St. Lawrence the Martyr Church  
SUNDAY, JULY 9, 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  
Rev. Mr. Sylwester Pierzak, Transitional Deacon  
Trustees: Phil Guidone, Jeannine McCormick  
Parish Secretary: Karen Jaworski  
Accountant: Sharon McCann  
Business Manager: Bill McCormick

MASSES:
Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 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)

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 Vittitoe—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 2: Sun. 9:45-11:15 am  
Gr. 1-8 & CGS 1: 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: Sunday evening

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 Ministries and Ministry Facilitators

| Welcome          | Janet Villafane (908) 879-3032 | Haiti Twinning Program | Christine Colamino (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 Altiere (908) 797-0676 | Music Minister         | Joe Tamburro (908) 453-3302      |
| Arimathaea       | Arlene McDonald (973) 584-7319 | Spanish Ministry       | Louis Villafane (908) 879-3032   |
| Liturgical       | Joanne Carr (908) 879-5543     | Youth Minister         | Brian Flanagan (973) 946-8770    |
| Environment      | Judy Irwin (201) 400-7847      | Altar Servers          | Chuck Feller (908) 768-2838      |
| Women’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      |

EYES ARE THE WINDOWS OF THE SOUL
FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
You have probably already heard the saying that “Eyes are the Windows of the Soul.” Have you ever considered the meaning of this saying? My understanding of it is that what we allow ourselves to view can affect our soul. What we view can influence us toward good and virtue or toward evil and sin. When I was a young priest, I remember listening to a religious sister instructing parents about the Christian formation of their children. She told the parents to take care about what their children were viewing. The sister said, “Goodness in, goodness out. Garbage in, garbage out!” She said it is a bit like inputting data in a computer. When we input good data in our computer, we receive useful results. When we input poor data in our computer, we receive poor results. What we view as adults, teens or as families affects who we are becoming. If we view violence, disrespect, laziness, immodesty, impurity, lawlessness, etc., it is bound to have an effect on us. What we view can suggest misbehavior to us. It can trigger lust. It can make us more and more tolerant of violence and other misbehaviors.

Our soul more than any other part of us is in the image of God. What we allow our soul to view can no doubt have an effect on it. It is important to care about where we are directing the windows of our souls!

PRAYER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
The Service Committee of the Diocese of Paterson is planning monthly prayer meetings for all those who wish to gather and pray in the Holy Spirit and who wish to learn more about “Life in the Holy Spirit.” St. Paul’s Inside the Walls Evangelization Center in Madison is not able to accommodate the prayer meetings during this summer so they will be held in our parish chapel on July 10 and August 14 at 7:30 pm. You are most welcome to join us for this form of prayer that brings us the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit! Why not join us on July 10 at 7:30 pm in our chapel.

Father Nick

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY...
Dale Schmidt
Mary Forkell
SUMMER BIBLE STUDY
Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance
There has been a day change for the evening session of the summer bible study. We will be meeting on Tuesday evening starting July 11 at 7:30 pm. Fr. Nick has asked for the change. The AM session will remain on Tuesday morning after the 8:00 am Mass. Books will be available at the first meeting and are $20. Books are also available in the Parish Office for anyone wanting to get a head start. It is important that you give a working email address when you purchase a book so that the link to the online videos can be sent to you. Join us as we discover that the words of St. Paul are as important today as they were in the 1st Century. All are welcome!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME . . .

**Lector:** Contact John Kennington, the Lector coordinator, by email at JFKleadership@gmail.com.

**Altar Server:** Contact Chuck Feller, the Altar Server coordinator, at 908-768-2838 or email cnfeller@att.net.

**Eucharistic Minister:** Contact Loretta Steward, the Eucharistic Minister coordinator, at (973) 222-7492 or email lorettaemic@comcast.net.

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND
Please call the priests if you know of someone who is hospitalized or homebound. Many would appreciate a visit and the opportunity to receive communion. Thank you for helping others in our parish community.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
July 15-16

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MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday**
- Bible Study - 8:45 am
- Finance Committee - 7:00 pm
- Women’s Cornerstone - 7:00 pm
- Bible Study - 7:30 pm

**Wednesday**
- ESL - 7:30 pm

**Friday**
- Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE
Looking to ignite your spiritual life or desire a closer relationship with God? We urge you to consider participating in this year’s Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on October 21. There are two options to participate: a two-day trip which includes visits to the St. Jude Shrine, the Baltimore Basilica, and the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. or the one full day trip. We ask you to sign up for this important spiritual journey that can change your life. Sign up sheets available in church and Parish Center. Or call the parish liaison, Joanne Carr, at 908-879-5543 to sign up for the one day or overnight trip.

UPCOMING BARN SALES
9:00-3:00 pm
August 12, September 9, October 6 & 7

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK . . .
Kirsten Mumma, William Ware, Julio Carrera, Sebastian Quinn, Ralph Bozza, Sister Eucharia, Father Eugene Roman, Father Paul Knauer, Father Rafael Perez, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Msgr. Richard Rusconi, Patrick John Moran, Ann Kelly, Bill Basso, 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, Camille McQueen, Mary Ross, Judith Stampone, Jeanette Mahoney, Paul Fitzgerald, Charlotte Poth, Colleen Looby, Claire Kingsley, George Serafin, Charlie Romano, Salman Javed, Don Martone, Arnold Family, Margaret Compton, Joe Cillo, Jerry Green, Kristen McLaughlin, Mary Constantinople, Dan McGuigan, Karolena Wojnicz, Jozef Galka, Patricia Gilvey, Daisy Hallock, Robert Kingsley, John Boyle, Robert Snow, Cathy Donahue, Ryan Menzel, Vincent & Giuliana Petane, Betty Macaluso, Dorothy Powers, Ellie Cowie, Louis Villafane, Gary Sekulski, Wesley Snawder
HELP NEEDED TO HOST HOMELESS FAMILIES IN FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM

The families enrolled at Family Promise of Morris County will be staying at Grace House of Mendham Hills Congregational Church July 23-30. Volunteers are needed to provide meals or dessert, host the families or set up and clean up. Two adults are needed for each shift (families can volunteer, but at least 2 adults must be present). Shifts can potentially be divided up.

Volunteers from St. Lawrence Church helped in the past years to host them. This is an opportunity to help homeless families of Morris County. For information or to sign up, contact Beatrice Basso at (973) 294-4059.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

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

James Chester Douglas, son of Daniel & Caroline Douglas of Old Chester Road, Far Hills.

Daniel Carrera Carrera, son of Pablo & Telma Carrera Carrera of Main Street, Chester.

Giovanni Robert Johnston, son of Jason & Alexis Johnston of Furnace Road, Chester.

WOMENS CORNERSTONE XII

October 13-14
Save the date!

Please consider giving yourself the gift of Cornerstone. It is a spiritual renewal process that brings women together to grow in knowledge and love of God. At the same time, we are experiencing the Christian community in a very special way within our own parish. If you would like additional information, please contact Janet Villafane at 646-284-1849.

MOVING?
LOCAL ADDRESS CHANGE?

Please notify the Parish Office by phone or email if you are moving or if your address has changed. We appreciate your help in keeping our parish directory up to date.

THE MAYONNAISE JAR & THE TWO CUPS OF COFFEE

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the two cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous “yes.” The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. “Now,” said the professor, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things — God, your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions. And if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else — the small stuff.”

“If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first — the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. “I’m glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.”
A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today’s readings is humility. We wait in joyous expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches “from the river to the ends of the earth” (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

HOPE

Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all they have.

~Anonymous

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalm — I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9-11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).