

december 10, 2017 second sunday of advent

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.

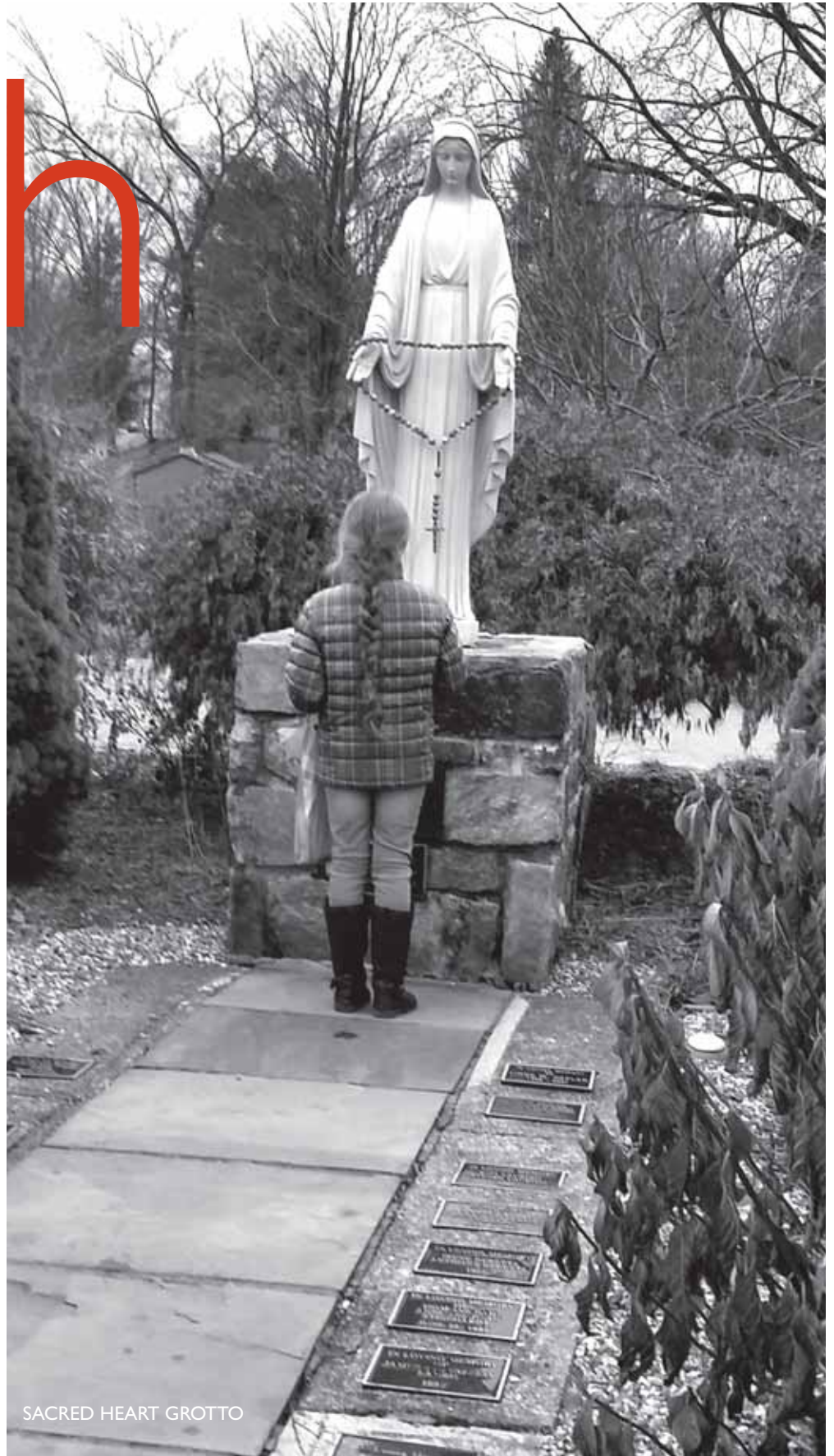
Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201
call to schedule an appointment.

