



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 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

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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

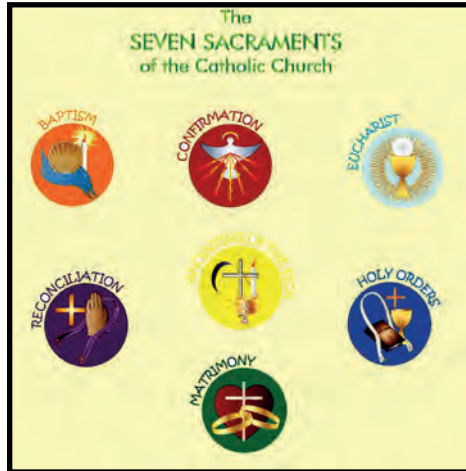
Parish Ministries and Ministry Facilitators

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

THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF EACH SACRAMENT



During the holy season of Easter, we recall that Jesus has risen from the dead. He is alive! In His resurrection, He has conquered sin and death. And He is here for us, especially in the seven sacraments.

The name, sacrament, means the “mystery.” Mystery or sacrament is the term that Church has traditionally used for the presence of the risen Lord Jesus. That is why the priest will often remind us that Jesus is truly present when we meet to celebrate a sacrament.

As Catholics, we celebrate seven sacraments. In each of the sacraments, Jesus ministers to us in a particular way. In Baptism, we are immersed in the waters as we repent of our sins and receive the forgiveness of God. In Baptism, we are also immersed in the Holy Spirit of Jesus, who sanctifies us, heals us, strengthens us, teaches us, and guides us. In this sacrament, we believe that we are baptized in water and the Spirit.

In **Baptism**, we receive forgiveness of sins. However, we only celebrate Baptism one time in our lives. When we sin later in our lives, we meet with Jesus in the sacrament of **Reconciliation** or confession. In this sacrament, we repent of our sins and we receive forgiveness, peace, and the graces that we need to overcome our particular sins. For example, if my sin is pride, Jesus will help me to be more humble in this sacrament. If my sin is judgment or calumny, Jesus will increase my concern for the well-being and the reputation of another. If my sin is impurity, Jesus will help me to hate that sin and learn to be more respectful of the opposite sex. The graces of this sacrament are often overlooked. Confession is also a healing sacrament. Jesus heals many people in various ways through the power of this sacrament.

In **Confirmation**, we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit for the first time in Baptism. In Confirmation, we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in a way similar to the way that the Apostles received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The gifts of the Spirit help us to minister to others so that they may grow in faith, hope and love.

In the Sacrament of the **Eucharist**, Jesus also ministers to us. He ministers to us with His Word. He ministers to us with the Sacrament of His Body. With the Sacrament of His Body, He makes present His flesh and blood that He offered for us upon the cross. There is great power and healing that flows from the cross of Jesus. In Holy Communion, He also gives us His flesh as a special food that touches and transforms our hearts. The flesh of Jesus is our food for our journey to the Kingdom of God.

When we are not well, Jesus ministers to us with the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**. This is a sacrament of healing, comfort and strength.

In the Sacrament of **Holy Matrimony**, Jesus is present in the union of two baptized persons, a man and a woman, who bring the love of Jesus to each other, to their children and grandchildren and to others, too. When a man and a woman of faith love each other deeply, they are acting and living in the image and the likeness of God.

In the Sacrament of **Holy Orders**, men bring us the presence of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Bishops, priests and deacons act in the name of Jesus. Bishops and priests preach and bring us all of the sacraments. Deacons serve us in many ways including preaching, witnessing weddings, baptizing, assisting at funerals and burials, and many other ways, always in humble and loving service.

God bless.

Father Nick

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025**

8:00 am - Stephen Smith
 9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

8:00 am - For those Grieving Loved Ones
 9:00 am - Michael Sweeney
 - Eillen John Coyne

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

8:00 am - William McCallion
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Barbara Farbanish

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 am - Anthony T. Wonsala

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

8:00 am - Susan McGrath
 9:00 am - Anthony & Rosemarie Picarelli

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

9:00 am - Alex Lim
 5:00 pm - Angelina Torrisi
 - Stephen Smith

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

7:30 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of the Unborn & their Families
 11:00 am - Spec. Int. Upcoming Men's Cornerstone Retreat
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
 6:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

**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!

**FIRST BARN SALE**

**Saturday, May 17
9-2 PM**

**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:

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026****Now open**

If you missed the orientation meetings, please be sure to contact the Faith Formation Office to meet with the DRE, Sr. Marie, before registering your children.

An orientation session for our Spanish families is scheduled for Monday, May 5, at 5:30 pm in the chapel.

Registration ends May 31, 2025.

Online registration is preferred. Visit the church website at <https://stlchester.org/> and select "Faith Formation" and then "Faith Formation for Youth" for the brochure and registration directions.

If you prefer a physical registration form, email the Faith Formation Office at fft@stlchester.org or call 908-879-6714, Monday through Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm.

UPCOMING ORDINATION

Rev. Mr. Joseph S. DeMarzo III, past visiting seminarian of St. Lawrence Church, will be ordained a priest on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ.

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

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

Bring your prayers for healing.
 All are welcome!

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE**Full-Time Nurse Manager**

The Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham are looking for a Full-Time Nurse Manager to coordinate and oversee the plan of care for the Sisters in our assisted living residence. We are looking for a compassionate person with a strong work ethic and a desire to work with the elderly. Registered Nurse License required. Please contact Eileen at bus.manager@scceast.org or 973-230-5368.

Jubilee Family Fest

**Saturday, May 31, from 12 - 1:30 pm (Pilgrimage)
 1:30 - 5 pm (Family Fest)**

Shrine of St. Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ

Can't make it to the pilgrimage in Rome? Join Bishop Sweeney and the faithful of the Diocese for an exciting day celebrating the joy and gift of families. Families will have the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage and receive a plenary indulgence while creating lasting memories. Gather the kids, grandparents, and friends for a day filled with faith, fun and family time! The first 50 families to register get a free Jubilee Family Fest tote bag! For more information, visit <https://insidethewalls.org/jubilee-family-fest>



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.

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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.

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- An evening of prayer and dinner with Bishop Sweeney.
- Vocation talks given by priests and seminarians.
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- Meet other young men trying to discover God's call in their lives.

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May 4, 2025 | 6 PM - 8 PM

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**"Come after me, and I will
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(Mt. 4:19)**

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World Youth Day SEOUL, KOREA

"TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD." (JN 16:33)



Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney and the Paterson Diocese
will host a pilgrimage to World Youth Day
in Seoul, Korea.



You are all invited!

COMING SUMMER OF 2027



Join Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney on a Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 - Seoul, Korea!

We're excited to announce that Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney will be leading the Diocesan pilgrimage to **World Youth Day 2027** in **Seoul, Korea**! This incredible journey of faith and fellowship will bring together young people (ages 16 - 35) from around the world for a life-changing experience of Church.

Dates: Official dates will be announced this summer.

Estimated Cost: \$4,800–\$5,000 per person (based on double occupancy, including airfare from JFK).
To receive updates, please use this link - <https://rcdop.org/wyd-2027>



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