 2022	\$8,460.00

**Thanks from Father Nick:** "I thank you for your regular offerings to God!"

**A Testimony from a Member of Holy Name Parish in Harrisburg, PA:** "As I think about tithing, I see how much more I need God and want to give Him more of myself."

**LOCATING MASS FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS**

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to locate Mass times and information for Catholic churches around the world.

**WELCOME LITTLE CHRISTIAN**

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart." -Jeremiah 1:5*

Amelia Christine Castor,  
daughter of Joe & Ashtin Castor  
of Aspen Drive, Chester.

**WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE****The St. Luke Catholic Preschool**

Accepting registrations for 2023-2024 school year.  
Call to make an appointment to visit; 908-876-3515, Ext. 41  
Forms can be accessed on the St. Luke website at [www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com)  
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**Friday, September 8, 2023**

7 - 9:30 pm  
St. Gerard Church  
501 W. Broadway, Paterson  
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**Trauma-Informed Care in Ministry Certification Workshop**

**Saturday, September 23, 2024**

8 am - 6:30 pm  
St. Ann Church  
781 Smith Road, Parsippany  
Harvard Public Health Magazine (Fall 2021) referred to our times as "The Age of Trauma." This certification workshop is for all staff and ministry leaders helping you to understand trauma and how people heal from these wounds so that our parishes, schools, and institutions can be places of encounter with the healing love of Jesus Christ. \$35pp - Register online <https://rcdop.org/healing-ministries-workshop>.



# Padre Pio Shrine Visit

111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

Saturday, July 22, 2023



**7:45 am:** Meet in St. Lawrence Church parking lot for **8 am departure.**

**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. **Please bring your own lunch and drinks.**

**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).**

# < KID'S > KORNER

**Gospel Today | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:1-23**

Jesus uses parables or comparison stories to preach to the people the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Read the sentence then use the bold letters to fill in the blanks below.*

When the Word of God is **p**lanted in our hearts, we are nourished and strengthened **b**y His **l**ove, similar to **s**eeds planted in rich soil.

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ is a story that is told using comparisons.

Look around at all the beautiful summer flowers. We see them in gardens, hanging planters, in pots on front steps, growing wild along highways and fields. All these flowers need good rich soil to grow in. Our faith in God can grow in our hearts, as beautiful as the flowers around us! We just need to ask Jesus to come and take root, and allow His love to blossom within us and spread that love to others.

*Color these flowers and add your own...*





YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS

# LET THERE BE LIGHT

*Talk on the compatibility of faith and  
science*

Speaker :

Deacon Gregory Szpunar

Place: Parish Center Room 12

Date: On Saturday, July 29th

Time: 6:30 pm

Welcome!

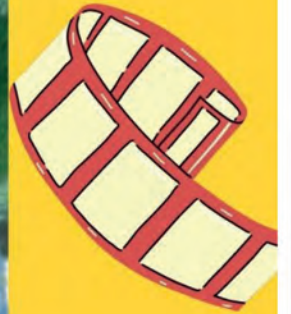
*Weather permitting will be have a telescope*



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# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4**

**PLEASE BRING CHAIRS AND/OR  
BLANKETS TO SIT ON**



**START AT 7:30 PM IN THE  
PARKING LOT**

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