stlawrenceotoole.org

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SACRED HEART GROTTTO



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠ DECEMBER 10, 2017

Dedications

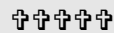
Sacred Heart

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

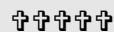
The **Advent Candle** is dedicated for:
Big John Kawulicz
At the request of Maureen Lerner

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Tabernacle** candle is dedicated for:
Michael Carleton
At the request of his parents



The candle before **Our Lady** is dedicated for:
Rose Cecere
At the request of Carol Jendras



The Paschal Candle is dedicated for:
Pasko Markovina
At the request of the Kesich Family

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9th

9:00AM Antoinette & Joseph Natoli
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Larry & Patsy Lawlor and
Alice & Thomas McGough
5:30PM John McConnell
7:30PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 10th

8:00AM Dominick Taormina
9:30AM Joseph Paduano
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson
11:00AM Anthony T. Frasca
12:30PM Marco DelGatto
5:30PM Patricia Stuart

Monday, December 11th

8:30AM Gabriela Alves

Tuesday, December 12th

8:30AM Frederick J. Halter

Wednesday, December 13th

8:30AM Scott Howie

Thursday, December 14th

8:30AM John Such

Friday, December 15th

8:30AM James Lynch

Saturday, December 16th

9:00AM Eleanor & Michael J. Duff
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Paul Paddock
5:30PM Pat Quinlan & DiNardi Families
7:30PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 17th

8:00AM Shirley Pigat
9:30AM Karen Meyer
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Gerald Duffy
11:00AM Marco DelGatto
12:30PM Mary Taormina
5:30PM John Keefe

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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

Dec. 9—EDGE 8th Grade Retreatants

Dec. 10—Spanish Community

Dec. 11— O'Toole Seniors

Dec. 12—EDGE 7th Graders and their families

Dec. 13—Secular Franciscans

Dec. 14—Religious Education 4th and 5th
Grade Families

Dec. 15—Altar Servers

Prayer List

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

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 Larocca ◦ Mary McQueeney ◦ Terry Dress ◦ Natalie Williams ◦ Susan Klemm ◦ Sharon Misyak ◦ Raymond Flynn ◦ Elizabeth Daly ◦ Hanora Campbell ◦ Joan Bemis ◦ Frank Monteleone ◦ Eileen McBride

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

December 10, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

We do lots of things to get ready for Christmas every year, and this year we had some wonderful activities at the parishes to help us all get ready – Jesus' birthday party at Sacred Heart, the Christmas wreath making for families, the Family Program sessions for December with Mary and Joseph visiting the kids and families, making personal Nativity scenes...

And we light the candles on the wreath week by week as a sort of "countdown" to Christmas to remind us it is growing closer. The "it" isn't a retail shopping date or any old holiday from work... it is the day God entered into our world by sending his Son to save us.

Christmas is the turning point in human history – the most important thing that ever happened since the beginning of the world. Because on that day, God fulfilled a promise he had made long before – that he would redeem his people and bring us back to him, that his creation would not decay and die due to sin and evil. Instead, he would come and rescue us.

From that day, despite the long and often sad history of peoples, of injustice and violence and war, we know that God is with us: Emmanuel. And that he will remain with us to the end. And he will have the last word and no sin and no evil is stronger than his love for his people. God is with us.

Remembering that promise and renewing our hope takes preparation and attention. Advent is the time for that...

I'd like to invite you to an event will break you out of a routine Advent and help you live and celebrate your best Advent ever.

Next Monday, December 18 we will combine "Confession Monday" with our popular "Seasons of Praise" Holy Hour. Four priests will be available for Confessions from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. Guides to confession will be available for those who may be rusty. The best way to prepare for the coming of Jesus is to be forgiven for our sins.

At 7:00 p.m. that evening we will have a talk in the Church by Fr. Chris Argano, the Vocation Director for the Archdiocese, and our Holy Hour of praise and worship will begin.

