



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 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

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.

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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 :

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

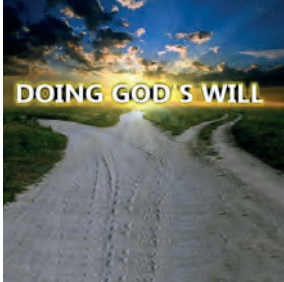
Parish Ministries and Ministry Facilitators

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

DOING GOD'S WILL



This past Tuesday, we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation. The Mass readings that day emphasized doing God's will. The Psalm response was "Here I am Lord. I come to do your will." And in the Gospel account of the Annunciation, the fourteen year old Mary solemnly states, "I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you have said."

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus foresees the horrible torture He would endure in His Passion. He agonized about what was to come. In His agony, Jesus prayed, "Father, if it is possible, take this cup (of suffering) away from Me, but not My will but Your will be done!" Jesus, like Mary, was completely committed to doing His Father's will.

You and I are called to model Jesus and Mary. They are the new Adam and the new Eve. We are the offsprings of Jesus and Mary. Doing God's will is what life in the Kingdom of God is all about. The goal of our lives as children of God is doing the will of God. Doing the will of God is what will help us to ultimately achieve union with God.

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 fruit, 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!



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!



NEXT HEALING MASS

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

Bring your prayers for healing.
All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**

8:00 am - Victor Mascola

9:00 am - Jeanne Klug

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

8:00 am - Katherine Mackey

9:00 am - Gus & Basia Jaworski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dana Culver

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Jim Basso

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

8:00 am - Conchita Owens

9:00 am - Mary Spiaggia

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

8:00 am - Robert Kingsley

9:00 am - Robert Kingsley

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 20259:00 am - Spec. Int. of Kasia Kidron (16th Birthday)

5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

- Karen Harris

- Deceased Members of Getty Family

- Lorraine Saenger

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

7:30 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

9:00 am - For Unborn & their Families

- John Salamone

- John Thomas Rabiewski

11:00 am - Elizabeth Adelhelm

- Karl Soderstrom

12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm - Angelita Pena

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 7-8:30 pm.****At St. Lawrence Church from 6:30-8:30 pm (On Saturday at 4 pm).****Daily Mass**

Monday through Friday at 8 am and 9 am.

Saturday at 9 am.

All take place in the chapel.

*When you pray, God listens.
When you listen, God talks
When you believe, God works.*

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT**Friday evening (6 PM), May 16 - Saturday, May 17****Villa Pauline Retreat Center in Mendham**

Cornerstone offers you the opportunity to strengthen your faith and grow in a Christian community. Come join us!

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 for sign-up:



Rosary for the Unborn, Respect Life Ministry

**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.

\$20
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SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
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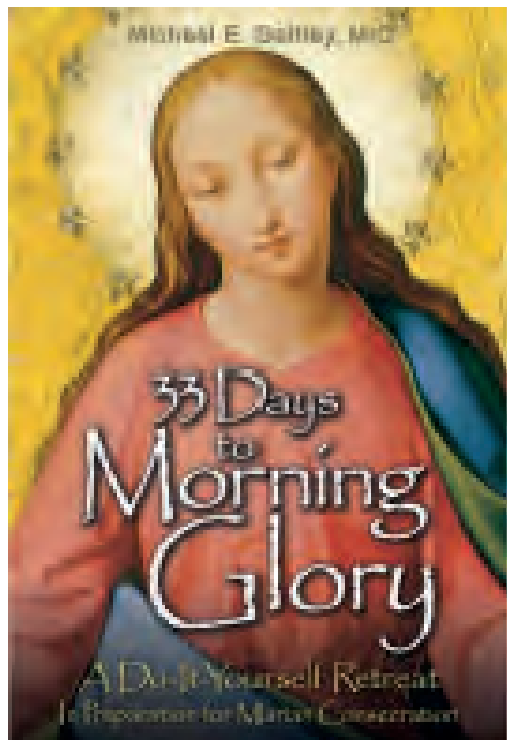
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In our hectic day and time, Pope John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Join us on Thursday, April 10, as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration.

For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary.

In our weekly meetings, Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 PM, we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video. The video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus. **We will make our Marian Consecration on Tuesday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.**

If you are looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for 33 Days to Morning Glory Small-Group Retreat.

Pick up a flyer in the vestibule and contact Deacon Greg for more information (908-399-8970).



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