

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church is a community of Catholic Christians who gather together to celebrate the Eucharist, their love of Jesus Christ and their love of one another as children of Christ. We are a diverse community focused on creating an enthusiasm for our faith and enriching the lives for all who come to worship in our parish. Inviting and welcoming liturgies, multiple youth and young adult activities and adult enrichment programs all help make the Word of Christ a living reality at St. Lawrence.

Rev. Nicholas Bozza, Pastor

375 Main Street, P.O. Box 730, Chester, New Jersey 07930

Rev. Rolands Uribe, Parochial Vicar

Deacon William DeVizio, Permanent Deacon

Trustees: Phil Guidone, Jeanne McCormick

Parish Secretary: Karen Jaworski

Accountant: Sharon McCann

Business Manager: Bill McCormick

MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

Daily Mass: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am & 9:00 am, Sat. 9:00 am

Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm

Holy Day: 8:00 am, 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm (bi-lingual)

Healing Mass: 7:00 pm every 3rd Tuesday of month. Rosary at 6:30 pm

BAPTISMS:

Baptism Preparation Class: Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

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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.

Coordinators of Religious Education:

Carla Fuscaldo, Dorothy Kudron, Terry Leing

Cynthia Vittitow— Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Brian Flanagan — Confirmation

Kathleen Galdi — DRE

Music Minister: Joseph P. Tamburro

Youth Minister: Brian Flanagan

Mercy Minister: Cindy Zeis

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN:

Gr. K-4 & CGS 1: Sun. 9:00-10:45 am

Gr. 1-8: Thurs. 4:30-5:45 pm

Gr. 5-8: Sun. 4:30-5:45 pm OR Mon. 7:00-8:15 pm

Gr. 9-10: Sun. 5:40-8:00 pm

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

RCIA: Sundays (September-Easter)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm, Monday: 6:30-7:00 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
Web Master:	Joanne Franklin (908-879-6222)

Parish Ministries and Ministry Facilitators

Welcome	Janet Villafane	(908) 879-3032	Haiti Twinning Program	Christine Colannino	(201) 314-9824
Bereavement	Don Martone	(908) 879-7957	Lectors	John Kennington	(908) 872-0575
Good Samaritans	Patsy Soden	(908) 879-3374	Eucharistic Ministers	Loretta Stewart	(973) 222-7492
Grocery Cards	Jean Ward	(908) 334-3442	Ushers	Bob Holl	(908) 876-3488
Moms & Tots	Melissa Altieri	(908) 797-0676	Music Minister	Joe Tamburro	(908) 453-3302
Arimathaea	Arlene McDonald	(973) 584-7319	Spanish Ministry	Louis Villafane	(908) 879-3032
Liturgical Environment	Joanne Carr	(908) 879-5543	Youth Minister	Brian Flanagan	(973) 946-8770
Women's Cornerstone	Judy Irwin	(201) 400-7847	Altar Servers	Chuck Feller	(908) 768-2838
Men's Cornerstone	Marc McFeely	(973) 222-9739	Evangelization	Bob Holl	(908) 876-3488
Pastoral Adv. Board	Jerry Frech	(908) 377-2900	RCIA	Jan Richards	(908) 975-3555
Rosary Society	Marie Holl	(908) 876-3488	Respect Life	Connie Wieczorek	(908) 879-6453
Media Ministry	Jeanne McCormick	(908) 879-6884	Barn Ministry	Ed Wieczorek	(908) 300-0098
Mary's Moonflowers	Karen Jones	(973) 479-5271			

Parish Office: 908-879-5371 **Priests' Home:** 908-879-1901 **Religious Ed.:** 908-879-6714 **Youth Minister:** 973-946-8770 **Fax:** 908-879-7701

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE PARISH



Most of the parish knows the schedule of weekend Masses in our parish. However, in addition to weekend Masses, we have weekday Masses, confession times and prayer services regularly scheduled throughout the week. I thought I would use the note "from the pastor's desk" to inform you about the faith-building opportunities at St. Lawrence parish. Remember that it is prayer that deepens our faith.

Weekday Masses – On Mondays through Fridays, we have two morning Masses at 8 am and at 9 am. As the Mass goes on to testify, the morning Mass is a great way to start the day. We have had the 8 am Mass here for many years. We added the 9 am Mass to our schedule to accommodate the people who are occupied with the delivery of their children to school around 8 am. I hope that you can come and join us for morning Mass during the week. We also celebrate a daily Mass on Saturdays at 9 am.

Eucharistic Adoration – We have adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's Chapel on Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 am and on first Fridays from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm.

Confessions – The Sacrament of Confession, Reconciliation, is such a great sacrament. It brings us forgiveness. It prepares us for heaven. It opens us up to spiritual realities. It frees us of the burdens caused by our sins. It prepares us for communion with the Lord Jesus. We offer confession times on Mondays at 6:30 pm and on Saturdays at 4 pm.

Novena to Mary - Each Saturday, following the 9 am Mass, we pray a novena to the Mother of God.

