



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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

WELCOME, SR. MARIE!

This past Tuesday, Sr. Marie Luu, SCC, joined our Faith Formation staff and we are blessed to have her. Sister Marie, as she likes to be called, is a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity whose mother house is in Mendham. Sister attended Assumption College for Women in Mendham. She entered the community in 1988. She has been working in education for 28 years where she has been a teacher, a principal, and a DRE. Sister has a Master's degree in educational leadership from St. Elizabeth University. Sister Marie was one of seven children, five boys and two girls, and she loves being a religious sister. I am grateful to God and sister that she is now a part of our Faith Formation staff. I hope that you get to meet her soon.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC COMMUNAL LIFE

St. Luke, an associate of St. Paul, is the author of the Acts of the Apostles. In chapter 2 of Acts, in the forty second verse, Luke indicates four key elements of building community. They are the study of the teachings of the Apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread (i.e. the Eucharist), and the prayers. These four ingredients are essential to Catholic church life.

I am grateful that we have people at St. Lawrence who are working to provide us with opportunities for all four of these elements. We have Scripture prayer groups. We have Bible study. We have Catechism lessons. We have faith formation, RCIA and ministry training.

We have an active Hospitality Community who provide us with fellowship opportunities. By the way, in September and October, we have the restart of Moms and Tots, we have a Dining with the Deacons session planned and we have a Parish Picnic to look forward to on October 1.

We have at least two celebrations of the Eucharist every day and have twenty four hours of adoration every week. We have monthly healing Masses. Our church and chapel are open most of the time so that people can make visits to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. And we have training in prayer with EC and groups that gather for the rosary and other kinds of prayer every month. It is wonderful to see that what we try to do in our parish is line with the Church from her earliest times as reported by the St. Luke, the evangelist.

Father Nick

GOLD AND SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Were you married in 1973 or 1998? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 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.



ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH WOMEN'S BOOK AND SOCIAL CLUB INVITE

The St. Lawrence Women's Book and Social Club will have our next meeting on **Friday, September 22, at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.** It is an opportunity to get together with like-minded women for social and book discussions. We hope you can join us!

MOMS & TOTS PLAY GROUP

Begins again on September 13!



The play 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. **The play group will meet every Wednesday from 9:30 - 11:30 am in the Church Hall, is free and parent-run.** It will consist of approximately one hour of free play followed by organized activities 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! We look forward to seeing you!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

8:00 am - Conrad & Anna Spring

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

8:00 am - Carmela Libero

9:00 am - Gus Jaworski, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

8:00 am - Frank Fila

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Jesse Diaz

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

8:00 am - William Pigott, Jr.

9:00 am - Stephen & Olga Farbanish

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

8:00 am - Jim Sommer

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Tony Mangione

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

9:00 am - Theodore & Heidi Wenz

5:00 pm - Jo-Ann Ambrosino

- Mary Elizabeth Domejka

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

7:30 am - Bill & Jeanne McCormick

9:00 am - Minerva Laino

- Maire Moore

11:00 am - Catherine Basso

- Stephen Patrick McCauley


- For the People of the Parish

12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm - Barbara Sutton

PARISH WOMEN INVITED

TO A CORNERSTONE BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, September 26, at 7 pm in the Church Hall


Women's Bible Study All women of the parish, including those who have not attended any previous Cornerstone events, are invited to attend an introductory meeting for a new bi-weekly Bible

study based on Women's Cornerstone. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the content and format of the study sessions while gaining input from attendees. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and re-connect with old friends! Refreshments will be served.

For more information / RSVP:

Leslie Carlucci lcarlucci@mac.com, Mary Murphy marysmurphy@comcast.net or Janet Villafane JVil-lafane60@aol.com. Walk-ins welcome!

TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING.

Tithing Income for September 3, 2023 \$11,587.00

Tithing Income for September 4, 2022 \$ _____*

*Amount unavailable at time of bulletin printing.

ARE YOU ...



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

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 nbozza@stlchester.org.

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

CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Play Group begins October 2. Meets Monday and Wednesday 9 am - 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. **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.**

NEXT HEALING MASS

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

DINING WITH THE DEACONS

Friday, September 15, at 6:30 pm



Fr. Christopher Walsh of the Philadelphia Archdiocese will give a talk entitled, "The Power of Empathy in the Gospel". A parish strives to be a loving and welcoming community. We seek to fulfill St. Paul's command to "rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12, 15) by being people with an empathy that leads us toward restorative justice. The talk will draw on the example set by Jesus and saints throughout Catholic History to set a course for today. A short discussion with a Q&A will follow dinner and Fr. Chris' presentation. Please call the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 to register.



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