October 22, 2017 • twenty-eight sunday in ordinary time

st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes

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

Sacred Heart

9:00am

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

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

sacredheartpattersonny.org

414 Haviland Drive Patterson, NY 12563 845-279-4832



Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

-Author unknown

Dedications

Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary Candle** is dedicated for: Julie Danile At the request of Felicia & Frank LaBanca

<u>St. Lawrence O'Toole</u>

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Join the parish in praying for the following daily prayer intentions

- Oct. 22 For the success of the St. Lawrence Increased Offertory Campaign Oct. 23 - That all our parishioners grow in gratitude to God for all his gifts
- Oct. 24 That we all use God's gift of Time better for ourselves and his Kingdom
- Oct. 25 That our parishioners be generous with the gift of the Talents for the parish
- Oct. 26 That we all give the "first fruits" of our financial blessings back to God
- Oct. 27 For an increased awareness of our Stewardship of God's blessings in our lives

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 21st 9:00AM Deceased members of St. Lawrence Mother's Guild 4:00PM Sacred Heart Julie Danile 5:30PM Mary Galvin 7:30PM Spanish Mass Sunday, October 22nd 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 Monday, October 23rd 8:30AM Michael Carleton Tuesday, October 24th 8:30AM Suzanne Elizabeth Walsh Wednesday, October 25th 8:30AM Thomas Leahy Thursday, October 26th 8:30AM William O'Donnell Friday, October 27th 8:30AM Daniel & Thomas Lynch Saturday, October 28th 9:00AM Francis & Ruth Taylor 4:00PM Sacred Heart Mike McDermott 5:30PM Pat Quinlan & DiNardi Families 7:30PM Spanish Mass Sunday, October 29th 8:00AM St. Jude 9:30AM Linda Marie Scerbo 10:30AM Sacred Heart Thomas J. Fitzpatrick 11:00AM Emilie Kesich 12:30PM Nella Palmieri 5:30PM Immacolata Forte

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 Shkreli • 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.

WHILE WE'RE AT IT ...

Dear Friends,

Last weekend at St. Lawrence I spoke at all the Masses on the idea of good "stewardship" of our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship begins when we acknowledge honestly and humbly that everything we are and everything we have comes as a gift of God. And that we need to use all we have for Him and for his Kingdom if we are going to be truly fulfilled and happy.

We need to pray with the help of the Holy Spirit about just how we should use our time, our talents and our treasure in the best ways possible. How does God see these things? What would he have us do with them?



This weekend at St. Lawrence the trustees of the parish will distribute a summary of our financial report for the fiscal year that ended August 31. It shows that while our financial situation is improving gradually, we are still operating at something of a deficit - something which we need to correct. After Communion they will give an explanation of the main items of the report so you can understand it better.

Sometimes people have the impression that our parishes are funded by the Archdiocese. That is not at all the case. Each parish is completely responsible for raising all its own funds. We don't get any subsidies from the Cardinal's Office. We're on our own financially. At the same time, we still answer to him for the administration of our parish. It would be nice if there was a special account somewhere paying our bills, but that's not the way the Church works...

Moreover, since we are part of the larger Catholic Church, we have responsibilities beyond our parish boundaries and so we are assessed by the Cardinal for support of Archdiocesan operations, Catholic schools, and many other charities that help the poor and missionary work the Church carries on.

You probably received the letter and envelope about our Increased Offertory Campaign in the mail. Last week I challenged you at St. Lawrence to consider giving a fixed percentage of your income to support the Church... if you are giving 1% of your household income, consider giving 2%. If you are giving 5%, consider raising it to 6%.

Another way to take a step to good stewardship is to commit to an increase each week. If you are giving \$20 weekly, give \$25. If you are giving \$50, give \$62.50, and so on. Whatever you can increase, it will be a blessing to this amazing parish and we will be very grateful. You can use the envelope you received and drop it in the collection, or use one of the envelopes in the Church for your commitment.

Remember, God will never be outdone in generosity - he will always bless you when you give.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

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

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

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



St. Lawrence O'Toole Religious Education is collecting items for the Troops. Help us!

