

October 15, 2017 • twenty-eighth sunday in ordinary time

# st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes

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## Mass schedule

### St. Lawrence

#### Saturday Vigil

5:30, 7:30pm (Spanish)

#### Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am, 12:30,

5:30pm (Youth Mass)

#### Monday-Friday

8:30am

#### Saturday

9:00am

### Sacred Heart

#### Saturday Vigil

4:00pm

#### Sunday

10:30am

### St. Lawrence Cemetery

Plots and cremation niches are available for purchase.

Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201  
call to schedule an appointment.

### [stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

31 Prospect Street  
Brewster, NY 10509  
845-279-2021

### [sacredheartpattersonny.org](http://sacredheartpattersonny.org)

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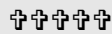




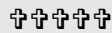
**Dedications**

**St. Lawrence O'Toole**

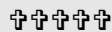
The **Tabernacle** candle is dedicated for:  
**Frank Loiacano**  
At the request of his daughter, Denise Plume



The candle before **Our Lady** is dedicated for:  
**Hermine Radak**  
At the request of her family



The Paschal Candle is dedicated for:  
**Mary Kunert**  
At the request of Justin, Lauren & Calvin



The Bread & Wine at Daily Mass is dedicated for:  
**Mary Kunert**  
At the request of John & Janet Strilowich

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM Intentions of CDA  
Memorial Donors  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Jean Buonsante  
5:30PM Mario Norelli  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00AM Dominic DeSanctis  
9:30AM Galileo Maragni  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Joseph Velardi &  
Michael Turnyanszki  
11:00AM Jeannette Gatti  
12:30PM Vincent K. Murtha  
5:30PM Rose Cecere

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM Deceased members of Duff,  
Daly & Kinirons Families

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM Raymond D. Yurraspe

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM John King

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM Hermine Radak

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM The Family of William Lasch

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00AM Deceased members of  
St. Lawrence Mother's Guild  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Julie Daniele  
5:30PM Mary Galvin  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00AM Frank Loiacano  
9:30AM Linda Marie Scerbo  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson  
11:00AM Bill Casey  
12:30PM Robert Walsh  
5:30PM Raymond Kelly

**THE POWER OF PRAYER**

*Join the parish in praying for the following  
daily prayer intentions*

- Oct. 15—CYO Basketball Coaches
- Oct. 16—Baptism Class
- Oct. 17—Religious Education
- Oct. 18—San Damiano Fraternity
- Oct. 19—Young Adults of this Parish
- Oct. 20—Intentions of Deacon Greg
- Oct. 21—Family Program Funmaker Feast BBQ

**Prayer List**

**Please remember our Brothers and Sisters in the Lord who have asked for Prayers:**

- Andrea Lichtenberger ◦ Ana Brenes ◦ Steven Roderiques ◦ Joey Cipriani ◦ Joseph Wolf ◦ Joe McGee ◦ Charles Lilley ◦ Sue Scofield ◦ Maria Racano ◦ Nancy Durkin ◦ Karina Rivadinera ◦ Robert O'Hara ◦ Mort Kealy ◦ Linda Puglise ◦ Harold & Patricia Willis ◦ Denis O'Connor ◦ Stella Chico ◦ Socorro Marin ◦ Nosh Shkrelly ◦ Angela Millman ◦ John Moran ◦ Larry Tobin ◦ Jane Cirino ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ Sr. Celestine Costello, OSU ◦ Karen McIlvenny-Schlick ◦ Kathy Tolan ◦ Terri Ciarmello ◦ Diana Westin ◦ Mark Gearing ◦ Christopher Sarlo ◦ Mary Kelly ◦ Maria Lopane ◦ Sofia Larocca ◦ Mary McQueeney ◦ Terry Dress ◦ Natalie Williams

*If you or a loved one has returned to good health, please call the Parish Office and ask that your name be removed from our list.*

Dear Friends,

Back in Old Testament times, the Law was that a good Jew had to give 10% of his income back to the Lord. The idea was that everything in the world is a gift from the Creator God to us, and whatever we have – money, talent, creativity, intelligence, and so on, is from God in the first place. So giving him back the “first fruits” made good sense.

