

november 26, 2017 • our Lord Jesus Christ, king of the universe

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)

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





### ***Dedications***

#### **Sacred Heart**

The **Altar Flowers** are dedicated for:  
**Mike McDermott**  
At the request of his wife, Judy

#### **St. Lawrence O'Toole**

The **Tabernacle** candle is dedicated for:  
**Joseph Raccioppi & Helen Bozzi**  
At the request of MaryAnn O'Kelly



The candle before **Our Lady** is dedicated for:  
**Regina Marie Geary**  
At the request of The Merkel Family



The Paschal Candle is dedicated for:  
**Ivan Luketic**  
At the request of the Kesich Family

### **THE POWER OF PRAYER**

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

Nov. 25—Men's Ministry

Nov. 26—Jesus Y Maria prayer group

Nov. 27—Knights of Columbus

Nov. 28—Edge 7th Grade

Nov. 29—Early Childhood Learning Center  
Happy Feet

Nov. 30—Sustained Stewardship

Dec. 1—Women's Cornerstone

### ***Mass Intentions***

#### **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM	John Baker
4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Mike McDermott
5:30PM	Pat Quinlan & Calise Families
7:30PM	Spanish Mass

#### **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00AM	Charles Bohmert, Jr
9:30AM	Mary Welsh
10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Edward Richardson
11:00AM	Raffaela & Giovanni Finno
12:30PM	Karen Meyer
5:30PM	Maria & John Cardoso

#### **Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM Martha Casey

#### **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM Yvonne Chiarello

#### **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM Frank Whalin, Jr.

#### **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM Parmenio Sanchez

#### **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30AM Intentions of Msgr. McCabe  
Scholarship Fund

#### **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00AM	Intentions of CDA Memorial Donors
4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Richard Mohl, Jr.
5:30PM	Anthony Curcio, Jr.
7:30PM	Spanish Mass

#### **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00AM	Mary Taormina
9:30AM	Intentions of Anna & Davi Rodrequez
10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Eily & John Gisenan
11:00AM	Gregory Taylor
12:30PM	Madeline Crusco
5:30PM	Marco DelGatto

### ***Prayer List***

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

Joseph Wolf ◦ Joe McGee ◦ Charles Lilley ◦ Sue Scofield ◦ Maria Racano ◦ Karina Rivadinera ◦ Robert O'Hara ◦ Mort Kealy ◦ Linda Puglise ◦ Harold & Patricia Willis ◦ 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 Laroocca ◦ Mary McQueeney ◦ Terry Dress ◦ Natalie Williams ◦ Susan Klemm ◦ Sharon Misyak ◦ Raymond Flynn ◦ Elizabeth Daly ◦ Hanora Campbell

*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.*



## our vision

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

# while we're at it

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November 26, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday you may recall, we read the parable of the talents, and this week we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. There's a close connection between the two.

It's always struck me that in the parable, people are given different amounts of "talents" ... one five, another two, and another – just one. On one level, it seems unfair that we don't all start out in life with the same advantages, gifts, qualities, temperament, abilities, potential, assets.... But the key is that God treats each of us individually as unique persons. And he asks for a return in proportion to what he has given us. He didn't ask the fellow with one talent to produce five. And he wouldn't be satisfied if the guy who started with five produced only one. "From those to whom much has been given, much will be expected". But no one, regardless of how much or how little he may have, can sit on the sidelines and not give back...

And the Feast of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus will come again as the judge on the last day and every single person will have to give an account of his or her life. That is when the ultimate justice is rendered and all the many injustices of this world will be made right. We shouldn't forget: God will have the last word on this world and the conduct of each of us. Those who are followers of Christ the King look forward to that day with hope and anticipation, and the evil ones fear that terrible day of judgement to come.

But the image of Christ as King has another dimension. He is not just Ruler and Judge. He is a King who is a Servant Leader. He comes in poverty in Bethlehem, lives humbly in Nazareth, he begins his public ministry in obedience to the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father, and he makes himself last of all. He washes our feet like a servant does. And he gives his life for us on the Cross, for "no man has greater love than the one who lay down his life for his friends". As king he leads by serving.

What talent do you have to serve others? Are you using it, or letting it sit?