There will be a box labeled "United For the Troops Donations" at the Hospitality Desk in the Narthex during each Mass beginning on 10/21/17 until 11/12/17.



WELCOME TO ALL!

We extend a warm welcome all who come to worship with us, whether you live locally or are visiting from out of town. Please enjoy the Mass and we hope you sense the spirit of our parish. St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart are parishes that pride themselves on hospitality and a family spirit. If you live locally, please call the Parish Office number on the bulletin or go on the website to register as a parishioner so we can get to know you.

OUR PARISH VISION:

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

Thinking of becoming Catholic?

- 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.

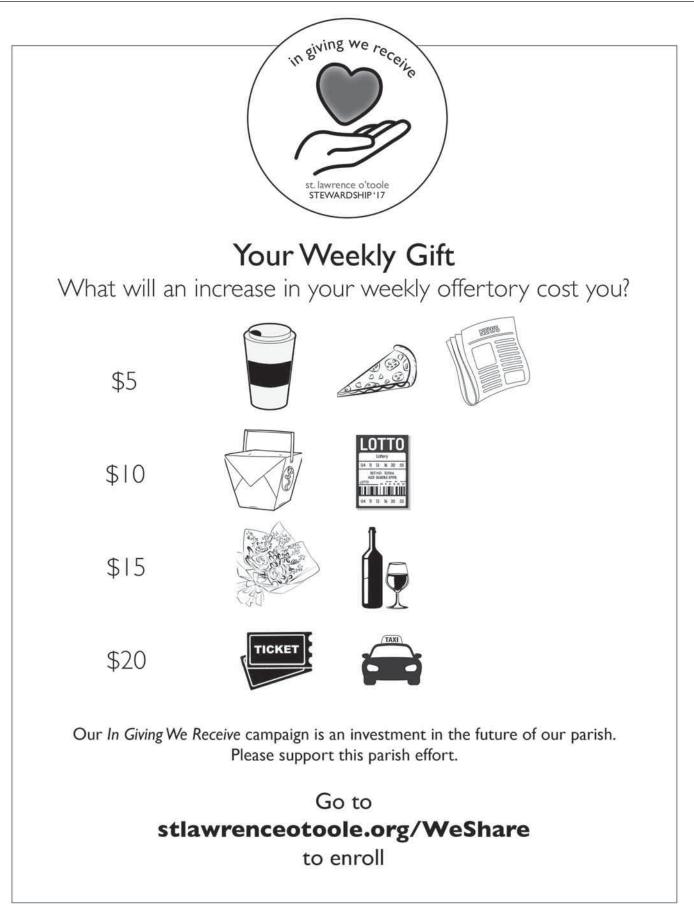
Contact Todd Stevens toddstevens4@gmail.com

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.





Come Rock and Roll in 1950's Fashion!

Saturday Nov. II Starting at 7:00pm Sacred Heart

\$25 per person Includes: Buffet Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda, and Dessert

50's attire optional

contact Meg Cairney for tickets mcairney@aol.com 845-279-4832

Music provided by D.J. Scottso



St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery 20 Turk Hill Road, Brewster Plan ahead and have peace of soul when you or your loved ones go home to the Lord. Single and double burial plots available. A new Columbarium for interment of ashes opens January of 2018. Contact the Cemetery Office at 279-2021 x201 for information.

ON SALE NOW!!



November 2017 - <u>Crabtree's Kittle House Inn</u> in Chappaqua.

December 2017 - Travelers Rest

January 2018 - Le Chambord

February 2018 - Westchester Broadway Dinner

March 2018 - The Arch

April 2018 - The Inn at Pound Ridge

May 2018 - Broadway Tickets

June 2018 - The Hopkins Inn

July 2018 - Purdy's Farmer and the Fish

August 2018 - The Culinary Institute of America

September 2018 - Hotel Thayer

October 2018 - X20 Xaviers on the Hudson

October 2018 (Special 13th Drawing !) – The legendary Mohonk Mountain House

ALL TICKETS (\$25 each, 499 to be sold) PARTICIPATE IN EVERY DRAWING... A runner up prize will be drawn every month for a \$50 value... DOUBLE YOUR CHANCES TO WIN !!! <u>TO PURCHASE: Call Tom Radak at 279-7934 or any Knight of Columbus</u>

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WHY ADORATION IS MORE COMPLETE THAN MEDITATION

Suzanne Elizabeth Anderson | Oct 01, 2017

If you walk into my parish church on any given Thursday between 5 and 6 p.m. you might be confused. In the dim light of early evening, you will find four to 20 people sitting in silence. Some might even be reading.

