



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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

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 Wiecezorek	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

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY AND THE HOLY CROSS



You may know that the Church dedicates each month to a certain element of our faith. May is the month of Mary, June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus, etc. The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary and to the Holy Cross of Jesus. The cross of Jesus and the sorrows of Mary are mysteries of sorrow, but they also fill us with hope and awe. The cross of Jesus is called in Catholic tradition the Tree of Life. In the Book of Genesis, there was a Tree of Life also. In the heart of the Kingdom of God, there is another Tree of Life and it is the cross of Jesus. The cross of Jesus makes a powerful statement to us. The cross speaks of God's love and mercy. On the cross, Jesus suffered for you and for me to save us from the punishment that we owe for our sins. The mercy of God is available to us in the Sacraments where we can meet with Jesus and receive forgiveness and grace from God. The cross is the source of our new life with Christ.

Because of her great love for her son, the Blessed Mother suffered greatly as she witnessed His suffering throughout His life, but especially in His Passion and death. The Blessed Mother, like her Son, offered her sufferings to save you and me from our sins. We are most grateful to Mary for her work of mercy and salvation!

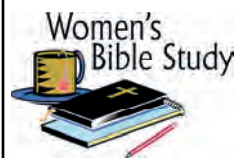
God bless.

Father Nick



ST. LAWRENCE FAMILY PICNIC ALL ARE WELCOME! *Our Parish Family Celebrates God's Love and Blessings*

Please join us as our parish community celebrates on **Sunday, October 8, after the 11:00 am bilingual (English/Spanish) Mass. The festivities begin after Mass at 12:30 pm.** There will be delicious food from many cultures, fun games and great music. Enjoy the day and meet friends — new and old. If you'd like to share some of your favorite dishes, please bring a disposable tray with your food on the day of the picnic. Salads and desserts are also needed. Please sign up on registration sheets at the entrances of the church or call the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 to register so we can estimate food/drinks needed. There is no charge to attend but a donation of \$10 per family would be appreciated if you are able to help defray costs. Hope to see you there!



PARISH WOMEN INVITED: CORNERSTONE BIBLE STUDY **Tuesday, September 26, At 7 pm in Church Hall**

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 reconnect with old friends! Refreshments will be served. Walk-ins welcome!

For more information / RSVP:

Leslie Carlucci lcarlucci@mac.com
Mary Murphy marysmurphy@comcast.net
Janet Villafane JVillafane60@aol.com

THE PATH

People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps.
—Anonymous



GOLD AND SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

8:00 am - Virginia Murphy
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Lisa Peterson

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

8:00 am - Kenneth P. McGuire
 9:00 am - Maureen Makris
 7:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Justin Steven

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 am - Tommy McPartland

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

8:00 am - Mary Elizabeth Domejka
 - Matthew Wayne Miele

9:00 am - Charles Brinamen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Leo & Denise Ryan
 (50th wedding anniversary)

9:00 am - Thiago Perin

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Gary Newkirk
 5:00 pm - Robert Meighan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

7:30 am - Spec. Int. of Tony Mangione
 9:00 am - Kazimierz Cwalinski
 - Pat Dwyer
 - Dr. Bohdan Malyk
 11:00 am - Clara & Alfred Sitarski
 - Catherine Basso
 12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish
 6:00 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory


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- Sunday, October 15
- After all Masses in Church Hall


**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.**

**OUR PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY**

Ephesians 5:19 asks us to:

"Encourage one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord".

If you feel called to help our parish family sing from the heart, won't you prayerfully consider joining one of our music ministry teams? If you play an instrument, please come and share your talents.

There are so many opportunities. Please contact Joe Tamburro at musmin58@yahoo.com or call at 347-213-0621 for additional information.

OUR BEST

*The more the world is at its worst,
 the more we need the Church at its best.*

—Anonymous

**WEEKLY ADORATION**

Our church offers Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 5 pm to Friday at 5 pm during which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Volunteers commit to taking turns being present around the clock.

We have several openings in our adoration schedule and particularly need volunteers for Thursday afternoons/evenings until Friday mornings when the sacrifice to attend is greater. You can sign up for weekly, biweekly or monthly visits. If an hour is too long for you, consider finding a friend to split the hour between the two of you. We need more volunteers to keep this ministry going.

By keeping the adoration available, we believe that as a parish and community we receive bountiful graces from heaven. Please prayerfully consider signing up. If you have any questions, please email Aga at agamcfeely@gmail.com.

ENCOURAGEMENT

*As vital as oxygen is to the body,
 so is encouragement to the soul.*

—Anonymous


**ST. LAWRENCE 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!

NEXT HEALING MASS

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

Come bring your prayers for healing.
All are welcome!



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