It will be a fantastic evening of spiritual renewal, exactly a week before Christmas. It will give you hope again, a hope that leads to joy as we realize once again, that the Savior is with us now and forever, and we shall not hope in vain.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



*Fourth Sunday of Advent ** see note*

St. Lawrence: Saturday, December 23rd
5:30PM & 7:30PM Spanish
Sunday, December 24th
8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM

Sacred Heart: Saturday, December 23rd—4:00PM
Sunday, December 24th— 10:30AM

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass of Christmas

St. Lawrence: Sunday, December 24th
4:00PM, 5:30PM, 7:30PM Spanish &
10:00PM (Midnight Mass)

Sacred Heart: Sunday, December 24th-4:00PM

Christmas Day Mass of Christmas Day

St. Lawrence: Monday, December 25th
8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM

Sacred Heart: Monday, December 25th
8:30AM & 10:30AM

Masses

St. Lawrence: Saturday, December 30th
5:30PM & 7:30PM Spanish
Sunday, December 31st
8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM & 5:30PM

Sacred Heart: Saturday, December 30th-4:00PM
Sunday, December 31st— 10:30AM

New Year's Day

St. Lawrence: Monday, January 1st
8:30AM & 10:00AM

*** Since Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, we are obliged to attend Mass twice—for Sunday and for Monday (Christmas). Evening Masses on the 24th count as Christmas Masses, so everyone should also attend Mass Saturday the 23rd or the morning of Sunday the 24th.*

CONFESSIONS in ADVENT

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

Reconciliation Monday
December 18th
4:00 to 8:30 PM

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.

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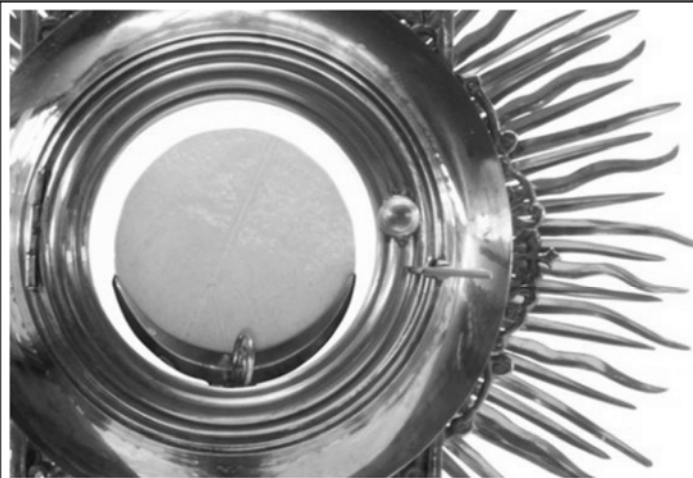
It's simple and easy and takes just a minute.
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1. Go to: stlawrenceotoole.org/WeShare or sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com
2. Click "Give Online"
3. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
4. Click "Recurring Donation," then enter your donation amount and frequency.

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.



Our lives change when our habits change.

Matthew Kelly

Hours Still Available:

Thursday 1am-2am • Friday 9pm • Saturday 5am.
Saturday and Sunday

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



Repentance and Preparing for Christmas

TOM AND APRIL HOOPES

Today we hear quite a statement about quite a man: “John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.” This is a man who wore only camel’s hair, ate essentially whatever he could find in his desert, and stationed himself outside the holiest city on earth. Yet “all of Jerusalem,” as some translations put it, “were going out to him.”

We know that God sent his only Son “when the fullness of time had come.” We are well aware that many elements of society were not willing to receive him at that time. But today’s Gospel shows that the time was also ripe with people who *were* willing to try something radical.

The Church brings this very reading to us at this time of the year in order to propose that we should be willing to try something radical, too. In order to receive the fullness of Christmas joy, we should do as John the Baptist says:

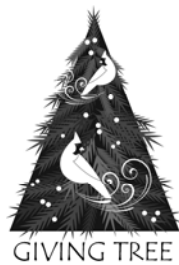
Repent. That’s easier said than done. It requires a very deep and careful look at oneself to find what one really needs. For John the Baptist, it meant rejecting life as he had lived it. **What will it mean for us?**

It should mean a radical turn in our lives, too. St. Gregory the Great described how true virtue only comes at a cost: “There are some who wish to be humble, but without being despised; who wish to be happy with their lot, but without being needy; who wish to be chaste, without mortifying the body; to be patient without suffering. They want both to acquire virtues and to avoid the sacrifices those virtues involve. They are like soldiers who flee the battlefield and try to win the war from the comfort of the city.”

