



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 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](mailto:parish@stlchester.org)

**Parish Web Site:** [www.stlchester.org](http://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

### SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

As you may know, I am leading a pilgrimage to a number of the shrines of Italy in May of 2024. I am very pleased with the itinerary and I would like to point out some of the highlights to you. We will leave New Jersey on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Our visit will begin in southern Italy where St. Padre Pio lived. We will visit his hometown and then go to his monastery and hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. Near San Giovanni, there is a mountain where St. Michael the Archangel appeared a number of times. Several popes and St. Francis visited that mountain. The next leg of our pilgrimage will be to travel from the south of Italy to Assisi. En route to Assisi, we will visit Loretto, Italy where the upper portion of Mary's Nazareth home is now located and venerated. We will spend a part of three days in Assisi. There we will visit the Basilicas of Francis and Clare and the tomb of the popular young saint, Carlo Acutis. It will be our privilege to enjoy the peace of this much loved city.

From Assisi, we will finish our pilgrimage with a few days in Rome. En route to Rome, we will visit the Church of St. Cristina, the site of the Eucharistic miracle that gave rise to the great feast of Corpus Christi. In Rome, we will visit the major basilicas, including St. Peter's, St. Paul's, Santa Maria Maggiore, St. John in Laterano, St. Lawrence the Martyr, the Holy Steps from the palace of Pontius Pilate, the tomb of St. Monica (the great patron of mothers), the Sistine Chapel, and receive the Angelus Blessing of the Holy Father. The sites that we will visit have a great deal of charm and appeal. In addition, the Italian countryside is quite lovely and Italy's cuisine is appreciated worldwide.

Pilgrimages bring us many blessings. The Masses, the teachings, the confessions, the inspiring places and saints, offer us many graces. I hope that many of our people will be blessed by these graces!

God bless.

*Father Nick*

### RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Blessings to you!



*Parker Tighe Hutchison, son of Ryan & Emily Hutchison of Frederick Place, Chester.*

*Maria Victoria Garro Calvo, daughter of Junior & Lux Garro Calvo of Houses Corner Road, Sparta.*

*Luca Julius, Alexia Victoria, and Lorenzo Charles Florio, children of Raymond & Molly Florio of Pond View Road, Chester.*



### FALL FOOD DRIVE

November 9-12

**Sponsored by Good Samaritans  
Benefits Chester and Long Valley  
Food Pantries**

**Food can be left in bins in front of  
church or on bench in Church Hall.**

What is needed:

**Ramen noodles, canned stews, canned chili, canned tuna, canned fruit, snacks for kids' lunches, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, coffee, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, cooking oil, white vinegar, pancake mix, shampoo, body wash, paper products, detergent.**

As always, thank you for your support!



### REBATE FROM 2022 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

This amount, along with the March rebate to the parish, if applicable, is 50% of the cash received through June 26 over the 2022 parish Appeal goal.

St. Lawrence Church, Chester

2022 Parish Goal: \$36,265

Cash Received as of June 26, 2023: \$157,683

March 2023 Rebate (if applicable): \$56,312

Final June 2023 Rebate (Received): \$4,398

Parishes do benefit directly from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

8:00 am - Ruben Arteaga

9:00 am - Bill &amp; Jeanne McCormick

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

8:00 am - Janet Russo

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Cathy Schmetter

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

8:00 am - Vera Sax

9:00 am - Anthony T. Wonsala

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

8:00 am - Judy Tully

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Lori Rotter

- Spec. Int. of Glen Farbanish

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023**

8:00 am - Walter Michura

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Spring family

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

9:00 am - Julio Mario de la Riva

5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

- Jack Waugh

- Charles Waugh

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

7:30 am - John Colella

9:00 am - Angie DiCicco

- Ted Vogel

11:00 am - Ann DePaola

- Tom Molnar

12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm - Lisa Carmel Hiebert

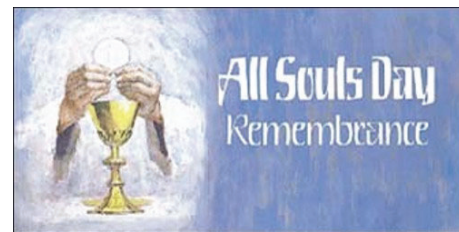
**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

You may sign the Book of Remembrance as you leave Mass in memory of your loved ones. The book will be located at the altar for all of November.

**GRATITUDE**

*Let gratitude for the past  
inspire us with trust  
for the future.*

—François Fénelon

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES**

All Souls envelopes are available at the church entrances if you wish to take one. Please write the names of your beloved departed on the lines provided. The envelopes will be placed on the altar and will remain there for the month of November, the month of all souls.

**MOVING FORWARD**

*Sometimes God takes you on a journey  
you didn't know you needed,  
to bring you everything  
you ever wanted.  
Trust the plan.*  
—Anonymous

**BARN MINISTRY UPDATE**

In order to reopen the Barn for spring of 2024, it needs a thorough cleaning from three years of disuse.

If you are willing to help, please contact the following with days and times in October/November that you are willing to work:

[cfuscaldo@comcast.net](mailto:cfuscaldo@comcast.net) OR  
[camillemcqueen4679@gmail.com](mailto:camillemcqueen4679@gmail.com)

We will organize teams of cleaners as we can. Thanks for your help in getting this ministry going again.

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

**Tuesday, November 21  
7:00 pm  
Begins with Rosary  
at 6:30 pm**

**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.

<b>Tithing Income for October 29, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 14,957.00</b>
<b>Tithing Income for October 30, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 9,566.00</b>

**WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE****Caregiver Needed**

St. Lawrence parishioner looking for experienced caregiver from evening until morning Monday through Friday. Please call Jim at 973-580-5521.