Maybe you have talent for working with children in our All Stars, our KidZone, or Kidz Chapel. Maybe you are good at teaching kids the faith in CCD. Maybe you can connect with teens in Edge or Lifeteen as an adult guide. Some people have a gift for welcoming others such as visitors and new parishioners. Maybe you can help CYO, or sit with a shut-in or someone struggling with personal problems through our Stephen's Ministry, or staff the food pantry, or cook at our homeless shelter. Maybe you have some musical talent and could put it to work in our worship services.

There is a place here for you to serve, whether you have five or one "talents". Give a call the Rectory to find out what you can do, and start putting your talents to work.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



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2. Click "Give Online"
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**CONFESSIONS ON MONDAY**

At St. Lawrence, we have Confession every Monday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, hours many find more convenient than Saturdays. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to "get good with God" on a regular basis – it will bring forgiveness of your sins and help you make real spiritual progress.

**Masses for the Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception**

Mass schedule for the Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation:

**St. Lawrence:** Thur, Dec 7th-6:30PM & 7:30PM Spanish  
and Fri, Dec 8th- 8:30AM, Noon and 7:30PM

**Sacred Heart:** Fri, Dec 8th - 7:30PM

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2017 Scholastic Book Fair

**Saturday November 25th –  
Tuesday December 5th**

The Book Fair is open during all St. Lawrence events and Masses and Early Childhood Learning Center hours. All Religious Education classes will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during their class time to make wish lists or purchase items.

Proceeds from the book fair go towards our annual teen mission trip.  
**Check out [stlawrenceotoole.org/bookfair](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/bookfair) for schedule**



**ATTENTION SENIORS: YEAR END GIVING**

Many people may still need to take their required minimum distributions from their IRA and also are thinking about giving something special to the parish for Christmas. There is a way to do this and minimize taxes that would be due.

Rather than taking the money out of the IRA and getting hit with taxes, you can donate directly from the IRA to the Church and not pay any tax on the amount you donate. If you would like to maximize your giving tax free, call the parish office (279-2021) and someone from the Finance Council will help you with this easy transfer.



# Family DAY Advent wreath making



**Saturday,  
December 2  
at 3:30pm**

The afternoon is for the whole family to enjoy! Includes an Advent Wreath making workshop, hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas music.

Register at: [stlawrenceotoole.org/Wreath](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Wreath)  
Fee: \$25 per wreath  
Location: Parish Dining Hall



## Explore Bethlehem December 27-29th

9:00am-12:00pm

**PreK 4 to 5th Grade**

Teen Volunteers:

6th grade to 17 years old, FREE

Adult Volunteers: 18 and up, FREE

This Christmas program will have children wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and create unique keepsakes as they interact with local shopkeepers who share the Christmas story. They'll hear about the miracle of Jesus' birth from Mary and Joseph at the stable. Multiple camp discount available.

Register at:  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/Christmas\\_Camp](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Christmas_Camp)  
Fee: \$75

## Christmas Storytime in PJ's.

**Saturday, December 16  
after the 5:30pm Mass**

Join us for an evening of Christmas story telling for the whole family. The evening will include cookie decorating and hot chocolate! Wearing your PJs is a must, even to Mass!

Register at:  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/Christmas\\_storytime](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Christmas_storytime)



## give all the glory to God basketball clinic

December 27th-29th

12:30pm-3:30pm

**PreK 4 to 5th Grade**

Teen Volunteers: 6th grade to 17 years old, FREE

Adult Volunteers: 18 and up, FREE

During the Basketball Clinic, children will have the opportunity to sharpen their basketball skills, and strengthen their prayer lives. Multiple camp discount available.

Register at:  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/Basketball\\_Clinic](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Basketball_Clinic)  
Fee: \$50.



## Meaningful Advent Traditions for Catholic Families with Little to No Prep Work!

by Lacy Rabideau

**Have an Advent wreath.** Don't overcomplicate this. The simplest Advent wreath will do. If Advent has already started, that's ok. Just go ahead and put your wreath together, then light the first candle one evening and let it burn down a little. Catching up isn't hard to do. Attend our **Family Wreath Making** on Dec. 2 at 3:30pm. The whole family will enjoy this workshop, hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas music.

**Stuff shoes for St. Nicholas day (December 6).** This does not have to be difficult or complicated. Have the kids put their shoes out, tell them the story of St. Nicholas, fill the shoes with goodies. Even just a few cookies in a ziplock baggie will do, although I do like to pick up the bags of chocolate gold coins.