Morning Prayer – Each morning before the first weekday Mass, we pray Morning Prayer in common in Our Lady's Chapel (in the parish center). We have prayer books available for all those who would like to come and participate. Monday through Friday, we begin at about 7:30 am. On Saturdays, we begin at 8:30 am.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is a very powerful form of intercessory prayer. The Chaplet is a life-changing, world changing prayer. We pray this chaplet Monday through Saturday starting about 15 minutes before the first daily Mass. We also pray the Chaplet every Friday at 3 pm in the church (on the first Friday, we pray the Chaplet before the Most Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's chapel.)

God bless.

Father Nick

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK

Sunday

- No classes

Monday

- No classes

Thursday

- Gr. 1-8

Sunday

- CGS
- Gr. K-4, 5-8
- Confirmation Session 5

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We had sixteen hundred years' experience with one Eucharistic Prayer in our repertoire, and the liturgical reforms of the Council of Trent shaped the way we worshiped for four hundred years. In the last years of the Tridentine Mass, the early 1960s, we tended to see children as miniature adults. Fully rooted in the Sunday assembly by the decision of Pope Saint Pius X to push Communion back to the age of seven or so from the standard age of twelve to fourteen years during the early 1900s, children were still more tolerated than acknowledged. The Mass was in Latin, and by the 1960s the people had begun to regain their voices in the "dialogue Mass," so the focus was on training little children to recite or sing in Latin.

The new attention to the experience of children, their ability to enter into ritual, their spontaneity, their ability to grasp key concepts in faith, felt "untraditional." Yet we can trace in our tradition the ways in which children have long been given a special place in the assembly. From earliest times, boys have served in choirs and certain ministries in monasteries and in parish churches. Girls were sometimes entrusted to nuns, learning liturgical chants and the arts. Yet, in our day, the formation of a Lectionary for children and Eucharistic Prayers suited to them are truly tremendous breakthroughs in our treasury of prayer.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
November 18-19**

5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
CB – Addison Liang	CB –	CB – Katie Vaillancourt	CB Mercedes Lombardo	CB – Ali Wallace
S1 – Josh Mulcahy	S1 –	S1 – Aidan Howell	S1 – Mili Lombardo	S1 – Sofia Uribe
S2 -	S2 –	S2 Thomas Bulzacchelli	S2 – Trevor Connolly	S2 –

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday

- Good Samaritans - 7:00 pm

Tuesday

- Tutoring - 4:30 pm
- Women's Cornerstone - 7:00 pm
- Rosary Society - 7:00 pm

Wednesday

- BOLD PST - 7:30 pm
- ESL - 7:30 pm

Thursday

- Moms & Tots - 10:00 am
- Bell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Adult Choir - 7:00 pm
- Moonflowers - 7:00 pm

Friday

- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm

Sunday

- Pancake Breakfast



TRAVELING MARY

Our "Traveling Mary" is a statue of Our Lady of Fatima which will spend the week in your home. We are asking that families/individuals say the rosary during that week. Along with the statue are some pamphlets on how to say the Rosary, a DVD for younger children and some rosary beads for you to use. Let's keep "Mary" traveling throughout the parish! Contact the Faith Formation Office (908-879-6714) if you are interested.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK . . .

- Kirsten Mumma, William Ware, Julio Carrera, Sebastian Quinn, Ralph Bozza, Sister Eucharia, Bishop Frank Rodimer, Father Rolands Uribe, Father Eugene Romano, Father Paul Knauer, Father Rafael Perez, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Msgr. Richard Rusconi, Msgr. Peter McBride, Patrick John Moran, Ann Kelly, Lloyd Matsamoto, Helen Crowe, Jane Alt, Patrick Pronio, Allison Spina, Lesley Pawar, Tom Walsh, Steve Briggs, Brian Graham, Colleen Saito, William Kelly, Mary Norwood, Mary Lanzara, Rocco Colantuono, Diane Verge, Cade Feitel, Christine Ambrosino, Carole Stessl, Kathy Bollwork, Dick Goodwin, Nicholas Brown, Jane Rufino, Kevin Callahan, Judith Stampone, Jeanette Mahoney, Paul Fitzgerald, Charlotte Poth, Colleen Looby, George Serafin, Charlie Romano, Salman Javed, Joe Cillo, Jerry Green, Mary Constantinople, Dan McGuigan, Patricia Gilvey, Daisy Hallock, Robert Snow, Ryan Menzel, Vincent & Giuliana Petane, Betty Macaluso, Dorothy Powers, Ellie Cowie, Wesley Snawder, Jeanne McCormick, Tom Murray, Eidelia Jimenez Martinez, Mila Balicki, Timothy Gearty, Karen Curley, Consiglia Erdenberger, Arnold Family, Connie Dziomba, Bonnie Lieberworth, Barbara Drive, Jack Ratti, Finn Michael, Olivia Gill, Maureen Diana, Teresa Smith



Come warm your belly and shake off the chill with delicious, hot pancakes served after all morning Masses on **Sunday, November 19, in the Church Hall.** Come for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, bacon and donuts in addition to the normal complement of juices and coffee. \$5/ person, \$10/family. Best bargain in town! Tickets will be sold at door only.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

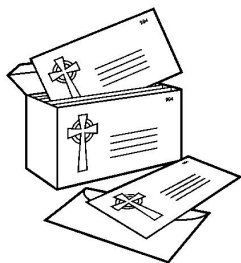
In Giving, We Receive

After decades of service to our parishes, our diocesan priests have the opportunity to live at Nazareth Village in Chester. A number of our priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support Nazareth Village. Your pledge is a great way to recognize the generous gift of their priestly vocation. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.

