



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 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:

OCIA: 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	OCIA	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 GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS



There is something so refreshing about a new beginning. New beginnings can be so filled with hope and possibilities. Whether we are talking about a wedding, an ordination, the start of a new job, entering a new home, the start of a new business, enjoying a home renovation, all of these can gleam with the brightness of possibilities and promise.

Baptism and Penance are the sacraments of new beginnings. When we are baptized or when we make a good confession, we leave the past behind and enter a new chapter of our life. The future for us with a good confession is filled with promise and hope for growth in union and collaboration with the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Christian hope is for a life of love and virtue made possible by the graces that God offers us through prayer and the sacraments.

The Jubilee Year of Hope was launched by Pope Francis last December and is being continued by Pope Leo XIV. Hope is about possibilities. Our Christian hope exhilarates us. With God the possibilities are unlimited!

THE QUO VADIS RETREAT FOR BOYS

For the last several years, our Diocese of Paterson has provided boys, in grades 8 to 12, a one day retreat which helps them to think about the plan that God has for each of us. The day is high on fun, sports, activities, three meals, a Mass with Bishop Sweeney, some talks by our young priests and seminarians, and some other activities, too. The Quo Vadis retreat is scheduled for Thursday, June 26.

For the past few years, 7 or 8 boys from St. Lawrence Church have attended the retreat. If you would like to take part or need more information, please contact Father Nick, Father Angel or seminarian Eric.

God bless.

Father Nick



NEXT HEALING MASS

Tuesday, **July 15** at 7 pm
Begins with Rosary
at 6:30 pm

GOD'S LOVE

*The great thing to remember is that
though our feelings come and go,
God's love for us does not.*
~ C.S. Lewis

WE NEED YOU!!

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 Church. However, we are always in need of your help.

If interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office at fft@stlchester.org or 908-879-6714. God bless you.



NEXT BARN SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 19
9 AM – 2 PM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025**

8:00 am - Thomas Fartini
9:00 am - Olando DiRienzo

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

8:00 am - Mary Forkell
9:00 am - Marguerite Troxel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

8:00 am - Julio Carrera
9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

8:00 am - Kathy Parker
9:00 am - Joseph Cingari

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

8:00 am - Charles Romano
9:00 am - Steven Auditore

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

9:00 am - James Cavanaugh
5:00 pm - Albert Senger

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

7:30 am - Joe Mahoney
9:00 am - Kerry McElwain
- Rosemarie Stasio
11:00 am - Ciro d'Amato
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
6:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

**ANNUAL ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH GOLF OUTING**

Please mark you calendars for a day of fun, community and giving back!

Proceeds from this event will assist the parish with general operations and the work of evangelization.

When: Monday, August 25, 2025

10:30 AM - Registration Start Time

11:00 AM - Deli Lunch

12:00 PM - Shotgun Start

5:00 PM - Dinner Start Time

Where: Black Oak Golf Club

169 Bartley Road
Long Valley, NJ 07853

Additional event details, registration and sponsorship opportunities can be found on <https://birdease.com/stlgolf>.

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking for a good time with great people, this outing is perfect for everyone. If you would rather not play golf, please just register for dinner only.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS TAKEN UP NEXT WEEKEND**Collection for the Church in Latin America**

Your generosity supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean, including educational costs and living expenses of young religious sisters in the Dominican Republic and pastoral care for migrants and refugees in Honduras.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Your generosity reflects the love of Jesus for those who are vulnerable and needy, both around the world and right here at home.

Thank you for your support!

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE**Full-Time and/or Part-Time Senior Care Provider**

Seeking Senior Care Provider for my 84 year old mother. I need a caregiver /nurses aid with experience with stroke patients. Our care concerns are: Medication Prompting, Light Housekeeping, Mobility Assistance, Bathing / Dressing, Meal Preparation, Laundry/Organizing, Help with at home therapy and activities and bring to therapy if needed. Please be willing to do light housekeeping. Assistance with sponge bathing is one of our requirements. Additional responsibilities include meal preparation. Please provide at least two references.

Please contact Lori at (973) 945-4893. Flanders, NJ location

MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

~Booker T. Washington

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)**

Formerly known as Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

ARE YOU ...

A person who has **not been baptized**, but recognizes a need for spirituality in life?

A **baptized Christian of another denomination** who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic Church?