**Go to Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8.** Actually, this is not optional since it's a holy day of obligation, but it doesn't involve any prep and it always falls during Advent. Make sure your children understand what this Feast day means.

**Sing Christmas songs.** Stick with the ones you know the words to, and choose the religious ones- Away in a Manger, Silent Night, O Come All Ye Faithful, etc. If you only know the first verse, just sing it several times in a row. Whether you're in the car, or snuggled up in the living room, just go for it- the kids will love it even if you are tone deaf! You could bring them to our **Christmas Lessons and Carols** on December 17.

**St. Lucia (Lucy)'s feast day, December 13- drive around and look at Christmas lights.** This tradition started because her name means "light". What a fun and easy way to celebrate this great feast day! If you aren't feeling up to making saffron buns, you can make easy St. Lucy buns from canned cinnamon rolls.

**Celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) or St. Juan Diego (December 9) by eating Mexican food for dinner.** There are lots of ways to celebrate these days, but you have to cook dinner anyway, right? May as well be tacos.

If you have a statue of our Lady of Guadalupe, set her on the table as a centerpiece.

**Put out a Nativity set.** Put it front and center in your home. Up on the mantel is a great choice. This is an easy way to send a message of what's the most important for this season. Come and **Make your own Nativity** on December 3rd at 12pm-2pm or December 9th at 12:30pm-2:30pm or 3:30pm-5:30. **Nativity Storytime** is on December 16 after the 5:30 Mass. Come dressed in your PJ's. Lastly, your child can **Explore Bethlehem** on December 27-29 from 9am-12noon.

**Attend confession as a family.** Come to the evening of **Seasons of Praise** on December 18. Confessions are available as well as an evening of praise and worship and Fr. Chris Argano will speak about **Loving your Own Vocation**.

These are great ways to prepare for the coming of our Savior. These kinds of traditions are what build memories your children will never forget, and bring our amazing Catholic faith to life for them! Don't lose the meaning of this great Advent season in the Santa shuffle.



Go to [stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org) to register for the events.



## Receiving Advent

by Tom McGrath

One year during Advent, our parish priest invited us to write down on a slip of paper a word that named something that is keeping us from getting closer to God. He suggested it might be a fear, a resentment, or an attitude that shuts us off from the love God so wants to give. We were to fold the paper over a few times, grasp it tightly in one hand, and make a fist around it while he began to preach on the Scripture readings.



After a minute, my hand began to ache. At two minutes, my hand grew numb. At three minutes, the hand started shaking uncontrollably. He told us to open our hands. I found how hard it was to do that. After grasping the piece of paper so tightly, my hand had stiffened and seemed to have a mind of its own. I can't remember what else he said that day, but I have never forgotten that lesson. Hold on to a resentment, fear, or bad attitude long enough and you will become paralyzed.

As I begin Advent every year now, I start with the realization that I need to let go of any and all spiritual impediments I'm hanging onto. Advent is a time of receiving. It's hard to receive if your hands are clasped shut. So I begin Advent once again with this prayer:

***Holy Spirit of God, open my hands, my eyes, my ears,  
all my senses, and all of my heart so I will be ready to  
receive your Advent blessings.***

And then I sit there in the Advent darkness, my hands open before me, waiting on God.

## Scripture Study

Lynda Holler

As a Cradle Catholic raised in the 60's and 70's, I was never taught to read the Bible. In fact, those strange "Jesus People," walking around carrying Bibles and quoting Scripture during that era, just seemed weird and excessive. I learned about God from my parents and CCD teachers, through the Mass, and the Traditions of the Church like the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary. That was all good.



But in 2010, I took a closer look at the bulletin blurb about the St. Lawrence Scripture classes. I had seen them advertised for many years, but never felt I had the time to commit. That year, I decided I was going to make time. I really wanted to learn how to read the Bible and more about our faith.

A beautiful understanding of God's Story of Salvation has unfolded for me over the last seven years. It has been life-changing. I have taken one or two classes a year, studying both the Old and New Testaments, and the stories and characters have all the entertainment value that we could ask for: suspense, murder, intrigue, infidelity, travel, poetry, love, war, angels, and demons.