Probably for lots of complicated historical reasons we got away from that. Many other Christian groups still stress tithing and it is a very good spiritual practice. And in the New Testament, Jesus had a somewhat different emphasis. He stressed sacrificial giving, or “giving of our substance, not of our abundance”. A perfect example is the story of the widow’s mite – she gave all she had to live on and trusted God to provide.



And that’s why tithing and sacrificial giving are so important: it turns our charitable giving from just handing over what’s left once we’ve satisfied all our needs into an act of worship. It becomes a moment where we honor God and put him first, and we tell him we trust him totally. That is so important spiritually.

St. Lawrence parishioners have always been generous and have supported the parish in the past.

I’ll be speaking at the St. Lawrence Masses this weekend to introduce our Increased Offertory Campaign, and you’ll be getting a letter in the mail about it this coming week. We need to increase our giving to enable the parish to carry on its ministries and provide healthy support to all the great programs we have running. We should put our parish on a solid financial footing.

Please read over the letter and pray about it. Maybe God is asking you to step up to a new level of trust, and put Him first. And maybe not just give what you have left over, but make a sacrificial gift each week.

Next week a member of the parish Finance Council will give an overview of our financial situation and how you can help. There will be a commitment envelope asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your weekly offering, and also to consider electronic giving transfers, which make our income more reliable and predictable, and reduce our administrative costs greatly. On either weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> we will ask you to make a commitment to increase your weekly offering by leaving that envelope in the collection.

God can never be out done in generosity. Give him a chance to show how he will bless you.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



No where does Jesus hear our prayers more readily than in the Blessed Sacrament -Blessed Henry Suso.

Hours still available from Saturday 1am to Monday 3am. Wednesday 2pm, 9pm, Thursday 2am

Contact Angela to schedule your hour 914-482-0325 or slotadore@aol.com



# YOUNG ADULTS

3rd THURSDAYS  
7:30pm-9:30pm  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

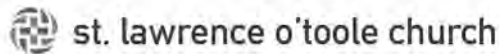
## Catholic Young Adults Sept. 21-May 17

The Saint Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Young Adult Community focuses on service in the name of the Lord, spiritual growth, education, and fellowship. Find us on facebook at Saint Lawrence O'Toole Young Adults. For more information email SLOTYoungAdults@gmail.com



**OCT 19**  
**7:30pm-9:30pm**  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Theme: Saints  
Speaker: Father Justin Cinnante  
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY  
Saturday, October 7th: Service day in Newburgh, NY with the CFR Friars.  
Time: Carpool will meet at 8:30am in the church parking lot.



## O'TOOLE SENIORS

The October O'Toole Seniors meeting will be on Monday October 16th at 1:00PM in the St. Lawrence rectory basement. Enter through rear-side door.

Chair Yoga classes will **not** be held October 16. Classes will be held October 23 & 30 and November 6 & 13, in the St. Lawrence rectory basement.

## OUR PARISH VISION:

*Create a parish of missionary disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.*



### Women's GIFT

Mondays, Oct. 2-Nov. 27

7:30 pm-9:00 pm

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

### Learn How to Pray: Oremus

Tuesdays, Oct. 17-Dec. 5

7:30 pm-9:00 pm

JERUSALEM ROOM

### Alpha

Wednesdays, Oct. 4-Dec. 13

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

PARISH DINING HALL

### REGISTER AT:

[stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

## A NIGHT OUT ON THE KNIGHTS

Congratulations to the winners of our latest monthly drawings!

September 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Dinner and overnight stay at Hotel Thayer - - John Byron (sold by Alan Patrie)

September runner-up prize: Patrick McCaughy (sold by Bruce Colombraro)

*If you missed out participating this year, or if you are one of our long time supporters, tickets for the 2017-2018 program will go on sale this month! Contact your seller from last year or Tom Radak at 279-7934.*

*St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus*



## Our Parish is our Home

We are a family, united in the mission of Jesus Christ. By participating in the *In Giving We Receive* campaign, you will help us continue providing the services and ministries that make our parish vibrant.

Please consider sacrificially increasing your weekly offertory.



