



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 Wiczorek	908-397-5986	Rosary Society	Marie Holl	908-876-3488
Good Samaritans	Patsy Soden	908-879-3374	Spanish Ministry	Louis Villafane	646-895-2753
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

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CARRY ABOUT THE DYING OF JESUS?



In his second letter to the Corinthians, in the fourth chapter, chapter 10, St. Paul writes, "I continually carry about in my body the dying of Jesus." This line has a rich meaning. St. Paul refers to the dying of Jesus and we know that Jesus died to save us. It cost Jesus a great deal to save us from our sins and their consequences. In His passion, Jesus suffered greatly. As we try to bring others to faith in Jesus, we know that it can require much effort and suffering at times, too. This is one meaning of 1 Corinthians 4:10.

Another meaning of carrying about in our bodies the dying of Jesus is the "purgative stage" of the ascent to full union with God. The three persons of God live in full union with each other. In God's plan, He is inviting us all to seek full union with Him, too. Sin stands in the way of union with God. The saints report that the first stage of seeking full union with God is the purgative stage. In this stage, we seek to overcome our sins. We seek to put them to death. Destroying our sins is a way to understand "carrying about in our bodies the dying of Jesus." This purgative stage requires an ongoing effort and attention. We must remain faithful to our daily prayer time. We need the strength and grace that God gives us during prayer time to succeed in our journey to full union with God.

God bless.

Father Nick

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 13-4, 2023

Looking to ignite your spiritual life or desire a closer relationship with God? We urge you to consider participating in this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. One-day or two-day trip options available. The trip includes transportation, two meals including the banquet, overnight accommodations at the Westin Hotel in Virginia, and spiritual visits to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Included will be daily Masses for Friday and Saturday, confession, devotional time, and a lot more. Please contact the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office at 973-827-8030 or pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org. Signup sheets are available in the church and Parish Center.

GOLD AND SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Couples, were you married in 1973 or 1998? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60th, 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this occasion to be held **Sunday, November 12, at 3:00 pm.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 or kjaworski@stlchester.org. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 11.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Urogovitch, 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, Addison Moke, Byron Collins, Tony Mangione, Justin Steven, William Mullane

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023**

8:00 am - Mary Elizabeth Domejka
 9:00 am - Conrad & Anna Spring
 7:00 pm - Antonio Garro Mora

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

8:00 am - Derrick Lee
 9:00 am - Sarah Razzino

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Lee Family
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Jesse Diaz

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

8:00 am - Maryann Gorman
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Joe Staigar

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Tony Mangione
 5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish
 - Filomena Ferrara

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

7:30 am - Spec. Int. of Farbanish Family
 9:00 am - John Gaffney
 11:00 am - C. Alan Trent
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
 6:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Dorothy Connington

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 August 13, 2023 **\$12,995.00**

Tithing Income for August 14, 2022 \$ _____ *

**Amount unavailable at time of bulletin printing.*

From Father Nick: "Thank you for your generous offerings this past Sunday!"

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



SUMMER FOOD DRIVE
Ends today, August 20

Please leave donations in bins in front of church or on bench in Church Hall. For Chester/Mendham and Long Valley Food Pantries. Thank you for your support!

Requested items:

Paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, laundry detergent, crackers, peanut butter, jelly (grape and strawberry), snack bars, pancake mix, syrup, pasta, jar sauce, rice, mustard, canned chili and stew, Spaghettios, cooking oil, drinks, juices, coffee. (Not needed: canned soups / vegetables)



ST. LAWRENCE CYO BASKETBALL
Registrations accepted through
September 1 for 2023-24 season

Program available for St. Lawrence parishioners (boys and girls) in grades 3 - 8. Season starts mid-November and runs through early February with practices on Friday and games on Sunday.

To register, please visit https://stlchester.demosphere-secure.com/_registration.

Program questions: Karen Prignano, Athletic Director, klprignano@gmail.com

Registration questions: Danielle Wehmeyer, 908-361-0724 or rwehmeyer9@gmail.com

THINK LESS. PRAY MORE.**PLAY GROUP ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

Play Group begins October 2, 2023.

Meets Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 - 12 noon



The St. Lawrence Church Play Group for four year-olds is recruiting classroom assistants for its program ministering to the Spanish speaking families in our parish. Spanish speaking children are taught the English language, socialization, reading readiness, and math literacy skills in the year before they attend Kindergarten. **Classroom assistants do not require teaching skills or knowledge of Spanish, but will interact with the children with arts and crafts projects, reading to the children, and general classroom assistance.** Come join us in a truly joyful ministry. **If you are interested, please call Marilyn Carnicelli at 908-812-7738.**

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

NEXT HEALING MASS
Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 pm
Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm

STAY HUMBLE.

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

Lyla Claire Pasierski, daughter
of Adam & Laraine Pasierski of
North Road, Chester.

Meelah Motsch, daughter of
Peter & Disnalda Motsch of
Winchester Terrace, Randolph.



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