You could think they were waiting for something to happen. The start of a church service, perhaps? But, no, not at this time. Instead, each person will sit for the entire hour in silence. And yes, you will see a core group of the same people every week. I've become one of them. Apart from Mass, this is the hour I look forward to most each week. In our weekly church bulletin, it's listed simply as "Adoration." It's also known as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, an hour of contemplative prayer as we sit in the presence of God with the exposition of the consecrated Host displayed in a starburst monstrance on the altar.

After attending sporadically, I began to realize how much I was receiving within this hour, and have tried to make it every week. I have devotional time with God every morning at home. I read the Bible, then a devotional, and I pray. But there is something palpably different going on during Adoration, and there is no other way to say it except that when sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and allowing my mind to become still, I sense the presence of God in a way that is altogether different than when I pray at home.

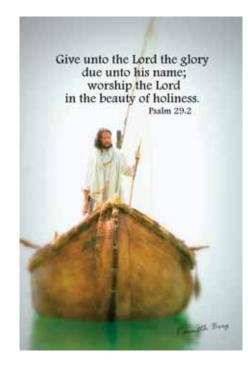
I look at the Master, and the Master looks at me. And the love bounds and abounds. Pope Saint John Paul called it the "wellspring of grace."

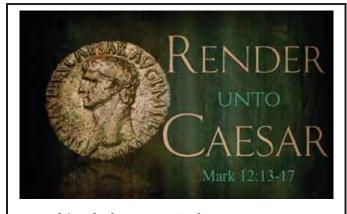
In the beginning, I thought Adoration and contemplative prayer served a similar purpose to meditation, a quieting of one's mind. However, after reading a slim volume by Henri J.M. Nouwen, titled <u>Clowning in Rome</u>, my understanding shifted. In meditation, the goal is to attain an emptying of the self. During the hour of Adoration, we quiet the mind, empty ourselves, but only so that we can become filled with the Holy Spirit. We do not remain empty. Rather than sitting in isolation, we are joined by God; we form a relationship and an understanding that He is as interested in our concerns as we are.

Weekly Adoration has changed my whole approach to prayer. It has taught me the value of spending an extended time in prayerful conversation with God. The hour is needed because when we first arrived our head is full of chatter, and we bring that harried state – and the last thing we were dwelling on – right into Adoration with us. For about the first 20 minutes, my Adoration conversation is all Around the 30-minute mark, my mind clears, and I can finally turn my attention toward God. In prayer, I will sometimes repeat the name of God, or Jesus, or breathe out to the Holy Spirit, as a means of focusing both my attention and intention on God's presence.

When I finally let go, I am able simply to worship. From this foundation, this hour of contemplative prayer, we can grow into what Nouwen describes as the practice of "unceasing prayer." We turn the never-ending thoughts that fill our mind during the day into an ongoing dialogue with God, by opening our heart and mind to His continual presence always with us, by offering our thoughts to Him.

As our thoughts move from a "self-centered monologue to a God-centered dialogue" we go from "fearful isolation into a fearless conversation with God." This connection has helped me. I encourage you to try it: set aside one hour a week for contemplative prayer and dialogue with God.





Everything belongs to God, even Caesar's coins Oct 20, 2011 by Thomas Gumbleton BLOG | THE PEACE PULPIT

These words of Jesus at the end of today's Gospel are perhaps among the most misunderstood words of Jesus in all the Scriptures, in all the Gospels because many, many people, and perhaps some of us, interpret these words as Jesus declaring there are two totally separate realms. There is Caesar's, the political, human realm, and then there is God's. There are two separate forms of our existence, what we might call in current terms the religious and the political, and they should never be brought together. They are totally separate.

