



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 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

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

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|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 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

POPE LEO AND OUR LADY OF GRACE



With God there are no coincidences. Sometimes God uses details and coincidences to get our attention and to teach us lessons. Recently, there was a special message from heaven on the day of the election of Pope Leo XIV. As you may know, Pope Leo is an Augustinian priest. He did his undergraduate studies in mathematics at Villanova University, an Augustinian school. Most religious communities have a devotion to the Blessed Mother under a particular title of hers. The Augustinians have a devotion to Mary as Our Lady of Grace. The Augustinians honor Our Lady of Grace on May 8th. By God's design, Robert Francis Prevost was elected our new Holy Father, on the Augustinian Feast of Our Lady of Grace, May 8th. Is this just a coincidence? I do not think so.

I would like to say a little more about Our Lady of Grace. In this image, Mary has her hands extended to the earth with rays of grace radiating from some of her fingers. Someone once asked her why there were not rays extending from all of her fingers. Mary replied that there were fingers without rays because they represented graces that people had not prayed for. We need to ask for God's graces. Jesus said, "Ask and you shall receive."

I truly believe that Our Blessed Mother had a hand in the election of Pope Leo. In the matter of world history, Mary has said that in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph! It is comforting that we can see Mary's hand in the care of the Catholic Church.

God bless.

Father Nick

A PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

"At that time Jesus appointed seventy-two others whom He sent ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit. He said, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold I am sending you like lambs among wolves.'"

As I read the gospel passage, I realize that the seventy-two were not sufficient to complete the mission. It was only the beginning. We might think a missionary is one who joins a group and is sent to bring the good news of Jesus to another region or country. That is a limited understanding of the role of a catholic.

Because of my baptism my name is added to the seventy-two, as I am commissioned to go on mission. Why? The harvest is ready but as long as I just sit on the sidelines and watch, I am allowing the wolves to devour the sheep. Are you ready to be recommissioned? Pope Saint John Paul II told us "the mission of Christ the redeemer which He entrusted to His church is far from completion." Make it 73?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025**

8:00 am - Yoshiko Louison
9:00 am - Bill & Mary Welch

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am - James & Catherine Nolan

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025

8:00 am - Bill & Jeanne McCormick
9:00 am - Janet Russo

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am - Bill & Ginny Donahue

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025

8:00 am - Antoinette Gugliemini
9:00 am - Robert Lombardi

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

9:00 am - Jerry Comiskey
5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish
- Alice & Thomas Welsh
- Margarete & Erwin Hartmann

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

7:30 am - Conrad & Betty Ann Spring
9:00 am - Rosemarie Stasio
11:00 am - Richard Dichairo
- Irene May Marsh
12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
6:00 pm - David Pool

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED**

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

Rose Christine Stanley, daughter of Mark & Amanda Stanley of Oak Street, Chester.

Nicolas Sebastian Rivadeneira Jimenez, son of Miguel & Luz Rivadeneira Jimenez of East Valley Avenue, Hackettstown.

Conor John Gallagher, son of Thomas & Alyssa Gallagher of Long Hill Road, Long Valley.

Emilia Sophia Jara & Oliver Benjamin Jara, children of Carlos & Jennifer Jara of Marston Road, Flanders.

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.

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

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

(Note change of date: 4th Tuesday)

**NEXT BARN SALE**

SATURDAY, JULY 19
9 AM – 2 PM

Back to College Sale

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

**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 so we can keep you up to date with events, schedules and news.

**ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH
GOLF OUTING**

Mark your 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>.

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Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

~ John Quincy Adams



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