

# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 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

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.

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)

Mailing Address: PO Box 730 Chester, NJ 07930

Vimala Justin — Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Music Minister: Joseph P. Tamburro Youth Minister: Sean Jenkins 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: <a href="https://stlchester.org/faith-formation-for-youth">https://stlchester.org/faith-formation-for-youth</a> OR Reach out via email at <a href="mailto:fft@stlchester.org">fft@stlchester.org</a> 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 Wieczorek	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	Ûshers	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	Lissette Howell	973-975-7343
			Youth Ministry	Sean Jenkins	908-879-6714
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF A GOOD CONFESSION



Lent is the season of repentance and it seems timely to remind you of some of the benefits of a good confession. One of the benefits of a good confession is the great sense of peace that God gives us after a thorough confession. It is so good to be right with God. Our sins stand in the way of our union with God. God's forgiveness fills us with Christ's peace, a peace that the world cannot give.

A good confession also "opens the spiritual tastebuds of the soul", as the late Eileen George put it. After a good confession we hunger for the things of God. Prayer and charity become easier after a good confession.

Lastly, an effect of a good confession is that we receive graces given to us that are specific to the sins that we are confessing. So, for example, if I am battling a tendency to lie, I will receive from God in confession the grace to tell the truth.

God bless.

Father Nick

#### 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.



#### **NEXT HEALING MASS**

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

Bring your prayers for healing.
All are welcome.

# Let the only overwhelming thing in your life be My love.

~ God



#### **BARN NEWS**

The Barn is now open for your donations. Please leave items INSIDE the shed adjacent to the Barn.

**REMINDER:** NO books, furniture or VHS tapes

FIRST SALE: Saturday, April 26,

' - 2 pm

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Culver Family 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Spring Family

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Gary Newkirk 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Rotter family

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

8:00 am - Anne Owens McGrath

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

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

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

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

8:00 am - Robert Kingsley 9:00 am - Kathleen Steidle

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

9:00 am - Conchita Owens

5:00 pm - James Larry Holley

- Elizabeth Adelhelm

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025**

7:30 am - For the People of the Parish

- Robert Kingsley

9:00 am - Michelle Bozza

11:00 am - John W. Niemasz, Sr.

- Billy Farrell, Sr.

12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm - Lisa Mack

#### FAITH FORMATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED



Saint Lawrence Church seeking practicing Catholic for part-time Faith Formation Administrative Assistant position requiring 20 hours / week. Schedule is: Monday-Thursday, 10-3 pm.

If interested, please send resume to Sister Marie Luu, SCC at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, 375 Main Street Chester, NJ 07930 OR email Sister Marie at fft@stlchester.org.

Details of job description discussed at interview if you qualify.

#### 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:

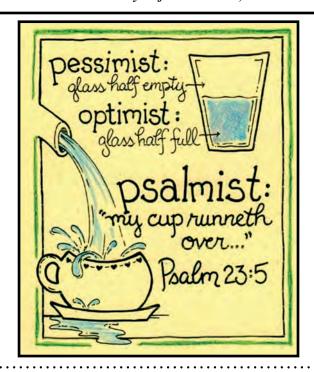


# RECENTLY JOINED THE PARISH Welcome! John & Mardi Hunter and their son

John of Chestnut Drive, Chester.

Timothy & Erica Renz and their children Hudson, Faylinn and Hayes of Hillas Lane, Chester.

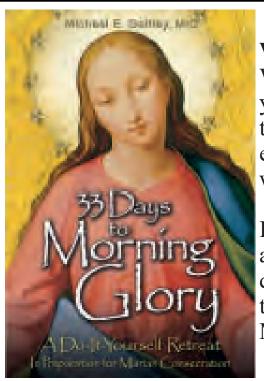
Edmund & Jacqueline Kulakowski and their children Theodore and Evelyn of South Road, Chester.



#### WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

The Sisters of Christian Charity are looking for a **Full Time Nurse Manager** to coordinate and oversee the plan of care for our Sister residents. We are looking for a compassionate person with a strong work ethic. Registered Nurse License required. Please contact Eileen at <a href="mailto:bus.manager@scceast.org">bus.manager@scceast.org</a> or 973-230-5368.





Want to grow in holiness, but too busy? Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life, but don't have time? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness, but don't know where to begin?

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).



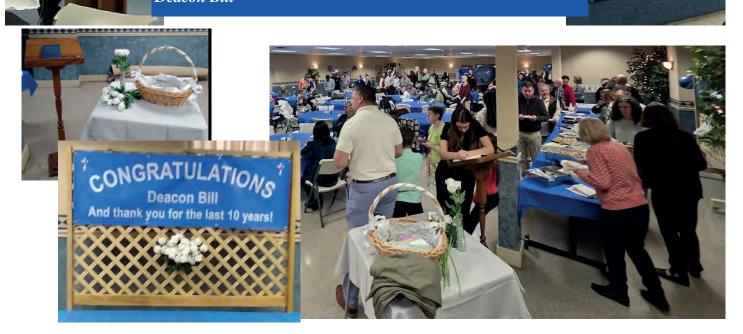


#### A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear St. Lawrence Parish Family,

Our words are inadequate to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of you for the beautiful Mass and reception to mark the 10-year anniversary of my diaconate ordination. Joan and I are grateful for all the kind words and generous donations which were made to support St. Lawrence Cares. There is obviously some sadness in transferring from St. Lawrence as this has been our spiritual home for 30 years. Your friendship, encouragement and support over that time has made our time here one of the greatest gifts in our lives. Know that as we move to St Luke's to serve that community a big part of our hearts will always be with you at St. Lawrence. God bless you and this wonderful parish.

Deacon Bill





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