



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 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.

### Faith Formation/Religious Education:

Sr. Marie Luu — DRE, Youth Protection/Safe Environment

Dorothy Kudron (Gr. K-4), Sr. Marie Luu (Gr. 5–Confirmation)

Vimala Justin — Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**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](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	Stanley Kudron	973-464-3872
Armata Bianca	Lorna Phillips	617-538-5567	Moms & Tots	Angela Albano	908-365-4007
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	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 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 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We might ask what makes a family holy. It is a fact that only God is holy. We might call an individual holy if he or she allows God's love to be visible in them. The Holy Family was comprised of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We can call them a holy family because God's love was visible in all three of them. The love of God was apparent in Jesus because He is truly the Son of God. The love of God was apparent in Mary and Joseph because they both were faithful to God's Word and accepted and lived by the grace of God. Please make a note that the sacraments are signs instituted by God to give grace.

May we all likewise allow the love and grace of God to work in us! Happy Feast Day!

### OUR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

It is not too late to sign up for our May 2024 pilgrimage to the Catholic shrines of Italy which includes stops in Pietralcina, San Giovanni Rotondo, Loretto, Assisi, Bolsena and Rome. Seats are limited so please sign up soon. Brochures are available at the doors of the church.

God bless.

*Father Nick*

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY

**Monday, January 1**

On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's Birth was made possible by Mary's *fiat*: "Be it done unto me according to Thy word."

**Masses celebrated in the church.**

**Sunday, December 31 ..... 6 pm**

**Monday, January 1 ... 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am (English), 7 pm (Spanish)**



**MARCH FOR LIFE**  
**Friday, January 19, 2024**  
**Washington, D.C.**

*Be a voice for the unborn  
 as we march together  
 in Washington.*

The local councils of the Knights of Columbus are making provisions to provide a bus for this event. If you are interested in joining us, signup sheets will be available in the church vestibule, Church Hall, and Parish Center. Or email Bob Holl at [rholl@stlchester.org](mailto:rholl@stlchester.org) with name, email address and reach number. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 (Happy New Year!)**

7:30 am - Spec. Int. of Lori Rotter  
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Fr. John O'Connor  
 11:00 am - Spec. Int. of Cathy Schmetter  
 7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024**

8:00 am - James Ward, Jr.  
 9:00 am - Peggy Martone

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024**

8:00 am - Blanche Rapenske  
 9:00 am - Valerie Kent

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024**

8:00 am - Bernice Dube  
 9:00 am - Olivia McGuire

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024**

8:00 am - Walter Markey  
 9:00 am - Doreen Scouras

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024**

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Robertiello Family  
 5:00 pm - J. Kevin Forkell

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024**

7:30 am - Theresa Harvey  
 9:00 am - For the People of the Parish  
               - Spec. Int of Unborn & their Families  
 11:00 am - Mila Balicki  
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory  
 6:00 pm - Lenore Abene

**10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolve to stay faithful to Jesus Christ. He is the one Truth, Way and Life. There's no reason to look elsewhere.
2. Resolve to not let anything – a career, a significant other, social media, a house – become an object of worship.
3. Resolve to watch your language and not speak any destructive talk, especially involving the name of God.
4. Resolve to prevent burnout by putting aside work one day a week. Trust God to provide for your needs that day and just enjoy the time He's given you.
5. Resolve to talk to your parents on a regular basis and show them love and respect.
6. Resolve to be angry less. Channel any feelings of rage, which Jesus said are as severe as murder, into worshipping God and serving others.
7. Resolve to honor your commitment to your spouse. Whether in thought or in deed, stay pure and loyal in the union God made.
8. Resolve to not take anything that's not yours, including stuff you can hold and put in your pocket, and plenty that you can't like music downloads, streaming movies.
9. Resolve to speak about others only with truth and love, not gossip.
10. Resolve to be content with what you have and not worry about that others are amassing.

**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 December 24, 2023      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Tithing Income for December 25, 2022      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* Amount unavailable at time of bulletin printing.

**From Father Nick:** "I appreciate your offerings, your sacrifices and your efforts to be faithful to God's Word!"

**A Testimony from a Parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Lewiston, PA:** "Knowing that God's direction is leading me in tithing is exciting to me."

**NEW TO THE PARISH?**

**Welcome!**

**We are very happy to have you here with us.**

If you haven't done so already, please register with the parish at [www.stlchester.org](http://www.stlchester.org) so we can keep you up to date with events, schedules and news.

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

**Tuesday, January 16 at 7 pm  
 Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm**

Come bring your prayers  
 for healing.

All are welcome!

**NOT TOO MUCH**

*If you have too much to do,  
 with God's help you will find time to do it all.  
 ~St. Peter Canisius*

**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 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.





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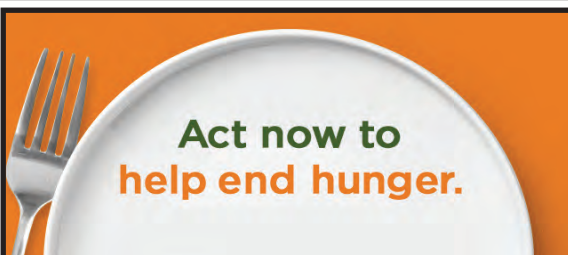
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