



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 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

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:

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 ff@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 CONCLAVE WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Many people are talking about the conclave of the Catholic cardinals these days. Hollywood created a movie to give an imaginary representation of what a conclave is like. It showed the obvious thoughts and preferences of Hollywood types. How could anyone expect them to know what a conclave is?

On social media, various groups are presenting images of individual cardinals with the obvious intent of influencing public opinion as to which cardinals match their world views and their political positions. They are building up some cardinals and tearing others down. I recently heard a comment by retired Cardinal Sean O'Malley, former archbishop of Boston and a confidant of Pope Francis, who said that a conclave is like a religious retreat, attended by the cardinals, with the mission of seeking God's help in selecting a leader for the Catholic Church. Because so few of the cardinals know each other personally, a necessary step at the conclave will be for the cardinals to get to know one another. The cardinals will pray together to discern the will of God for the Church.

Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco recently made an interesting observation. He said that knowledge of how the new pope views the liturgy will be a critical piece of the meeting because worship of God and all of the sacraments are so central to the life of the Church and all of her members. There is much tension in the Church about how Mass should be celebrated. We all need to pray that the cardinals will seek God's light during this process.

Clearly, we need a cardinal who is like Jesus . . . humble, gentle, wise, faithful to the Word of God, a man of prayer, a lover of peace, a lover of the poor, universal in his love for the human family. I am thinking that we should have a special day of adoration at St. Lawrence Church dedicated to prayer for the Catholic Church and for the papal selection process! Hopefully we can have that day before you read this article.

God bless.

Father Nick



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026 Now open!

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Andrea Debbane
 9:00 am - Stephen Smith

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Anastacia Cawthon
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Anna Dorn

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

8:00 am - Bill Jenkins
 9:00 am - Tyler Wherenberg

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

8:00 am - John Salamone
 9:00 am - Ralph Bozza

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

8:00 am - Thomas Creedon
 9:00 am - Michelle Bozza

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

9:00 am - Conchita Owens
 5:00 pm - Stephen Smith
 - Charlie Knapik

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

7:30 am - Robert Kingsley
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Unborn & their Families
 11:00 am - Bridget Donovan
 12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish
 6:00 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

FIRST BARN SALE

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



RECENTLY JOINED THE PARISH
We welcome you!

Keith & Maria Koller and their children Charlotte, Olivia and Maxim of Windsor Court, Hackettstown.

Chris & Ariann FitzSimons and their daughter Laila of Center Lane, Succasunna.

Jon & Renee Rogan and their children Kat, Jack and

BANNS OF ORDINATION

Deacon Joseph DeMarzo is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood on Saturday, June 7, 2025.

Christ's faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, to Bishop Kevin Sweeney or to Father Nicholas Bozza before ordination according to the norms of cc.1043 and 1051, 2 of the Code of Canon Law.

If you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest in the Catholic Church, please contact Bishop Kevin Sweeney or Father Nicholas Bozza.

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

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

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

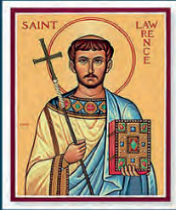
The Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham are looking for a Full-Time Nurse Manager to coordinate and oversee the plan of care for the Sisters in our assisted living residence. We are looking for a compassionate person with a strong work ethic and a desire to work with the elderly. Registered Nurse 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.

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)



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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)

Proceeds are used for council needs



SCAN THE CODE AND JOIN NOW!

Specify Council **5410**

www.kofc.org/joinus



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23-27

K-6th: 9am-12noon

Preschool 3 & 4: 9:15am-11:45am

Camp Registration is OPEN!

\$50 for Campers

Teen Volunteers 7th grade and up are free

Sign up to become a
VBS Counselor today!!
7th -12th Grade!

is BACK!

Come join us as we bring "True North" to life this summer for our littlest lambs! VBS will be an indoor/outdoor camp experience at St. Lawrence Church for children in preschool through 6th grade.

Our mornings will be filled with Bible Adventures, STEM Gizmos, music, dancing, snacks, and more!



Please scan for Camper Registration Forms



Please scan for VBS Teen Volunteer Forms

Please bring your completed Camper Registration and/or Teen Volunteer Registration Forms to the Parish Center drop box or mail to:

St. Lawrence Church
Vacation Bible School
375 Main Street
Chester, NJ 07930



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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10:27-30

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His little sheep - loved, guided and cared for. Following His voice leads us to eternal life, with God.



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Jesus says, "The Father and I are one."

JOHN 10:30

We are all Jesus' little sheep.
Give the sheep names using people you know.

Don't forget yourself!



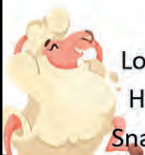
BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



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