Had I just decided one day to start reading the Bible alone, I would never have been able to recognize or understand the amazing connections between the Old and the New Testament chronicles, stories, and prophecies. The professional curriculums, books, and videos that this ministry utilizes illuminates God's message and as we meet and discuss our lessons in small groups, it has become clear that the Bible truly is written with Living Words. It speaks to each of us, giving us the individual messages that God wants us to know, beautiful and encouraging evidence that God wants to have a personal relationship with each of us.

I don't tote a Bible around and I am terrible at memorization, but more importantly, Scripture Study has taught me to understand the role of God in our lives. It has brought the Mass to life and helped me understand the context of the readings. I have a feeling I will be eternally grateful.



## HOW A FUNERAL GIVES ME THE SPIRITUAL BOOST I NEED

Patty Knap | Oct 30, 2017

Wakes and funerals are not on the top of anyone's list of favorite activities. I know I dread them, maybe even more than a root canal. Sometimes I've dragged myself only out of a sense of duty. But the older I get, the more I find that wakes and funerals are a boost for my own spiritual growth.

Rushing around as most of us do, it's easy to allow the tasks of the day, current events of the week, family, home and work responsibilities of the moment to fill our minds.

The dishwasher guy is coming at 2:00. I promised I'd walk the neighbor's dog. Gotta call the insurance company about that bill. Office report is due on Wednesday. My cousin's bridal shower is Saturday. Someone just told me the back light on my car is out.

I've now cancelled my skin cancer check three times. And wow my hair needed to be cut three months ago. A close friend's husband died suddenly last week. Of course I'm sad for the loss and turmoil she's now experiencing. But selfishly I thought, "Now I have to fit in the wake and funeral."

Then I remember that every time I go to a wake or funeral, it turns out to be the wake up call I need.

Days chock full of trivial and superficial hassles are not all there is, and not all we're here for.

I can get so caught up in getting things done — the immediate, the here and now — that it's easy to relegate death, judgment, and eternity to the far back recesses of the mind.

At the funeral the song that always brings me to tears helps to re-focus me on trying to live a worthy life. We need to refocus on God's calling us to follow Him, on His love and mercy but also His judgment.

**May the choir of angels come to greet you**  
**May they lead you to paradise**  
**May the Lord enfold you**  
**In His Mercy**  
**May you find the eternal light.**

There's nothing like a body in a casket to snap you right out of that mindset. This man I knew was talking, joking, eating last week, like the rest of us, and now he's in eternity.

He knows now what we all wonder our entire lives: what will it be like when we die, when we are judged, when we meet God?

Kneeling at the casket of someone you've known for years brings all the important questions right to the front.





### Birthday Celebration for Jesus!

**Sunday, December 3rd from**

11:30 am-2:00 pm (after Mass)

**Sacred Heart Church**  
414 Haviland Drive, Patterson, NY

in the Church Hall  
Enjoy free lunch, activities,  
crafts & cake!

Bring a present for Baby Jesus (optional)  
New, unwrapped toys to be donated to  
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Must be pre-registered

**RSVP: Meg Cairney by November 29th**

[mcairney@aol.com](mailto:mcairney@aol.com)

(Children under 4 must be chaperoned)

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### 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**



### BESP - Brewster Ecumenical Shelter Partnership volunteers needed

St Lawrence O'Toole is preparing for the 12th year of the Brewster Ecumenical Shelter Partnership (BESP) and is seeking volunteers to assist those in our community who are not as fortunate as ourselves. This year for one week in each of three winter months, January-March, our parish will offer a safe place that provides shelter, food, clothing and warmth for those who are without these basic necessities. We need help - volunteers - for the three weeks at St Lawrence - 21 days -

- to cook & serve meals - prepare and bring meals to the Parish Center Dining Hall at 8:45pm
- overnight hosts - from 9pm-6am working with the BESP Supervisor
- supply donations - toiletries, laundry detergent, new socks and underwear, cleaning supplies, paper goods, etc

**St Lawrence dates are Monday-Sunday**

**Jan. 8-14, Feb. 5-11 and Mar. 5-11**

If interested or for more information please call Cathy and Chris Quaranta at [845-278-7116](tel:845-278-7116) or email to [BESP10509@gmail.com](mailto:BESP10509@gmail.com).



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