**History Instructor Needed**

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ, is searching for a history/social studies instructor for a salaried non-credit course entitled Cultural Foundations for the spring semester beginning January 8, 2024. If interested, please email resume to [academicdean@acs350.org](mailto:academicdean@acs350.org) for more information.

**St. Mark the Evangelist Annual Fall Craft Fair**

59 Spring Lane, Long Valley

**Saturday, November 18 9-4 PM** Church Hall

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For information contact: [mariannek.stm@gmail.com](mailto:mariannek.stm@gmail.com)



ST. LAWRENCE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM IS  
IN NEED OF CATECHISTS AND VOLUNTEERS.

St. Lawrence Faith Formation program's success and the future of the Church depend on the dedication of individuals in our parish who are willing to share their faith, time, and talents with our children and families.

Sharing your faith with others doesn't require being a teacher. Remember, "God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called."

With this in mind, we urge you to contemplate volunteering as a catechist, classroom aid, office, or hallway helper. By doing so, you will not only grow in your faith but also share your journey with the future of our Church.

For further information, please contact the Religious Education Office at [fft@stlchester.org](mailto:fft@stlchester.org) or call 908-879-6714, Option #4. Thank you and God bless you!



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## Gospel Today

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus told the people to listen to the good things the Pharisees say, but do not follow their example. They do not practice what they preach. The greatest on earth are those who serve others.

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**"Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled;  
but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."**

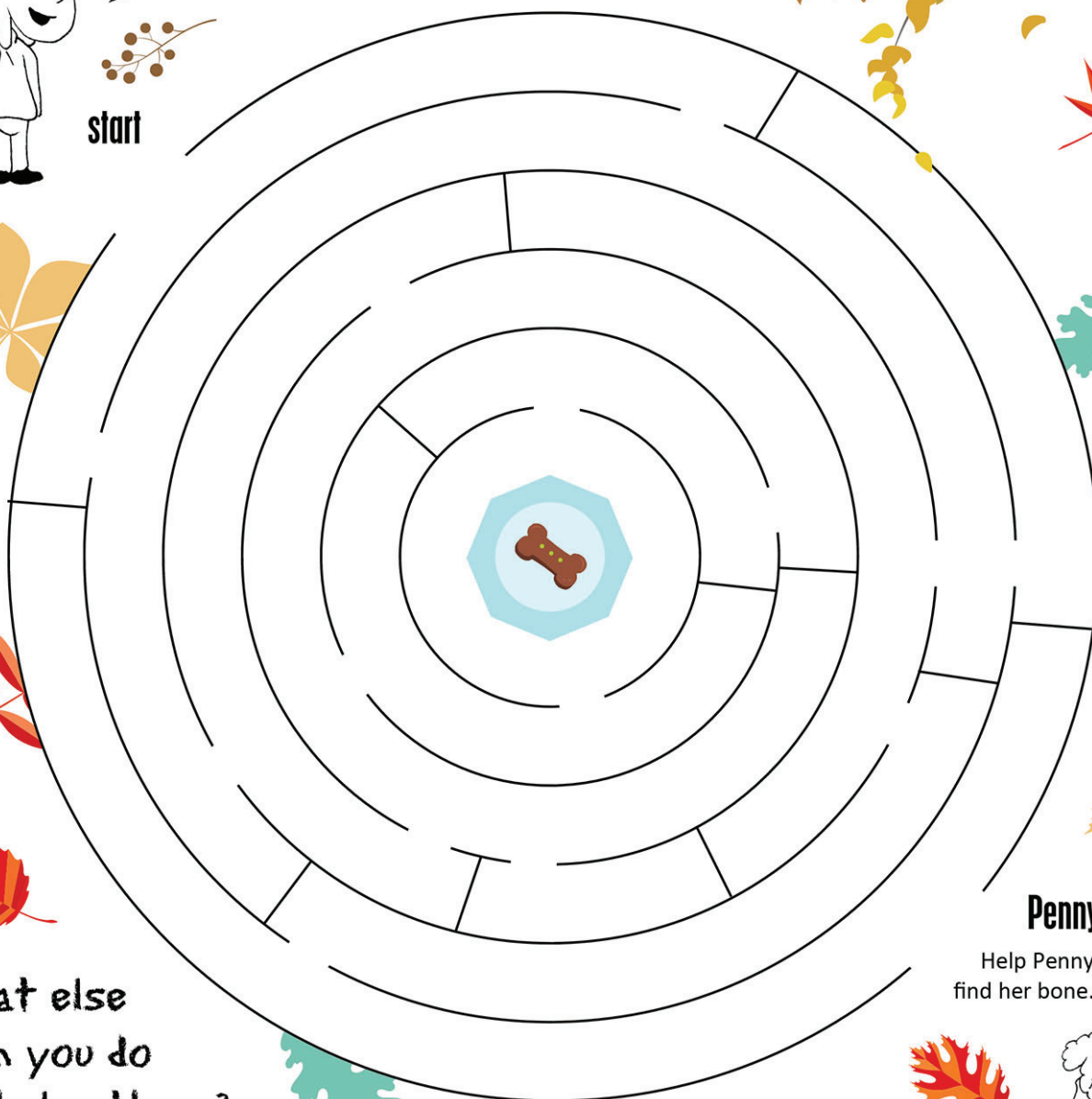
Mt 23:12



Penny,  
where  
are you!

**Help Honey find  
Penny who is lost.**

start



**What else  
can you do  
to help others?**

**Penny!**

Help Penny  
find her bone.







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