



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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

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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.

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 :

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	Stanley Kudron	973-464-3872
Armata Bianca	Lorna Phillips	617-538-5567	Moms & Tots	Angela Albano	908-365-4007
Barn Ministry	Camille McQueen	908-432-8554	Music Minister	Joe Tamburro	347-213-0621
Discover Gifts/Talents	Robert Holl	908-876-3488	Pastoral Adv. Board	Jerry Frech	908-377-2900
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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
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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	Lisette Howell	973-975-7343
			Youth Ministry		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

FATIMA, THE ROSARY AND MARIAN CONSECRATION



On May 13th of 1917, Our Blessed Mother appeared to three young shepherds in Fatima, Portugal. She would visit them monthly from May through October of that year. She would form them spiritually and would teach them how to pray and sacrifice for peace. She would ask the children to bring this message to the world.

This coming week, on Tuesday, February 27th at 7 pm and on Saturday, March 2nd at 9 am, David Carollo, executive director of the Blue Army in Washington, NJ, will teach us about the message of Mary at Fatima, which is Heaven's Plan for World Peace. It will be the same teaching on both Tuesday and Saturday. I hope you and your family can join us for one or the other of the talks. I hope to see you then!

THE EUCHARIST AND THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



Back in 2019, the Pew Research Center surveyed self-described American Catholics about their belief in the nature of the Eucharist. Most of these stated that they did not believe that the Eucharist is truly the body and blood of Jesus. Less than 30 percent of those surveyed believed that the bread and wine become the flesh and the blood of Jesus during the Mass. Instead, they said they believed that the bread and wine are simply symbols for the body and blood of Jesus, which is what most Protestants believe. The change of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus is described by the expression "Transubstantiation."

In response to this shocking survey, the Catholic Church in the United States initiated a three-year process of revival for all of the Catholics in the US. This revival aims to deepen our faith and devotion in the real presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. This time of revival began on the Feast of Corpus Christ in 2022 which was celebrated on June 19, 2022.

We see this time of revival as an invitation from Jesus himself to come and believe more deeply. The first year of the revival was a year of study, prayer and fasting. It was a time of discernment and planning. The second year is a time of prayer and action in the parishes of our country. We are currently in this second year.

What are we doing at St. Lawrence Church to participate in this Revival? At the suggestion of one of parishioners, we began a weekly 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in Lent of 2022. We began with a reading of Lucia Picarretta's reflection on the Passion of the Lord during that Lent, hence the placement of our adoration during the hours of Jesus' Passion (Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday afternoon). We have continued the weekly Adoration since that time.

More recently, in December of 2023, we invited and hosted the Array of Hope Ministry for a three-night mission for Eucharistic Revival. The mission was called "Behold: A Three Night Encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." The Mission gave us quality teachings and times for prayer and worship of our Eucharistic Lord. I am most grateful to our parishioners for their attendance at that mission.

On Tuesday, March 12th at 7 pm, we will have a Eucharistic video night for reflection and discussion in our Church Hall. We will listen to an outstanding teaching by one of the national preachers of the Eucharistic Revival. I hope you can join us for that night.

God bless.

Father Nick

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Julie Denberg

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Lisa Peterson

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Tony Mangione

9:00 am - Joan Griffin

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

8:00 am - Edgardo Jarencio

9:00 am - Dino Bliablias

- Anthony DiLascio

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Burke Family

9:00 am - Frank Martins

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

8:00 am - George Barras

9:00 am - Myriam Schneider

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Robertiello Family

5:00 pm - Ileana Villagra

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

7:30 am - Peggy Grayson

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Unborn & their Families

- George Barras

11:00 am - Patricia Snow

- Beverly & Greg Pickering

12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish

- Juan Manuel de la Riva

6:00 pm - Peggy Grayson

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis . . .

Fast from:**Hurting words** — *And say kind words***Sadness** — *And be filled with gratitude***Anger** — *And be filled with patience***Pessimism** — *And be filled with hope***Worries** — *And have trust in God***Complaints** — *And contemplate simplicity***Pressure** — *And be prayerful***Bitterness** — *And fill your hearts with joy***Selfishness** — *And be compassionate to others***Grudges** — *And be reconciled***Words** — *And be silent so you can listen***STATIONS OF THE CROSS****Fridays of Lent****In the church****6:30 pm (English)****7:30 pm (Spanish)**

The Stations serve as a stark reminder of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation.

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 February 18, 2023 \$10,453.00

Tithing Income for February 19, 2023 \$13,808.00

From Fr. Nick: "God is aware of the sacrifices that we make for Him. He appreciates them and I do, too. Thanks!"

From a Parishioner of St. Therese Church in Succasunna: "As I reflected on the scriptural basis of tithing, on my relationship with God and the fact that God has been so good to me — He has given me many blessings — my attitude changed. I began to think that, despite the fact that 5% seems like a lot of money to me, I think I can do it."

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

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

Come bring your
 prayers for healing.
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FATIMA, THE ROSARY & MARIAN CONSECRATION

February 27, 2024

Rosary @ 6:30 pm

Talk @ 7:00 pm

March 2, 2024

Mass @ 9:00 am

Talk @ 10:00 am

**St. Lawrence the Martyr Church
375 Main St. Chester, N.J. 07930**



David Carollo, Executive Director of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, Our Lady's Blue Army, will be speaking on the message of Fatima, the Rosary and Marian Consecration, and why this message is so important for us today.

Books and other items will be available for purchase.

For more information:

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Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Lent | Mark 9:2-10

Peter, James & John went up the mountain with Jesus, and saw Elijah and Moses, who lived long ago, appear with Jesus in a blinding, dazzling light.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is My Son, whom I love.
Listen to Him." Mark 9:7



Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,
right, up, down or diagonally.



Peter	Elijah
James	Moses
John	Appeared
Jesus	Cloud
Mountain	Voice
Transfigured	Listen
Dazzling	Love

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