Go to  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/WeShare](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/WeShare)  
to enroll

### weekly gift suggestion (rounded)

Annual Household Income	1%	2%	5%	10%
\$25,000	\$5	\$10	\$25	\$50
\$50,000	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100
\$75,000	\$15	\$30	\$75	\$150
\$100,000	\$20	\$40	\$100	\$200
\$150,000	\$30	\$60	\$150	\$300
\$200,000	\$40	\$80	\$200	\$400

# Seasons of Praise



Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 15

October 16  
**Holiness Is Not  
Just for Saints**



Fr. Richard Gill, Pastor  
St. Lawrence O'Toole Church

Join us for an evening of praise and  
worship with local guest priests.

- 4 -7 Confession available
- 7:00 Worship Music
- 7:10 Spiritual Talk by an area priest
- 7:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:45 Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 8:00 Praise and Worship Music and Adoration
- 8:30 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Music led by Sheila Valastro and the Praise and  
Worship Band of St. Lawrence



Get Your Tickets After All Masses  
for the

\$2,500

Silent Bazaar Raffle Nov. 23

Early Return Bonus Drawing \$100 Oct. 29th

at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 X2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at:

[victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocese website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

### CATHOLIC GUIDANCE FOR END-OF-LIFE DECISION MAKING

End-of-life decisions, for ourselves and for loved ones, are among the most challenging we will ever face. There is a movement in our nation to legalize assisted suicide, but that is a false answer and is a dangerous experiment. Our Church offers comfort and practical guidance to live and die with dignity. Visit [www.CatholicEndofLife.org](http://www.CatholicEndofLife.org) to watch the video and read the New York State Bishops' document "Now and at the Hour of Our Death." Learn why the Church favors compassionate medical care, and why the Church opposes physician-assisted suicide.

### ENCOURAGE

Encourage is a Catholic Apostolate for those who have family members with same sex attraction. A new website has been created to help the faithful who are searching for information about Encourage, the Church's teachings on same sex attraction and spiritual support:

[www.encourageny.com](http://www.encourageny.com)

### MARRIED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH?

If you or a family member is married outside the Church (e.g. By a justice of the peace or a non-Catholic ceremony), it is not considered a valid marriage by the Church. It is important to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony (or as some say, have the marriage "blessed") in order to live fully the life of the Church and participate in the sacraments. We're here to help. Call Fr. Gill at the Parish Office to discuss the situation and see what can be done.

### EXPECTING A BABY?

Call the Parish Office and let us know. There is a special blessing for parents expecting a child and we would love to arrange a time for you to receive it at Mass.



# The Holy Land

*A journey of a lifetime*



Our pilgrimage preparations are taking shape and we have our itinerary almost complete.

The pilgrimage to the Holy Land for our parishes will take place **February 21 to March 2, 2018**, led by Fr. Gill.

We will visit all the holy sites in Jerusalem as well as spend time in Galilee.

Cost of the 9-day pilgrimage will be approximately \$3400, including air, hotels, and meals.

Contact Maureen Herbstritt at the parish office if you are interested in going at: 845-279-2021 or maureenherbstritt@gmail.

Catholic but need  
to complete your  
Sacraments?



- For Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation
- For Christians who are considering the Catholic faith
- For all who are inquiring.

Contact Todd Stevens  
toddstevens4@gmail.com

## Thank You

to all the Sponsors for the  
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Golf Outing and Dinner



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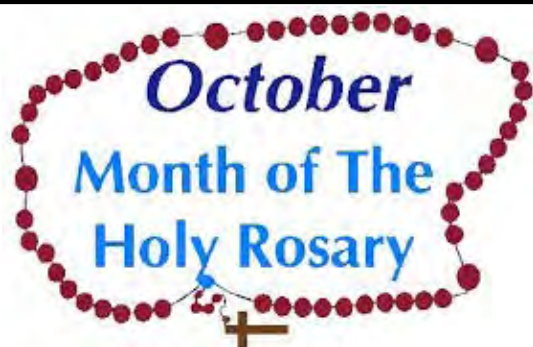
Aversano's, Chophouse Grille,  
Fiesta Mexicana,  
Kelly's Corner, Las Mananitas, Rraci's,  
Southeast Grille House, Clock Tower Grill