Have we fled Advent for the comfort of Christmas too soon? Christmas will definitely bring us tidings of comfort and joy. But true Christmas joy comes at a cost: the cost of our ego. **Repent! Go to confession! And then receive the Good News.**

Tis The Season ... for the Giving Tree!

Life Teen is working with organizations such as The Sisters of Life to help provide Christmas gifts to kids, teens, and new & expectant mothers in need this Christmas season.



How it works: Each ornament will have a gift that is needed on it. Take an ornament off the tree and then bring the specified item back to **St. Lawrence** and place them either under the tree before Mass or bring them to the Religious Ed Office during the week. Please bring the gifts with the ornament you chose attached. Please do not wrap the gifts.

Gifts will be delivered on Wednesday December 13th, so please make sure to drop your donations off by Tuesday December 12th. Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Stevens at brewster.lifeteen@gmail.com or 845-279-6098.

Seasons of Praise



December 18
Loving Your
Own Vocation

Fr. Chris Argano
Director of Vocations
Archdiocese of NY



Join us for an evening of praise and worship

4 - 8:30 Confession available
7:00 Worship Music
7:10 Spiritual Talk
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

CONFESSION MONDAY December 18 beginning at 4:00 pm.

“Prepare the way of the Lord..”
Get prepared spiritually for Christmas this Advent
with a powerful evening of prayer and praise

Confession will be offered from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Fr. Tom Berg	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Fr. Amobi Simeon	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Fr. Chris Argano	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Fr. Rich Gill	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm



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Life from the Edge

Core Team Member:

Denise Andrews



Shortly after I became a member of St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish I heard about their new Religious Education program for 6 - 8 grades, called Edge. I had been a Catechist for many years in my former parish and immediately was drawn to learn about this program as I always felt that something was missing in the standard programs. The Edge program had all the tools to introduce and instruct the children on how to discover a more personal side to their faith. To learn that their faith is not just being a good person, going to Mass and receiving the Sacraments (although these are core Catholic requirements) but in addition to recognize and experience Jesus's existence in their lives. To feel His protection, comfort, love, mercy, forgiveness and to know, really know, His enduring love for them. It allows them to explore their faith through bible scripture and how the Word applies to them personally in their current circumstances at school and at home. The program builds their confidence as Catholics to live with the love and hope that their Lord has promised them. These tools will help them through their faith journey.

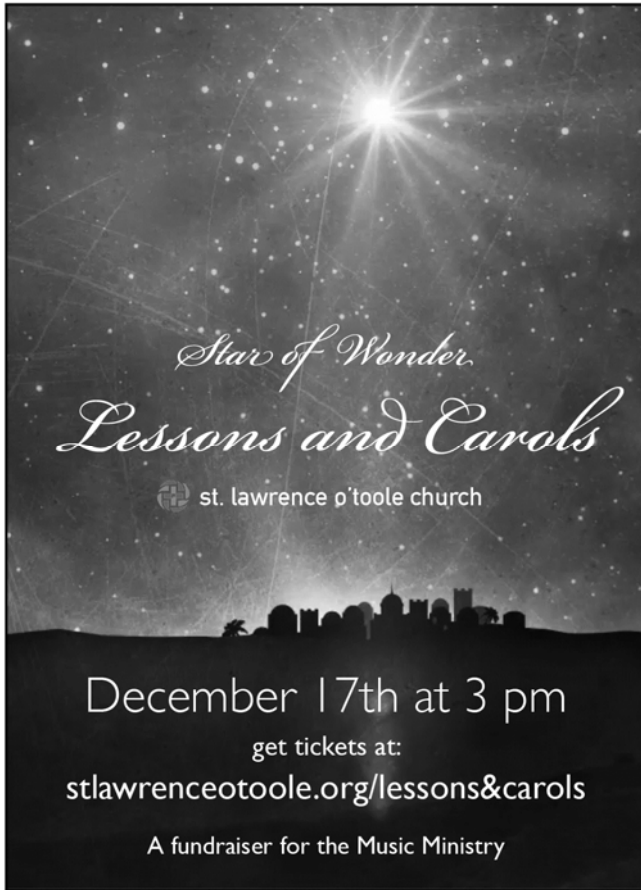
One night in my small group discussion we were talking about the Scripture, Isaiah 41:13 "For I, the Lord your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, Fear not, I will help you." I noticed one boy was very quiet looking sad. When small group was over I asked him if he was okay and he told me no, he hasn't gotten a lot of sleep at night because he worries that his parents are going to die. The EDGE program also includes the opportunity for the children to go to Adoration in which we were heading to then (I am sure this was the Lord's perfect plan to have Adoration that very night just for this little boy). I told the boy that Adoration was the perfect time to let the Lord help him just like we just read. I told him to talk to Jesus about his worry about his parents and ask for help. After Adoration this boy came to me and said simply, "I feel so much better". There is nothing more I can say to express the joys that come from being a group leader and the fruits of the Edge program.

