



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 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 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	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

EASTER IS THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION!



Jesus' pathway to the Kingdom of Heaven was His death and resurrection. During Holy Week, we focused on the Passion of the Lord. Twice during Holy Week, we listened to the story of the Lord's Passion, on Palm Sunday and on Good Friday. Today, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Easter is the feast of Jesus' Resurrection. When Jesus rose from the dead, He conquered sin and death. Today we celebrate Jesus' victory. And Jesus invites us to participate in His victory. He invites us to participate in His Easter life.

The way we can enter into His Easter life is to accept Jesus as the Lord of our lives. Overcoming our sins is not easy. Overcoming our sins is how we participate in the dying of Jesus. Dying is not easy. It was not easy for Jesus. It is not easy for us. God calls us to put our old ways to death and to rise with Him to a new life that follows God's Word as faithfully as we can.

Jesus is the King or the Lord of Heaven and earth. Our entree to the Kingdom is to accept Jesus as our Lord and to live by His Word. Happy Easter!

THE FIFTY DAY EASTER SEASON

The Easter season is fifty days long. The Easter season includes the feasts of the Resurrection, the Ascension and Pentecost.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 27

Please be aware that next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and that we have a celebration of the Feast at 2:30 pm that day. Please also check out how to gain the plenary indulgence that is part of the celebration of that feast day.

God bless.

Father Nick

A PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



“Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.”

Saint Paul provides a summary of what makes us who we are – we are an Easter people. The weeks of Lent, the days of Holy Week have led us to this awesome fact: we are now able to live in ‘the newness of life.’ Recalling the steps leading to this day, we now are summoned to express gratitude, for before this we were dead, alienated from God, but through His saving work everything is different.

The doors of paradise are now opened, the distancing of the then has been replaced by the new closeness of the now, intimacy of God through His grace. Easter is not a day to commemorate, but the beginning of living differently because He lives and we do, too. In one word ... Alleluia.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025**

8:00 am - Bill & Jeanne McCormick
 9:00 am - Lily Dizon

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

8:00 am - Sam Santo
 9:00 am - Robert Morgan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

8:00 am - Elaine Stewart Tyrell
 9:00 am - Theodore & Heidi Wenz

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

8:00 am - Nick Stockwell
 9:00 am - Frank Verducci, Sr.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

8:00 am - Walt Michura
 9:00 am - Virginia Murphy

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

9:00 am - Father Faustino Pinili
 5:00 pm - Stephen Gasparik
 - Jame Larry Holley
 - Spec. Int. of Tom Oswald

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

7:30 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 am - Mary Barrett
 11:00 am - William Farrell, Sr.
 - Frank D. Delmerico
 - For the People of the Parish
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
 6:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Julie Denberg



*Many persons love you,
 Many people like you,
 But there is only one
 Who DIED for you . . .
 Jesus Christ.*



RECENTLY BAPTIZED
 May God keep you always in the
 palm of His hand.

Savannah Rose King, daughter of
 David & Bianca King of Mount Bethel
 Road, Port Murray.

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:



NEW TO THE PARISH
 Welcome!

*Jeffrey & Betsy Campisi of
 Fieldcrest Road, Chester.*

**MOVING?
 LOCAL ADDRESS CHANGE?**

Please notify the parish office by phone or
 email if you are moving or if your address
 has changed. We appreciate your help in
 keeping our parish directory up to date.

BARN NEWS

The Barn is now open for your dona-
 tions. 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!

EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP

Saturday, April 26

10:30 am, Parish Center (Room 12)



Eileen George is a candidate for
 sainthood that Father Nick person-
 ally 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!**

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

Tuesday, May 20 at 7 pm
 Begins with Rosary
 at 6:30 pm

Bring your prayers for healing.
 All are welcome!



Women's Book & Social Club

THE BIBLE &

The Virgin Mary

PARISH CENTER

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APRIL

Rosary @ 7:00 pm

Bible Study @ 7:30 pm

Please bring Snacks, wine or non-alcoholic beverages to share

Katie: kpersechino@gmail.com

Xenia: xmg0573@aol.com

Trista: KayFam28@gmail.com



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** 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 11th



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