### Volunteers for day of outing:

Ruth McGoldrick, Mary Rozzi, Betsy Hansbury,  
Jan Anthony, James Tiffany, Tom Healy,  
Eileen DePaoli,  
Angela Morelli, Julie Noce, Kaitlynd Lofaro

### Committee members:

Joe Cavanagh, Judy Callahan, Mike Riolo,  
John Schlick, John Murphy, Chris Feehan



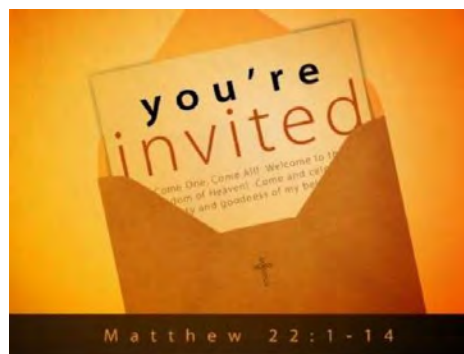
Baptized into Christ Jesus our lives are meant to glow with his presence. One way we may grow closer to him is by praying the Rosary. October is the Month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

What consolation the Rosary brings. Remembering the mysteries of Christ's life and Our Lady's life, we repeat Hail Mary after Hail Mary. Indeed, the mysteries of the Holy Rosary- joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous- are the mysteries of our own lives as well. As we pray the Rosary, we beg Our Lady to draw us closer to him who is our Light. We remember seeing parents and grandparents so often praying their rosaries, "telling their beads" as some referred to this devotion. We remember as well that for many saints the Rosary was an indispensable part of their daily prayer.

In his biography of Pope Francis, Austen Ivrigh recounts then Cardinal Bergoglio's experience of praying with Saint John Paul:

*One afternoon I went to pray the Holy Rosary that the Holy Father was leading. He was in front of us on his knees. With the Holy Father's back to me, I entered into prayer. In the middle of the prayer, I became distracted looking at the pope, and time began to fade away. I began to imagine the young priest, the seminarian, the poet, the worker, the child from Wadowice in exactly the same posture as he was now, praying Hail Mary after Hail Mary. His witness struck me. I felt this man, chosen to guide the Church, was the summation of a path trod together with his Mother in heaven, a path that began in his childhood. And I suddenly realized the weight of the words spoken by the Mother of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego, "Do not be afraid. Am I not your mother?" I grasped the presence of Mary in the pope's life. His witness did not get lost in memory. From that time onward I have prayed the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary every day.*

– Excerpts from *The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope*, Austen Ivrigh, p.275



From **Sacred Space.com**

Today's Gospel is more like history than a parable.

The king (God) gives a wedding banquet (the happiness of the Messianic age) for his son (Jesus the Messiah). But when he invites people (the Jews) to attend, they refuse to come and make all kinds of excuses. Others attack the king's servants and messengers (the prophets and the early Christian evangelists).

The king becomes angry and "sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city". A reference to the Roman army under emperor Titus which sacked and destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70. The Temple, the heart of Judaism, was also destroyed and plundered and has never since been rebuilt. Today an Islamic mosque stands on the site.

Since the invited guests will not come, the servants (the Jewish disciples of Jesus) are instructed to go out and bring in anyone they can find. "They rounded up everyone they met, bad as well as good." All are called – both the good and sinful.

The climax of the story at first seems unfair. People have been pulled in from highways and byways and now one is condemned for not wearing a wedding garment! But the parable has in fact moved to the final judgement. In fact, Matthew may be combining what were two original parables into one.

The wedding garment stands for faith and baptism combined with a lived out commitment to the Gospel, something necessary to be accepted into the eternal happiness of the Kingdom.

As Jesus says at the end, "Many are called, but few are chosen." Many were called and invited to attend the banquet. But more than that was expected of them. They had to answer the call by saying an unqualified Yes to Jesus. Being baptised and having the label 'Christian' or 'Catholic' is not enough. We have also to live out in our lives and relationships what we claim to believe in.





