



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 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.

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

Reach out via email at [fft@stlchester.org](mailto: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](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	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	Sean Jenkins	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 HOLIEST WEEK



Today is Palm Sunday and on Palm Sunday we begin Holy Week. During Holy Week, we focus on the Passion and Death of the Lord. Today we read the Passion of the Lord according to St. Luke. On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper and after 9 pm, we will have time to meditate on Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and to take time to console Him for the sins of the world including our own. On Thursday night, we can come to the Church Hall and pray in Jesus' Eucharistic presence.

On Good Friday, we continue to meditate on the sufferings Jesus accepted for us to save us from our sins. The sacrifice of Jesus won many graces for us. From His wounded side, Jesus poured out the gift of the sacraments and the gift of the Holy Spirit. On Good Friday, we will read the Passion according to St. John at 3 pm in English and at 6 pm in Spanish. At 7:30 pm, we will have reflections on Jesus' Seven Last Words.

The Passion and the Death of Jesus speak a powerful message to all people. God loves us so much that He sent His Son as our Savior and the Son loves us so much that He laid down His life for us. This action of love moves our hearts to respond in faith and love to God for His goodness to us. The story of the Passion and the Death of Jesus has been called the "Greatest Love Story ever Told," greater than even the famed story of Romeo and Juliet.

I hope you take time to reflect on the story of the Passion this week. May God's love touch all of your hearts!

God bless.

*Father Nick*

*If you put it in God's hands, leave it there.  
Trust isn't lip service . . .  
It's surrender.*

### 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](mailto:fft@stlchester.org).

Details of job description discussed at interview if you qualify.

### BARN NEWS



The Barn is now open for your donations. Please leave items **INSIDE** the shed adjacent to the Barn. **NO** books, furniture or VHS tapes

**FIRST SALE:** Saturday, April 26,  
9 - 2 pm

### A REMINDER:

**Books are no longer accepted at the Barn but there is now a collection bin for book donations located next to the Catholic Charities bins in the parking lot. Your book donations help raise funds for the parish. Thank you!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025**

- 8:00 am - John & Maria Luu  
 - John Luu  
 9:00 am - Mr. Nguyen  
 - Spec. Int. of Joseph Luu

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025**

- 8:00 am - Michael Pagnotta  
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Faith Formation Families  
 7:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Justin Steven

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025**

- 8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Bob & Carol Farbanish  
 9:00 am - Gus & Basia Jaworski

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 (Holy Thursday)**

**SEE ADJACENT SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 (Good Friday)**

**SEE ADJACENT SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025 (Holy Saturday)**

**SEE ADJACENT SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 (Easter Sunday)**

- 7:30 am - Robert Kingsley  
 - Denis Lamb  
 9:00 am - Gertrude Smith  
 - For the People of the Parish  
 11:00 am - Beverly & Greg Pickering  
 - Dolly Cillo  
 - Maisie Tully  
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory  
 6:00 pm - NO MASS

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Monday:** Confession from 6:30-7:30 pm

**Tuesday:** Chrism Mass

**Wednesday:** Confession from 6:30-7:30 pm

**Holy Thursday (April 17)**

Morning Prayer: 8 am

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm

(English-church, Spanish-chapel)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

**Good Friday (April 18)**

Morning Prayer: 8 am

Bilingual Stations: 12 noon

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3 pm (English);

6 pm (Spanish)

The Seven Last Words: 7:30 pm

**Holy Saturday (April 19)**

Morning Prayer: 8 am

Easter Egg Hunt: 9:30 am

Blessing of Easter Food: 11 am

The Easter Vigil: 8 pm

**Easter Sunday (April 20)**

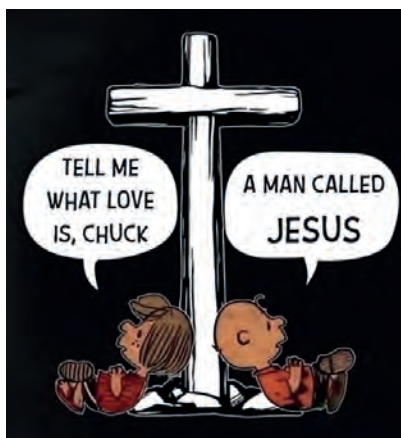
Masses: 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am; 12:30 pm (Spanish)

No 6 pm Mass

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

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

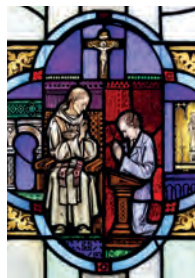
Bring your prayers for healing.  
 All are welcome!

**EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP**

**Saturday, April 26**

**10:30 am, Parish Center (Room 12)**

Eileen George is a candidate for sainthood that Father Nick personally knew. The one-hour meeting includes listening and discussion of one of her recorded teachings, prayers of petition and social time with refreshments. **Come join us!**

**WELCOME HOME TO HEALING**

Lent is wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ, especially now as we begin Holy Week.

Churches in our diocese will have confession this Monday, April 14, beginning at 7:00 pm. Here at St. Lawrence church, confession will be on Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

*Don't be afraid.*  
*Receive the gracious mercy of God!*

**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.

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played at the Metropolitan Opera.**

**PLEASE JOIN FOR A RECEPTION/REFRESHMENTS IN THE PARISH GYM**

*Don't miss it!*

Any questions, please call Carol Bsarany 973-271-9252

Visit <https://www.stcatherine-ml.org/st-therese-ministry> for more information.





# SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

## Help Us Celebrate 75 Years of Saint Lawrence the Martyr Church!

We are excited to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our beloved Saint Lawrence the Martyr Church! As we look back on the many years of faith, community, and memories, we invite YOU to be part of this special milestone.

Share Your Memories! Do you have pictures or stories from your time at Saint Lawrence? Whether it's a wedding, baptism, a special event, or just a meaningful moment, we would love to see your memories.

Please send your photos, along with a brief description of your memory, to [pictures@stlchester.org](mailto:pictures@stlchester.org) We will be compiling these treasured moments to showcase during our anniversary celebrations.

Let's come together and celebrate the history and spirit of our parish! We look forward to seeing your contributions and remembering the many beautiful moments we've shared over the years.

**Kindly, Send the pictures until July 11<sup>th</sup>**







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