



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 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

POPE LEO ON PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION



It is becoming more clear that our new Holy Father is a deeply spiritual man. He recently gave a teaching on receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. In his teaching, he pointed out that, in Holy Communion, like in so many things that we do regularly, we can be distracted when we come forward to receive the Lord. It is possible to receive Jesus without giving much thought to what we are doing.

Our Holy Father proposed three things for us to do: first, he said we should prepare ourselves well to receive Jesus. We should repent of our sins before we come forward to receive Him. That repentance can be done in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (this is required for mortal sins) or with lesser sins to repent and to ask God's forgiveness in a mental prayer. This repentance will prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Lord and for our communion with Him. Second, Pope Leo said that we should speak to Jesus. Aware of Jesus' presence, we should be sure to greet Him and welcome Him and speak words of love to Him. It is so rude to receive the Lord and say nothing to Him. And third, we should take the time to be silent with Him and to listen to what He will say in our minds and hearts.

This is such a beautiful teaching from our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

God bless.

Father Nick

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 or kjaworski@stlchester.org so that we can stop delivery. This also applies to envelope users who would like to switch to WeShare. Thank you for your help! It is greatly appreciated.



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 26, 2025**

8:00 am - Philip Allatta
9:00 am - Jim Sommer

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

8:00 am - Jean Allatta
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Staigar Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

8:00 am - Kathy Allatta
9:00 am - Jim Pasapane

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

8:00 am - Bob Allatta
9:00 am - Claire & Robert Kingsley

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

8:00 am - Joseph Allatta
9:00 am - Frank Fila
- Arlene McCullen

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm - Frank Demeo
- Stephen Smith

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

7:30 am - For the People of the Parish
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Unborn & their Families
- Jo Ann Haffer
11:00 am - Adele Felt
- William Patrick McCallion
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
6:00 pm - Brian Spring

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRESENTATION**

Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm
St. Lawrence Church
Church Hall

Kendall Rogers, a member of the Theology Department at Delbarton School in Morristown, will speak about **Catholic Social Teaching**. The principles of Catholic Social Teaching are at the very heart of the Good News of the Gospel. And yet, Catholic Social Teaching has been famously described as “the Church’s best-kept secret.” Learn more about the relevance of Jesus’s message of compassion, inclusion and care for the poor and marginalized in the world of today.

The St. Lawrence Social Justice Ministry is organizing the presentation. **Please RSVP to sectv@stlchester.org or 908-879-5371 by Friday, May 30.** Dessert and beverages will be served, and attendees, if they wish, can make a small, goodwill donation at the door. All are welcome!

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 BARN SALE

Saturday, June 21
9-2 PM



We are still accepting donations!
Please leave items INSIDE the shed next to the Barn.

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

Tuesday, June 17 at 7 pm
Begins with Rosary
at 6:30 pm

Bring your prayers for healing.
All are welcome!

**MOMS and TOTS**

9:30 - 11 AM

Every Wednesday in Church Hall

Calling all moms and caregivers of little ones aged 4 years and under! Come and join our cozy Moms & Tots playgroup. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with other parents in the community while our little tots have a blast playing and making new friends. And the best part, it's FREE!!!



Children and teachers of St. Lawrence Church Play Group



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!

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





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



Altar Servers Meetings



TRAINING SESSIONS	SPIRITUAL SESSIONS	SOCIAL SESSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, May 24th at 10:30 am at the Church • Saturday, June 7th at 10:30 am at the Church • Saturday, July 12th at 10:30 am at the Church • Saturday, October 4th at 10:30 am at the Church • Saturday, November 8th at 10:30 am at the Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Hour • Movie of a Saint • Visit a Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima • Meeting with Bishop • Walking Rosary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Night • Fire Pit Evening + Pizza • Pingpong Night
<p>Note: These trainings sessions are good opportunities for new and experienced altar servers who want to have more confidence in the service at Mass.</p>	<p>Note: These spiritual sessions are great opportunities for altar servers to grow in their relationship with Jesus.</p>	<p>Note: The social sessions are opportunities for the altar servers to know each other in a different setting where they can share more time with other servers who are at different Masses</p>
<p>THANKS DEAR PARENTS FOR ALLOWING YOUR CHILDREN TO SERVE GOD AS ALTAR SERVERS AND THANKS TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE AT OUR CHURCH.</p>		



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PICNIC PARTY FOR FATHER'S DAY



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AFTER 12:30 PM MASS (2:00 PM)

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

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