**TO BE A CHRISTIAN STEWARD**

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

**Disciples as Stewards**

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—lifeshaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple.
- Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Richard Gill.....	Pastor
Rev. Thomas Berg.....	Weekend Associate
Rev. Frank Meccia.....	Weekend Associate
Mark Shkreli.....	Deacon
John Baffa.....	Deacon
Gregory Miller.....	Deacon
Julie Noce.....	Pastoral Assistant
Stephanie Stevens.....	Youth Minister
Kaitlynd Lofaro.....	Coord. of Youth Evangelization
Theresa Scorca.....	Coord. of Religious Education
Kim Santerre.....	Coord. of the Family Program
Eileen Stokes.....	Cemetery Administrator
Meg Cairney.....	Coord. Religious Ed. Sacred Heart
Barbara Blank.....	Principal, Early Childhood Center
James Tiffany.....	St. Lawrence Parish Trustee
Paul Lavelle.....	St. Lawrence Parish Trustee
Lou Milano.....	Sacred Heart Parish Trustee
John Neubauer.....	Sacred Heart Parish Trustee

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are scheduled for the first Sunday of the month at 2:00PM at St. Lawrence. Spanish Baptisms are scheduled for the fourth Sunday of the month at 2:00PM. Contact Mark Shkreli at 917-335-5607.

**MARRIAGE:** Call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment. Plans should be made a minimum of six months in advance.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office anytime someone is seriously ill at home or in the hospital.

**CONFESSION:**

Mondays.....4:00 - 7:00 PM—St. Lawrence  
Saturdays.....3:30 - 4:00 PM—Sacred Heart

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Monday - Friday.....24 hours daily at **St. Lawrence**  
Holy Hour of Praise&Worship ....Third Monday,7:00 - 8:30PM  
Contact Angela Morelli at 582-0573 to register for regular hours.

**DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY:**

Monday - Saturday.....8:00 AM Rosary - **St. Lawrence**  
Monday & Tuesday.....7:00 PM Rosary - **St. Lawrence**  
Saturday.....9:30 AM Miraculous Medal Novena- **St. Lawrence**  
Monday - Saturday.....9:00 AM Rosary - **Sacred Heart**  
Tuesday.....6:30 PM Rosary - **Sacred Heart**



**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH SUPPORT**

*Weekend of October 8*

In Pew Collection \$ 7,558.00  
Parish Pay \$ 1,867.49

**SACRED HEART PARISH SUPPORT**

*Weekend of October 8*

In Pew Collection \$ 2,498.00  
Parish Pay \$ 279.62

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**TRAINING SESSIONS COMING SOON!**

Calling all 5th grade through high school students....ever consider becoming an altar server? Now is your chance! Classes will begin shortly. Please contact Gina Seaman at [gseaman2005@aol.com](mailto:gseaman2005@aol.com) for more information. What a wonderful way to celebrate the Mass!

**SACRED HEART VOLUNTEERS**

**SAVE THE DATE** - Come to 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday October 19th for a blessing

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' FALL BAKE SALE AT SACRED HEART & ST. LAWRENCE**

There is a Catholic Daughters' Fall Bake Sale at both St. Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15 after all the Masses. There will be delicious homemade cakes, breads and small bites for you to enjoy. Thank you for supporting our charitable works!

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!**

The Catholic Daughters of St. Lawrence O'Toole are asking for donations of baby items for the Sisters of Life. Your gifts for the babies may be brought to the CDA bake sale after Masses on October 14-15. Thank you for your generous support of new life!

**REMINDER THAT IN CHURCH...**

Out of respect for God's house and the Blessed Sacrament, and in order to keep the one hour Eucharistic fast required before receiving Holy Communion, we should not chew gum or eat anything in Church. Thanks for observing this detail of Catholic life.

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*Please Continue To Pray For*

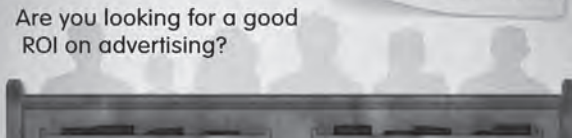


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