I can honestly say that serving the Parish in Edge strengthens my hope and deepens my faith in which I feel blessed. New programs such as Edge allow the children to think and respond with a faith attitude. Thank you St. Lawrence O'Toole for stepping out of the box.

8 REASONS TO BRING YOUR CHILD TO MASS

Children learn to value what their parents and extended family value, and they learn not so much by what we say as what we do. Make regular participation at Mass together a fundamental priority. Taking our children to Mass will:

1. Reveal their true identity as beloved children of God. In a fast-changing world, children need to know that they are valued and loved.
2. Shape their values. People take on the values of those with whom they associate. Join together with the people who strive to follow Jesus' way.
3. Connect them with many generations. Mass unites people of all ages.
4. Populate their imaginations with stories of faith. Expose your child to the stories that lead to abundant life.
5. Fill their hearts with songs that shape their souls. Music has an impact. The songs we sing at Mass help us to see how God is active in our lives.
6. Nurture their inner life. Attend to your whole child; don't neglect his or her spiritual self. Worship brings our spiritual selves to life.
7. Feed them on the journey. Our children will face many challenges in their lives. Jesus offers his very self to them no matter what comes.
8. Help them to find their true home. God longs for the whole family to gather around the table. In the Eucharist, we realize that we are all one in God.





Star of Wonder
Lessons and Carols

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December 17th at 3 pm
get tickets at:
stlawrenceotoole.org/lessons&carols

A fundraiser for the Music Ministry



Explore Bethlehem
at our Vacation Bible School
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's birth from Mary and Joseph at the stable.

Register your child at:
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




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
Fee: \$50.



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen



The Emmaus Ministry

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Losing a child under any circumstances is terrible. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. **The Emmaus Ministry:** for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause.

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Saturday retreats offered throughout the Archdiocese in 2018.

January 13: Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 791 Route 9D, Garrison, (Putnam) 9:30 am - 7:30pm

February 24: Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow (Westchester), 9:30 am - 7:30 pm

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contact Sue DiSisto, Parenting and Family Life

Education: susan.disisto@archny.org

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 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 Deacon 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&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**

Saturday.....9:30 AM Miraculous Medal Novena- **St. Lawrence**

Monday - Saturday.....9:00 AM Rosary - **Sacred Heart**

Tuesday.....6:30 PM Rosary - **Sacred Heart**



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✕ DECEMBER 10, 2017

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Weekend of December 3

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O'TOOLE SENIORS

The O'Toole Seniors Christmas Luncheon will be held on Monday, December 11th at the Southeast Grill. Please arrive prior to the start time 1:00pm. Need a ride, or have any questions about the celebration, contact Clara Pigat at 845-279-3429.

Magic Show Tickets on Sale Now!

Dinner & Show - Friday April 6th at 7:00PM
Adults \$20, children (under 16) \$12

Matinée (Show only) Saturday April 7th at 3:00PM
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