



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 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

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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:

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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 : 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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord Jesus is rich in mercy. Today He wishes to grant a plenary indulgence. The conditions for this gift are: “under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff), (the plenary indulgence is granted) to all the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!).”

We will have a service today in church at 2:30 pm to honor the Divine Mercy. Our service will include adoration, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We will also reverence a first class relic of St. Faustina Kowalska. You are most welcome to attend.

TWO DAILY MASSES

Please be aware that on weekdays we have two Masses each day, at 8 am and at 9 am. In the Eucharist, we have a deep encounter with Jesus himself. We hear and our faith is fed by His life-giving Word and we are joined to Him in the great sacrifice of the Mass and in the time of Holy Communion. This contact with Jesus, this closeness with Him, this experience of His love, changes us for the better. At Mass, we are in contact with His grace and that contact, if we are open to Him, makes us grow in the image of His love. Why not join us for weekday Mass even if it is just once a week?

MORNING PRAYER

Please be aware that we offer morning prayer in common on weekdays at 7:30 am in our chapel. You are most welcome to join us. We will help you to learn this beautiful form of prayer.

God bless.

Father Nick

A PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



“Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said: ‘Peace be with you.’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see My hands. And bring your hand and put it into My side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’ Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ ... ‘Blessed are those who have not seen but believed.’”

Is there a Thomas in me? Does my faith allow me to celebrate the most important fact that Jesus died, arose and lives? By His passion, death and resurrection, we too share in the newness of life. We reach out to Jesus as did Thomas. We unlock the doors of our unbelief and allow Him to touch us with His saving grace in a special way on this Divine Mercy Sunday. Touched by the Lord, we bring that gift to others. “Jesus, I trust in you.”

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025**

- 8:00 am - Cedric Cid
 - Margarita Abularach
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dana Culver

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

- 8:00 am - Heinrich Pickle
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Sydney Farbanish

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

- 8:00 am - Angela Mascolo
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Pat Bolio

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

- 8:00 am - Stephen Smith
 9:00 am - Conrad & Anna Spring

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

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

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

- 9:00 am - Dr. Fely Tolentino
 5:00 pm - Rosemary Paynter
 - Spec. Int. of Arne Louison

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

- 7:30 am - Stephen Smith
 - Cark Stanzione, Sr.
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Unborn & their Families
 11:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
 12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish
 6:00 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

**SOMETIMES GOD GIVES YOU
MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE . . .**

. . . So you can learn to surrender what was never yours to carry alone.

. . . To refine you and shape you more into the person He's calling you to be.

. . . To expose idols you've turned to for comfort, knowing it's only His comfort that truly lasts.

. . . So that you learn to rely on His strength, knowing His power will be made perfect in your weakness.

. . . So you move from self-sufficiency to full dependency on Him alone.

. . . So you can finally learn to come to the end of yourself, a place where He is always more than enough.

SMALL TASKS

*Each small task of everyday life
 is part of the total harmony of the universe.*

—St. Thérèse of Liseux

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

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

Bring your prayers for healing.
 All are welcome!

THANK YOU!

The Good Samaritans want to thank the parish for the generous donations to the Chester and Long Valley food pantries during their most recent food drive. They greatly appreciate our support!

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:

**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, May 17,
 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!

**THOSE WHO USE ON-LINE GIVING:
PLEASE NOTE**

If you currently use WeShare for your weekly offering to St. Lawrence Church and are receiving donation envelopes in the mail, please contact the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 so that we can stop delivery. This also applies to envelope users who would like to switch to WeShare. Thank you for your help!



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



Shred Event (revised bags, boxes counts & hard drives)

Saturday, MAY 17, 2025 8:00am 'till 11:00am 1 HOUR EARLIER

Arrive early as this event will end prior to 1100 am if the shredding truck reaches capacity.

CONTINUED for 2025 Electronic Waste Recycling!

KofC Blessed Mother Seton Council 5410 3 Schmidt Lane Flanders, NJ
(Off Main St. adjacent to Flanders Fire Department)



Take advantage of this safe and secure method of destroying confidential documents and proper electronic recycling while helping your local K of C organization! Paper will be shred by ABSOLUTE SHREDDING, LLC.

Please bring your documents in either paper bags or cardboard boxes. Shredding is limited to confidential and sensitive materials only, please recycle all other paper. No binders or magazines. Electronics will be accepted loosely only no boxes needed.

Shredding Donations: \$5.00 per bag (brown grocery bag size; every 3rd bag is free) or \$10.00 per box (copy paper box size; every 3rd box is free).

Electronic Donations: \$10.00 for each TOWER or LAPTOP (NOTE: HARD DRIVES MUST BE REMOVED FROM TOWER OR LAPTOP --- WE CAN HELP YOU REMOVE THEM) which

includes the mouse, keyboard, speakers and wires. We also destroy hard drives @ \$10 each.

and cell phones @ \$10.00 each (remove lithium battery). CD'S @ \$0.50 each.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL [973-584-2960](tel:973-584-2960), OR [973-610-1308](tel:973-610-1308), OR [973-927-9022](tel:973-927-9022)

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