



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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 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

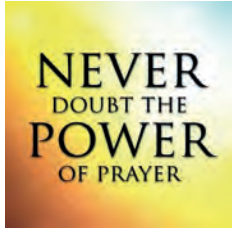
Parish Ministries and Ministry Facilitators

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	Brian Curley	908-879-2090	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

EVERYTHING CAN BE CHANGED BY PRAYER



There is a saying in Church tradition that is attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas which reads, "Everything can be changed by prayer." This past week, we heard in the news of the escalating conflict between the Palestinians and the Israelis. There is plenty of blame to measure out to both nations who have been in conflict for decades. I am fearful that this conflict in the Middle East can be a place where other powerful groups can become involved namely, Russia, China, Iraq, the Arab nations, and others. What can we do to remedy the situation in the Middle East?

The great doctor of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas, said that everything can be changed by prayer. We can pray and offer sacrifices to God. By praying and fasting, we can ask God to shower His graces on all those involved in the Middle East crisis. In this same vein, our Blessed Mother Mary has asked us when she visited the children in Fatima in 1917 to pray the rosary with her for world peace. Mary's peace plan is still valid for today. Everything can be changed by prayer. Mary's plan is a plan for the ages.

God bless.

Father Nick

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please 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, 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, Tom Johnson, Ellie Murtagh-Curlo, Walter Czajkowski, Daniel Hayden, Ralph Anderson, Patricia Gallo, Michael Leing, Florence DeMarzo, Ann Marie Albert, Brenda Reaves, Francine Stodt, Elizabeth, Madeline Clinton, Josephine, Larry Malovey, Karl Schmid, Mary Fuscaldo, Pamela Howard, John Pauciullo, 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, Leigh Maynes, Anselma Huaman, Lillian Ehrenbeck, Joe Staigar, Patty Desmaris, Edward Stone, Allie Kramer, Tracy Kramer, Lisa Peterson, Sue Sinclair, Anna Innis, Byron Collins, Tony Mangione, Justin Steven, William Mullane, William Farrell, Gwynned Kelly, Everly, Cathy Schmetter, Karen Maguire, Johnny Lam, Mila Balicki, Diane Campnelli, Rosita

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



Next Sunday, October 22, is **World Mission Sunday**. It is an effort of the entire Church to help over 1,100 dioceses that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young or actively persecuted. Missionaries are building churches, educating children and healing the wounds caused by war, cruelty, oppression, terror, and despair. With our daily prayer and generous donation, we all bear witness to the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, making Him present in every continent, country, city, family, and heart. Thank you!



DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal serves thousands of people who rely on our support. Your gift plays a vital role in the work of dozens of Catholic Charities' programs. It also supports seminarian education, Catholic urban education, Nazareth Village and retired priests' needs. In addition, each parish receives half of all funds received over their parish goals. Please join us by helping those in need throughout our diocese and supporting our own parish. Visit **www.2023appeal.org** today. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**

8:00 am - Vera Sax
9:00 am - Carl Quick

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Cathy Schmetter
9:00 am - Joyce LaPre
7:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Justin Steven

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Joe Staigar
9:00 am - Carl Paniconi

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

8:00 am - Mary Elizabeth Domejka
9:00 am - Ed Wiczorek

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

8:00 am - Olga & Stephen Farbanish
9:00 am - Anna & Conrad Spring

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

9:00 am - Mark Kanzler
5:00 pm - Christina & George Leahy
- Laura Andrusko

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

7:30 am - Matthew Wayne Miele
9:00 am - For the People of the Parish
- Marion Quinn
11:00 am - Sonja Zagar
- Beverly & Greg Pickering
- Niels & Margrit Klingenberg
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
6:00 pm - Elvidio Salierno

OCTOBER IS**RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

The St. Lawrence Rosary Society and Respect Life Ministry request our parishioners to join us at the following Right to Life Events:

October 18 at 11 am: Respect Life Rosary at Morristown Planned Parenthood

October 24 at 6:30 pm: Respect Life Movie "*Bella*" showing in Church Hall. Light refreshments will be available.

For more information: marieholl@comcast.net or 908-876-3488.

**RECENTLY JOINED THE PARISH**

Michael & Virginia Corvey and their sons Charles and Alexander of North Road, Chester.

**MOVING?****LOCAL ADDRESS CHANGE?**

Please notify the Parish Office by phone or email if you are moving or if your address has changed. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish directory up to date.

TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING.

Tithing Income for October 8, 2023	\$11,941.00
Tithing Income for October 9, 2022	\$10,785.00

Father Nick: "I thank you all for trusting the Lord and His Word as you make your offering each Sunday and your contributions to various charities."

**COAT DRIVE**

Today after all Masses

Sponsored by the Good Samaritans

All are welcome to come to the Church Hall after Mass today and select a coat (s) to take home with you.

NEXT HEALING MASS

Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 pm
Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm

Come bring your prayers for healing.
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St. Lawrence Church Hall

October 21, 2023 from 5 to 9 PM

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- . Active-Duty Military**
- . Veterans, especially Disabled Veterans**

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**Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Cookies,
Coffee, Soda
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Adults: \$17

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Kids Under 6: Free

Family Max: \$40



**Contact: Tom Rohe at trohekofc@gmail.com or at 973.479.5067
Or: Bob Holl at Rob.Holl917@gmail.com, or 908.876.3488**

Respect Life Movie Night

Showing “*Bella*”



Bella is a 2006 American drama film co-written, co-produced and directed by Alejandro Gomez Monteverde. Starring Eduardo Verastegui and Tammy Blanchard. Set in New York City, the film is about the events of one day and the impact on the characters' lives.

José works as a cook in a Mexican Restaurant. Nina, the waitress, arrives late for work the second day in a row and is fired. Watch this heartwarming story of José and Nina as they unite to deal with their personal struggles of coping with an unwanted pregnancy and past events that changed his life.

Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM
Church Hall

Light refreshments will be served.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY
ON ST. FAUSTINA'S FEAST DAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023**



PLAY GROUP 2023



PARISH PICNIC: OCTOBER 8, 2023





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