ARIMATHAEA MINISTRY

Those who join the Arimathaea ministry at St. Lawrence Church help families plan a funeral Mass. They assist with readings and music selections and answer any questions they have regarding the Mass. They would also, if possible, attend the viewing and/or funeral Mass as support to the family. If you are interested, please call Arlene McDonald at 973-584-7319.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES



All Souls envelopes are available at the entrances of the church if you wish to take one. Please write the names of your beloved departed on the lines provided. The envelopes, **once donations are removed**, will be placed by the altar for the month of November, the month of all

souls. Please do not put envelopes containing donations in the basket by the altar. Please use the collection basket at Mass or mail to the Parish Office.

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office at 908-879-5371 if you know of someone who is unable to come to Mass. We will arrange a time to visit and provide the opportunity to receive Communion.

THE BEACON

Do You Receive The Beacon?

If you receive The Beacon, your support to help underwrite the monthly subscription bill would be greatly appreciated. The annual subscription fee is \$29.50. A check, made out to St. Lawrence Church, can be mailed to the Parish Office or dropped in the collection basket at Mass. You can also make your donation using the e-giving option by accessing *WeShare* on the parish's home page. Thank you!

Would You Like to Subscribe or Cancel The Beacon?

Please contact Karen at the Parish Office:
908-879-5371 OR parish@stlchester.org.

WE WERE ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL (MENDHAM)

Experience a "day in the life" of an SJS student! Come visit with your child or have your child shadow a grade independently. Call Lori Arends, Principal, at 973-543-7474, ext. 7, to schedule your visit any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday through December 15.

AN EVENING WITH SISTERS (MORRISTOWN)

On Monday, November 13 from 7 - 9 PM at Villa Walsh Convent, Morristown, the Religious Teachers Filippini are celebrating "An Evening With Sisters." This event will be open to high school and college aged women discerning their vocation. Food and drink will be provided. For details, contact the office of the Delegate for Religious at 973-777-8818 ext. 207, or kerry@patersondiocese.org.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS... NOT JUST FOR SISTERS!

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, is proud to announce its theology and philosophy courses for the Spring semester January 9-May 9, 2018. **Sacred Scripture II, Mystery of God, Mary and the Scriptures, Philosophy of the Human Person, Women in Literature, Developmental Psychology (Online)**

\$510/course for credit \$255/course for audit
For registration, call or e-mail by December 18:
973-957-0188 Ext. 106 academicdean@acs350.org

YOU ARE INVITED...SAVE THE DATE

On December 9, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese (December 9th, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 AM Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with our Bishop, Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11:00 AM. *All are invited to attend this Communion Breakfast!* Tickets are \$40 per person and are available online at www.rcdop.org/breakfast.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

8:00 am - Theodore Wenz

9:00 am - Tim Parks

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

8:00 am - Judy Tully

9:00 am - Lisa Mack

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017

8:00 am - Charlotte Sullivan

9:00 am - Robert Villafane

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

8:00 am - Earl Phillips

9:00 am - Patti Hale

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

8:00 am - Gordon Furlong

9:00 am - Jim Pasapane

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

9:00 am - Caroline Bozza

5:00 pm - Spec. Int. of Kudron Family

- Joseph & Alba Hoffman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

7:30 am - Judy Tully

- Helen Vornehm

9:00 am - Anne Fulling

- Chun Kun Han

11:00 am - For the People of the Parish

12:30 pm - Spec. Int. of Ralph Bozza

6:00 pm - Edward Tarras

NEXT HEALING MASS**Tuesday, November 21*****Rosary at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm*****Come and place your prayers for healing
before the Lord.****Tithing: God's Plan for Giving.****Tithing Income November 5, 2017 \$11,695.00**

Tithing Income November 6, 2016 \$11,372.00

Father Nick: "I want to thank all of you for the sacrifices that you make for God and for our parish."**A testimony from a member of Epiphany Church in Plymouth Meeting, PA:** "This is to thank you for the spiritual and intelligent presentation of tithing. As a convert to the Church, I knew of tithing as a child in the Baptist Church. The African American Church in America – built by freed slaves – could not have survived without the Biblical practice. My financial resources are not great, but I do intend to be certain to include my parish in my giving."**WISDOM**

We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.

THE GAP***It's interesting that there is such a huge gap
between advice and help.*****~Anonymous****TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalms — My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

I CAN DO ANYTHING***I have started houses with no more than the price of a loaf of bread and prayers, for with him who comforts me, I can do anything.*****~Frances Xavier Cabrini****MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19;
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135,
175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of
the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]