



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 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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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 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

Parish Web Site: www.stlchester.org

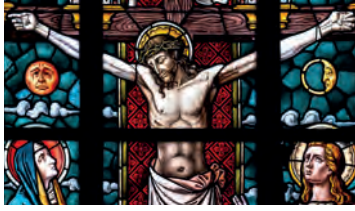
Parish Ministries and Ministry Facilitators

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 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

THE POWER OF THE CROSS TO TOUCH THE HEART



This past Sunday, a group of parishioners and I listened to a teaching by Eileen George about meditating on the cross of Jesus. She guided us in her recorded teaching to consider the crown of thorns on His head, the wounds in His hands, the wounds in His feet, and the large wound in His side. She guided us to recall the great pain He endured for us. She led us to pray with her to Him to ask for His forgiveness. After all, He would not have suffered so much if we had never sinned. Please recall that He died to save us from our sins.

As we meditate on the passion and the death of Jesus, we are touched by the great love that He demonstrated on Calvary. Our recognition of that great love moves us to true sorrow for our sins and moves us to repentance. Please recall that our repentance is necessary for His saving grace to be effective for us. Meditation on the suffering and death of Jesus is great source of Jesus' saving grace. Please make time to meditate on His passion and death. Please take time to look at the crucifix!

The crucifix is a wonderful sacramental. Please have the cross on display in your homes. There should be one in every bedroom. It would be great to display the cross in the living areas, too.

God bless.

Father Nick



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

The Good Samaritans delivered the food collection to the Long Valley and Chester/Mendham food pantries.

They both appreciate our support.

Thank you again for your generous donations!



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OCTOBER 13-14, 2023

There is still time to sign up.

Contact Marie Holl at marieholl@comcast.net.

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. Signup sheets are available in the church and Parish Center. One or two-day trip options available.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

8:00 am - Dave Gibson
9:00 am - Sue Redmond

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

8:00 am - Mary Elizabeth Domejka
9:00 am - Pasquale Maiello, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

8:00 am - George V. Coppola
9:00 am - Phyllis Tscherner

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

8:00 am - Greg English
9:00 am - Stella Angelica

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am - Fio Angelica

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

9:00 am - Anna Hoffman
5:00 pm - Mary Elizabeth Domejka

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

7:30 am - For the People of the Parish
9:00 am - Spec. Int. for Protection of Unborn & their Families
11:00 am - Alan Trent
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
6:00 pm - Bill Davis

WORRY

is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.

PRAYER

is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.

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 20, 2023 \$ 9,955.00
Tithing Income for August 21, 2022 \$13,592.00



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



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

RCIA

Faith is a Journey

Pope Francis said that Faith "takes the form of a journey, a path to be followed which begins with an encounter with the living God."

Are you:

- A person who has **not been baptized**, but recognizes a need for spirituality in life?
- A **baptized Christian of another denomination** who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic Church?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has **not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation** and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?
- **Married to a Catholic and attend Mass**, but don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?

For more information, please contact Father Nick at 908-879-5371 or email at nbozza@stlchester.org.

The first meeting is Sunday, September 17, at 12 noon in the Parish Center.

NEXT HEALING MASS

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



MOMS & TOTS PLAY GROUP Will begin again in September!

The group is comprised of parents (and/or grandparents/guardians) and their children, ages newborn to pre-K, and provides an opportunity for socializing, companionship, fellowship, and support. Our mission today is the same as it was in the past -- to create a welcoming, fun and wholesome opportunity for parents, grandparents and guardians and their tots to interact with each other and to meet new people who share similar values.

The play group is free and parent-run. The group will begin on September 13 and will meet every Wednesday from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the Church Hall (beneath the church). Play group consists of approximately one hour of free play followed by some organized activity such as songs, Play Doh or parachute time. Light snacks will be provided by participants on a volunteer basis.

Please call the Parish Office (908-879-5371) or Deacon Bill (732-236-3361) to register. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!



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