



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 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

Susan Reilly (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](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	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

### LOVE, HOLINESS AND THE SACRAMENTS



Jesus teaches us, “Be holy as my Father is holy.” It is a beautiful calling that God is making to all of us. “Be Holy.” What does it mean to be holy? The Church in her wisdom teaches us that holiness is love. The more a person loves, the more he or she is holy. A fair question is, “Can a person grow in love?” The answer is YES. Then, how can we grow to love more? The answer is that with God’s help, we can grow to love more.

It is by meeting with Jesus regularly in the sacraments that we can grow to love more and better. All of the seven sacraments can help us to love more. In particular, the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation help us to grow in love. The more frequently we celebrate these two sacraments, the more we will grow in love. The Eucharist is our food for the journey of life. The Eucharist helps us to grow in union with God. The Eucharist brings us into contact with the Heart of Jesus and His heart changes our hearts. The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to remove our sins and faults that separate us from the love of God and weaken the love of God in our hearts and in our lives. If we want to grow in love and holiness, then we must meet with Jesus often in the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. According to the commandments, we must attend Mass every Sunday. Those intent on growing in holiness come to weekday Masses, too. St. John Paul II said that confession once a month is a good rate for most Catholics. Our Lady of Medjugorje recommends confession once a month, too.

God bless.

*Father Nick*



#### ANNUAL ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH GOLF OUTING

Mark your 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>



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

##### 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](mailto:KLPRIGNANO@gmail.com)

Amy Suchanek at [amyv9@yahoo.com](mailto:amyv9@yahoo.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025**

- 8:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory  
 9:00 am - Spec. Int. of Lori Rotter

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025**

- 8:00 am - Spec. Int. of Dana Culver  
 9:00 am - Betty Michaels  
 - Spec. Int. of Patricia & Tom Oswald  
 (64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025**

- 8:00 am - Lisa Mack  
 9:00 am - For the Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025**

- 8:00 am - Conchita Owens  
 9:00 am - Bill & Jeanne McCormick  
 7:00 pm - Vigil for Holy Day (Spanish)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025 (Assumption)**

- 8:00 am - For those Grieving  
 9:00 am - Gregory Mendell  
 5:30 pm - Michelle Bozza  
 7:00 pm - Tom Oswald

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025**

- 9:00 am - Paula A. Wilson  
 5:00 pm - For the People of the Parish  
 - Wayne Alexander

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025**

- 7:30 am - Dan Williams  
 9:00 am - Barbara Borrelli  
 11:00 am - Elizabeth Long Furia  
 12:30 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory  
 6:00 pm - Thomas Fuscaldo, Sr.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Friday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption. On this day, we celebrate the happy departure of Mary from this life and the assumption of her body into heaven. It is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and is a **holy day of obligation**.

**Mass Schedule (held in the church):**

**8 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7 pm**

**(7 pm Mass in Spanish on vigil)**

**WE NEED YOU!!****Become a Catechist on our Faith Formation Team!**

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.

**SUMMER FOOD DRIVE**

**Today is last day, August 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

**NEXT HEALING MASS**

**Tuesday, August 26 at 7 pm**  
**Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm**  
**(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday this month)**

**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.

**EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP**

**Sunday, August 17 at 3:30 pm**  
**Parish Center**

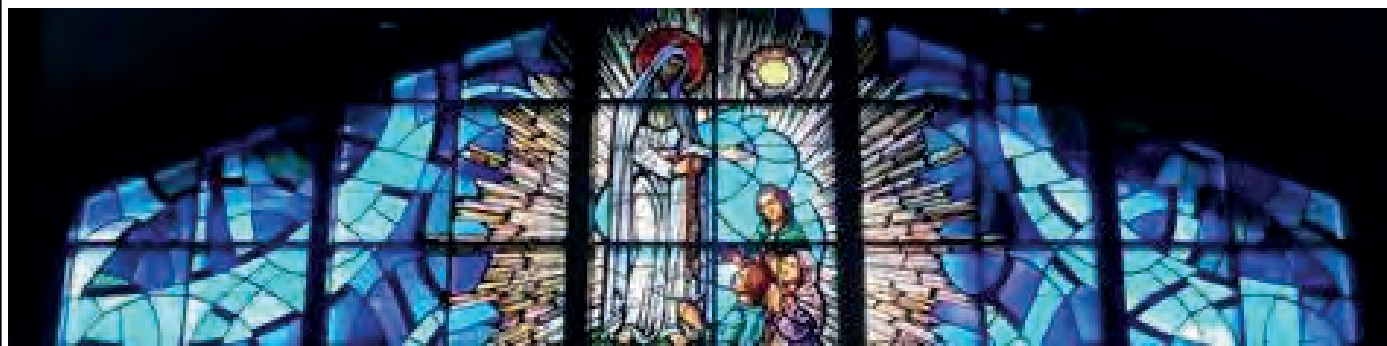


Eileen George is a candidate for sainthood that Father Nick personally knew. The one-hour meetings include listening and discussion of one of her recorded teachings, prayers of petition and social time with refreshments. All are welcome! Join us!

**NEXT BARN SALE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**  
**9 AM - 2 PM**





## **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 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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