



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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: Greg Szpunar, Dave Galdi

Trustees: Phil Guidone, Margie Scobell

Parish Secretary: Karen Jaworski

Accountant: Sharon McCann

Business Manager: Robert Holl

MASSSES:

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

2024-2025 FAITH FORMATION:

Family-Centered Catechesis:

Sundays: 9 am, 11:15 am, 4:45 pm

Traditional CCD: Sundays at 9 am

For more details, please refer to our brochure and register using this

link: <https://stlchester.org/faith-formation-for-youth> OR

Reach out via email at fft@stlchester.org or call at 908-879-6714

during office hours, 10 am to 2 pm, Monday to Thursday.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

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
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	Jill Lattmann	908-209-7539	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

A LESSON FROM THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT



Back in the 1950's, the Catholic Church in Spain started a process to deepen the faith of her people. They called it, "Cursillo de la Cristiandad", which translates to a Short Course in Christianity. This three-day retreat included community time to build fraternity, several lessons about the Christian life as well as prayer time where one could "bond" with Jesus himself. One of the lessons was about the priorities of the Christian life. The top priority for a Christian is to deepen his bond with Jesus. The second was to love one's spouse. The third was to love one's children and grandchildren. The fourth was to work to support the family. And the fifth was to get involved in other activities such as helping those in need.

A little about the first priority of the Christian life, to bond with Jesus. How do we make that happen? Simply put, we need to spend time with Jesus to bond with Him. How and where can we do that? We bond with Jesus by meeting with Him in the sacraments including the Eucharist and Reconciliation. We also bond with Him by spending time in conversation with Him every day. Spending time with Jesus affects for the better all the other priorities that we have in the Christian life.

God bless.

Father Nick



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE Thursday-Sunday, April 3 - 6

The Good Samaritans will have a Lenten Food Drive for the Chester and Long Valley Food pantries.

For Chester:

Coffee, snacks, mayo, canned fruits, side dishes, dish detergent, laundry detergent.

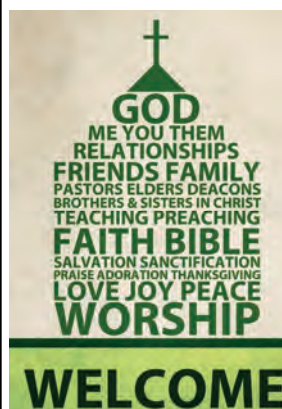
For Long Valley:

Canned fruit, oatmeal, ketchup, mustard, canned chicken, mayo, snacks

Both locations are seeing an increase in clients. They appreciate our continued support.

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

As always, thank you for your support!



NEW PARISHIONERS We welcome you!

*Michael & Gina Rulle and
their daughter Alba of
Linabary Lane, Chester.*

*Robert & Rachel Potter and
their son Aiden of
Route 24, Chester.*

*Feliflor Joy Jacildo and her
daughter Jamie of
Mile Drive, Chester.*

*Jay & Victoria Pacifico and their daughter Savannah
of North Road, Chester.*

**When you love God,
serving Him is a joy . . . not a job.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025**

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dana Culver

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Farbanish Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

8:00 am - Timothy Ambracer
 9:00 am - Gus Jaworski, Jr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

8:00 am - Henry Gabonski
 9:00 am - Conrad & Betty Spring

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

8:00 am - Catherine Nolan
 9:00 am - Sam Gugliemini

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
 5:00 pm - Kathleen Finn
 - Peter Watson

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

7:30 am - Rosetta Ackerman
 9:00 am - Frank Fila
 11:00 am - Rosemary Paynter
 - Janet Heery
 - For the People of the Parish
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
 6:00 pm - Divina Sandig

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

Tuesday, April 15 at 7 pm
Begins with Rosary
at 6:30 pm

All are welcome!

**BARN NEWS****Accepting donations starting April 1**

We are preparing for another year of Barn sales. If interested in helping, please send an email and cell number to camillemcqueen4679@gmail.com or 908-432-8554 so you can be added to the distribution list.

PLEASE NOTE:

NO books, furniture or VHS tapes. Thank you!

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

Friday evening (6 PM), May 16 - Saturday, May 17
Villa Pauline Retreat Center in Mendham



Did you ever wish you could stop the world for a day, catch your breath and have a chance to reflect on what's important in your life? Cornerstone offers just that and gives you the opportunity to strengthen your faith and grow in a Christian community.

Suggested offering of \$160 will help defray cost of meals, accommodations and materials. However, please do not hesitate to register if this amount is a problem.

Scan QR code below for sign-up:

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES****Stations of Cross****Fridays of Lent**

In church ... 6:30 pm (English), 7:30 pm (Spanish)

In Chapel ... 7:30 pm (Polish)

Confession

Now through April 14, every parish in the Diocese of Paterson will have Confession available on **Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm**. At St. Lawrence Church from 6:30-8:30 pm.

FAITH FORMATION**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Saint Lawrence Church is seeking a practicing Catholic for a part-time Faith Formation Administrative Assistant position requiring 20 hours of work per week. The work schedule is: Monday - Thursday, 10 AM to 3 PM.

Assistance may also be required for Sunday class sessions and special Sacramental events as needed subject to negotiation.

This role requires excellent communication skills including phone etiquette and the ability to handle various administrative duties efficiently. Conversational Spanish would also be helpful. The administrative assistant will collaborate with the Faith Formation Director and the team to ensure that the program operates smoothly.

If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to Sister Marie Luu, SCC at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, 375 Main Street Chester, NJ 07930. Alternatively, you can email your resume to Sister Marie at fft@stlchester.org.

We will reach out to you for an interview if you qualify. The job description will be discussed in more detail during the interview.



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trusting God wholeheartedly, and strengthening our
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