



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 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:

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:parish@stlchester.org)

**Parish Web Site:** [www.stlchester.org](http://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

### MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING HIM TO JESUS



All of the apostles were evangelists. Apostle is the Greek word that means “one who is sent out”. St. Paul was an apostle. He truly lived the vocation to evangelize as many people as possible in the time that God gave him.

The Cursillo movement began in Spain in the 1950's. The Cursillo is the grandmother of Search retreats, Antioch retreats, and the Cornerstone movement. The motto of Cursillo was the following: “Make a friend, be a friend, bring them to Jesus.” The Cursillo was definitely about forming evangelists.

The Cursillo motto is about evangelizing. This motto is founded on the two great commandments. “To love the Lord our God, with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. And to love our neighbor as ourself.” To truly love others equates with making friends and being friends. And the best place to “evangelize” is in the context of genuine, loving friendships. Evangelization “happens” in these loving friendships. Because we are social beings, we ourselves benefit from loving friendships. And those with whom we are friends hopefully will benefit from the loving friendships that we offer them.

God bless.

*Father Nick*

### A PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**“But Peter looked intently and said, ‘Look at us.’ He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, ‘I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk.’ Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, and stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God.”**

We honor the two great Apostles together, Peter and Paul, the former our first Pope and the second the apostle to the gentiles. The scripture accounts of Peter’s commissioning, his triumphs and disasters are well known. The journeys and letters of Paul are fourteen books of the bible teaching and forming us and were written even before the gospel texts which we treasure.

May Peter’s words and actions be mirrored as we have something to give those cripples in our lives. May we respond by giving them the Jesus we know as we reflect His person to our world. What we have is ours to give – the person of Jesus by our kindness, caring and willingness to reach out to them. Saint Mother Teresa is the model from our own time and experience. “Look at us.”

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dana Culver  
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Cathy Schmetter

### TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025

8:00 am - Brian Spring  
9:00 am - Frank Fila

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Michura Family  
9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025

8:00 am - Virginia Murphy  
9:00 am - Maria Bessone

### FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Cesar Arostegui  
- Spec. Int. of Sophie Debbane  
9:00 am - Father Rafael Perez

### SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025

9:00 am - Catalina McDonough  
5:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Lori Rotter

### SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

7:30 am - Spec. Int. of Reynolds Family  
9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Unborn and their Families  
11:00 am - Spec. Int. of Spring Family  
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory  
6:00 pm - For the People of the Parish

## 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](mailto:fft@stlchester.org) or 908-879-6714. God bless you.

*Never limit your prayer because you think you're sinful or undeserving. You're not praying because of who you are. You're praying because of who He is.*



## NEXT HEALING MASS

Tuesday, **July 22** at 7 pm  
Begins with Rosary  
at 6:30 pm

(Note change of date: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)



## NEXT BARN SALE

**SATURDAY, JULY 19**  
**9 AM – 2 PM**

*Back to College Sale*

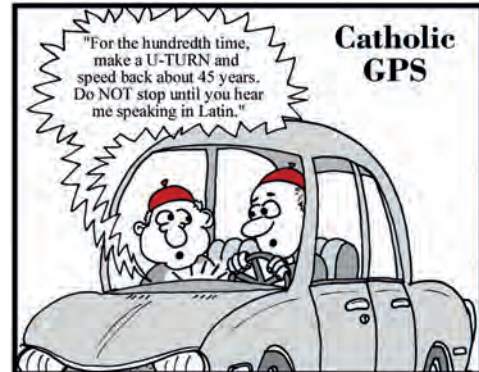
## NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome!

We are very happy to have you here with us.



If you haven't done so already, please register with the parish at [www.stlchester.org](http://www.stlchester.org) so we can keep you up to date with events, schedules and news.



## HOSPITALIZED, HOMEBOUND, IN ASSISTED LIVING



Please contact our Parish Office if you know of someone in the area who is hospitalized, homebound or in assisted living. Many would appreciate a friendly visit, a phone call, help with rides to medical appointments, or the opportunity to receive Communion. The smallest of gestures can be the greatest of blessings. Thank you for your help.



## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF 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.





Join St. Lawrence Parish

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

Make checks payable to Longs Travel  
and give to Marie Holl or the church.

*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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ANNUAL ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH GOLF OUTING

**Mark you calendar 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.





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