



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 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

2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION:

Family-Centered Catechesis: Two in-person sessions each month on Sundays.

Sunday sessions:

7:50 am–8:50 am

10:10 am–11:10 am

11:20 am–12:20 PM

4:50 pm–5:50 pm

For more details about the program and to register online, please use this link: <https://stlchester.org/faith-formation-for-youth>

Faith Formation Office:

Monday through Thursday, 10 am–2 pm

fft@stlchester.org; 908-879-6714

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

ENOUGH LIGHT FOR ONE STEP



Last week, I attended the end of year dinner for our parish adult choir. One choir member shared with us a helpful lesson that she heard from Father Mike Schmitz. Father Mike gave a teaching that as we seek to do the will of God, God only gives us enough light to be able to see enough to take our next step. The light that God gives us does not allow us to see beyond that one step. As the song says, "We walk by faith and not by sight."

Faith involves a trust in God that if we are true to God's word, we will do fine and will be provided for. God will not abandon us. He is with us. He is Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

PARENTS TEACHING THEIR CHILDREN TO OBEY THE LORD AND TO TRUST IN HIM

I find great solace in the following saying of Jesus. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and everything else will be given you besides." In the Kingdom of God, Jesus is the Lord. When Jesus says that we should seek the Kingdom of God, He means that we should seek to do His will at all times. One way that we can find the will of God is to learn His commandments and to keep His commandments. "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

It saddens me that some parents do not teach their children to make doing God's will and keeping the commandments a priority. In speaking to some of our children about keeping the commandments, they responded that they keep the commandments, like the obligation that we have to attend Mass on Sundays, "when they can." This answer says to me that the children are being taught to give priority to other things over God's will. This is a mistake. Keeping the commandments brings good into all of our lives. Let's not deny our children all the good that God's Word can bring us.

God bless.

Father Nick

WE NEED YOU!!

A beautiful way to share your Catholic faith, grow in your own understanding of God and His work in your life, and provide meaningful support for your church is to become a Catechist on our Faith Formation Team.



Maybe you did this years ago, or maybe you have always been interested in finding out more about becoming a Catechist. Now is the time! We have a wonderful team of Catechists who come back year after year and generously give their time to work with the families of St. Lawrence. However, we are always in need of your help. You may be an empty-nester, retired, a grandparent, a newly married couple or parents of children in our program. You are perfect for this! You may be thinking, "I don't know if I am qualified". We provide in-house training, materials, support and care. If you love your church, our Lord and your Catholic faith, you may be called to share in this beautiful ministry.

Pray about this unique opportunity to be a part of something wonderful, then reach out to us at the Faith Formation Office at fft@stlchester.org or 908-879-6714. Say "YES!" God Bless.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025**

8:00 am - Bill McCallion

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Spring Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Farbanish Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Culver Family

9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Rotter Family

9:00 am - Theodore & Heidi Wenz

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Barbara Borelli

9:00 am - Estelle Welch

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

9:00 am - Maureen Makris

5:00 pm - John Torrisi

- Fe Pung

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

7:30 am - Margaret Frank

9:00 am - For the People of the parish

- Carol Kaider

11:00 am - Yolanda Cancia

- Charlie Weston

12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm - Stephen Farrel Smith

*You relax on a boat
when you don't know the captain.*

*You relax on a plane
when you don't know the pilot.*

*You relax on a bus
when you don't know the driver.*

*So why don't you relax in life
when you know that God is in control?*

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10



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

*Rinoa Heart Flores, daughter of
Rafael & Regina Flores of
Route 206, Chester.*

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

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

Bring your prayers for healing.
All are welcome!

**NEXT BARN SALE**

Saturday, June 21
9-2 PM

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

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.

**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 se-
cret." Learn more about the relevance of Jesus's message
of compassion, inclusion and care for the poor and mar-
ginalized 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 bev-
erages will be served, and attendees, if they wish, can
make a small, goodwill donation at the door. All are wel-
come!



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



COME AND CELEBRATE
OUR DADS



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

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