I'm sure many of you have heard how we're supposed to keep religion out of politics, and sometimes I've heard people criticize a homily because "Father got political today." So there is a separation, but what Jesus is teaching us today is not that there is a separation. That would be totally foreign to the idea of the chosen people, the Jewish people. For them, everything belonged to God, and when Jesus was responding to those Pharisees and Herodians, He was reminding them that that coin in the pocket of one of them belonged to God. The person himself belongs to God.

All of the world, the universe, everything is God's, and we can't separate our lives into a secular sphere and a religious sphere. It has to be all one. Perhaps it helps if we understand a little bit better what was happening in the confrontation. As Matthew said, they were trying to trap Jesus because the chosen people had been occupied now by the Roman army and they had lost their freedom, and so the Romans, represented by Caesar, had imposed taxes on them. Many of the Jews would refuse absolutely to pay those taxes because they would not cooperate with the Roman authorities.

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
	Coord. of Religious Education
	Coord. of the Family Program
	Cemetery Administrator
	Coord. Religious Ed. Sacred Heart
	Principal, Early Childhood Center
	St. Lawrence Parish Trustee
	St. Lawrence Parish Trustee
	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	ڊ
Saturdays	3:30 - 4:00 PM—Sacred Heart	

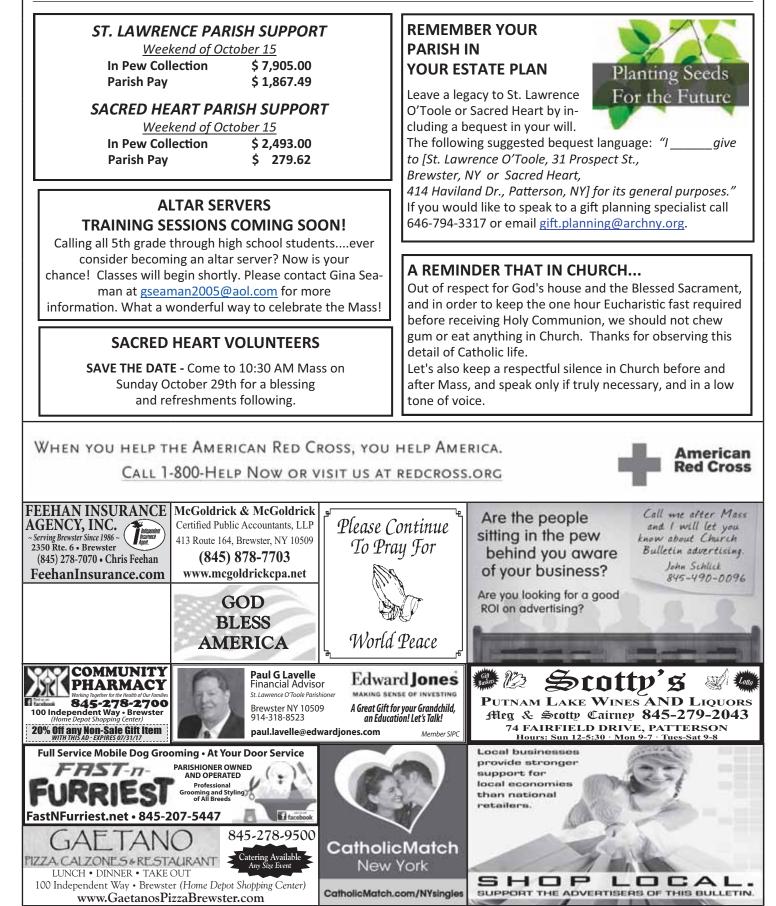
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday - Friday......24 hours daily at **St. Lawrence** Holy Hour of Praise&WorshipThird 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
Saturday9:30 AM N	Airaculous Medal Novena- St. Lawrence
Monday - Saturday	9:00 AM Rosary - Sacred Heart
Tuesday	6:30 PM Rosary - Sacred Heart





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