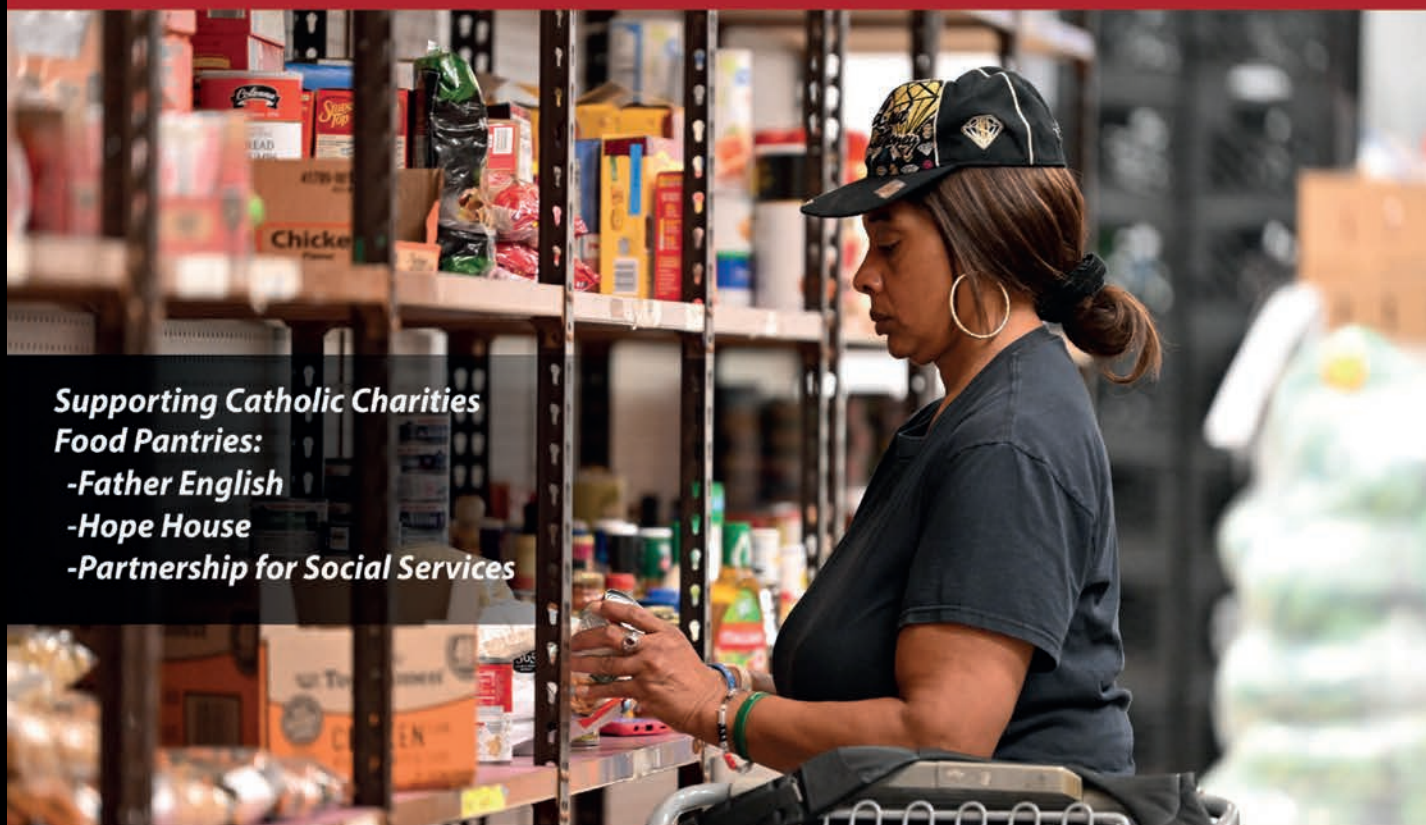
A baptized Roman Catholic who has **not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation** and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?

Married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?

For more information, please contact Jan Richards at 267-746-0145.

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Noah
at
Sight & Sound Theatre
Wednesday, October 22, 2025

With a catastrophic storm on its way, Noah is given a monumental task: build a boat big enough to save his family from a flood that will cover the entire earth. As Noah endeavors to live faithfully in the midst of an increasingly chaotic world, can he trust that God's promises run deeper than the rising waters around him? Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes you on board one of the world's best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles. Set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary story comes to life in this special 30th anniversary season!. Lunch is also included after the show.

Details

Departs: St. Lawrence Church, Chester at 7:30 am

Returns: Approximately 6:30 pm

Meal: Hershey Farms Smorgasbord at 2:00 pm

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Cancellation policy: \$30.00 per person until September 10, 2025 after, non-refundable unless ticket is re-sold.

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St. Lawrence Sight & Sound "Noah" - Wednesday, October 22, 2025

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Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

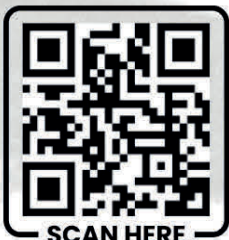
Cancellation policy: \$30.00 per person until September 10, 2025 after, non-refundable unless ticket is re-sold.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



QUO VADIS DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN IN GRADES 8 TO 12

JUNE 26, 2025 9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
CAMP SHILOH - 753 BURNT MEADOW RD HEWITT, NJ



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ADVENTURE

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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



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