



St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 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: Donna Pedulla

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	Donna Pedulla	973-670-5687
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	Social 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

CONVERSATION WITH GOD



Gods created us. God created everything. Sometimes when we think of God's creation, we think only of objects or plants or people that we can see and feel and touch. But God created everything, including how persons relate to each other. He created how we relate as people and He created how we relate to Him.

God's design for relationships is that if we put in the time we can build relationships and that if we do not put in the time, our relationships will stall or regress. This is true of relationships between human beings and also between persons and God. People need conversations with others and we need conversations with God. This is how we build relationships with others. Through our conversations with God, we build our relationship with Him.

Conversation involves speaking and listening. Both parties need time to speak and to listen. This is true in our relationship with God. The Church and the saints recommend that we use the Bible when we pray. The Bible is without a doubt the Word of God. I recommend that we use the readings from the daily Mass as a tool for our conversations with God. We need to take time to pray every day. Thus we will know Him better and also understand His will and His plan for creation better. It is essential that we take time for prayer every day!

God bless.

Father Nick



CYO BASKETBALL PROGRAM: NEW MANAGEMENT NEEDED FOR '25 -'26 SEASON

**Athletic Director,
Assistant Athletic Director,
Uniform & Equipment Manager**



Positions need to be filled ASAP as registration begins in August.

Athletic Director/Assistant Athletic Director

Responsible for securing practice sites and schedules, registration, schedule changes, communications with league and players, site management at Bragg during games, money collection at Bragg during games, concessions, etc.

Uniform and Equipment Manager

Responsible for setting up uniform ordering and delivery as well as first aid kits, balls and other equipment.

Please contact:

Karen Prignano at KLPRIGNANO@gmail.com

Amy Suchanek at amyv9@yahoo.com

The St. Lawrence CYO program serves boys and girls (on separate teams) in grades 3 through 8.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025**

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Barbara Farbanish
 9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025

8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Gary Newkirk
 9:00 am - William Morea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

8:00 am - Bert Carr
 9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025

8:00 am - Angela Mascolo
 9:00 am - Father Rafael Perez

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

8:00 am - Robert & Claire Kingsley
 - Myriam Schneider
 9:00 am - Bridget Donovan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

9:00 am - Michelle Bozza
 5:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Anne & Shep Auditore
 - Carol Zanella

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

7:30 am - Joe Pisaurio
 9:00 am - Spec. Int of Unborn & their Families
 11:00 am - Camila Marie McGaul
 12:30 pm - For the People of the Parish
 6:00 pm - Lawrence Benoit, Sr.

**SUMMER FOOD DRIVE**

August 8-10
For Chester and Long Valley
Food Pantries

Please put donations in bins
by front door or on bench in
Church Hall.

Long Valley needs: canned fruit, canned corn, canned black beans, canned tuna or chicken, pancake mix, syrup, snacks, cookies, any kind of paper products

Chester needs: oil, mustard, ketchup, BBQ sauce, pasta sauce, salad dressings, coffee, crackers, cookies, dish detergent, laundry detergent

The Good Samaritans appreciate your support.

**AUGUST PILGRIMAGES****Wednesday, August 13**

Pilgrimage to the **Blue Army Shrine to commemorate the Fatima Miracle**. There will be a Fatima Rosary procession, Mass celebrated by Bishop Sweeney and a guest speaker, congressman Chris Smith. We plan to carpool leaving St. Lawrence Church parking lot at 10 am. Please bring a bag lunch and drink.

Saturday, August 23

Pilgrimage to the **National Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs (North American Martyrs) in Auriesville, NY**.

Our visit will include a private Mass in their chapel, tour and presentation. We also plan to go to the Visitor Center, gift shop, coliseum and see the grounds and ravine. Bring a bag lunch or snack to be enjoyed in their picnic pavilion. On our return home, we will stop at Nicolino's Restaurant. Carpool leaves St. Lawrence at 7:30 am.

If you would like to join us for either trip, please call Marie by August 1 at : 908-876-3488 or text 908-887-5411.

**ANNUAL ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH GOLF OUTING**

Mark you calendar for a day of fun, community and giving back!

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: <https://birdease.com/stlgolf>

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE**Seeking Help in Caring for Alzheimer's Patient**

Seeking an experienced full or part time caretaker for an 82 year old gentleman with Alzheimer's Disease in the Tewksbury area. He is very alert, conversive and pleasant. He requires support with all personal care. He is non-ambulatory and will require someone with lifting and transfer experience. Please call Kathy at 917-946-5027 for more information.

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

Tuesday, August 26 at 7 pm
Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm
(4th Tuesday this month)

Bring your prayers for healing
All are welcome!



ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH JUBILEE DINNER

Join us for an evening of celebration!

**Saturday, September 20, 2025
7-10 PM**

Black Oak Golf Club, Long Valley

**\$60 per person
RSVP deadline is September 1.**

Maximum capacity is 120. Please register early!

**The event will begin with Mass at 5 PM
with Bishop Sweeney.**

**Additional event details and RSVP:
<https://stljubilee.rsvpify.com/>**

**** VERY IMPORTANT! ****

**Reservations are not secured until payment
is received by the Parish Office AND RSVP is completed online.**



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 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

Make checks payable to Longs Travel
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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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