

december 17, 2017 third sunday of advent

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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

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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8TH GRADE EDGE RETREAT



Dedications

Sacred Heart

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

The **Advent Candle** is dedicated for:
The Victims of Sandy Hook
At the request of Judy McDermott

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Tabernacle** candle is dedicated for:
Gregory Taylor
At the request of Marianne Taylor



The candle before **Our Lady** is dedicated for:
Intentions of Bernardo & Anthony Palmerini
At the request of Katarini Palmerini



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16th

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

Sunday, December 17th

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 8:00AM | Shirley Pigat |
| 9:30AM | Karen Meyer |
| 10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i> | Gerald Duffy |
| 11:00AM | Marco DelGatto |
| 12:30PM | Mary Taormina |
| 5:30PM | John Keefe |

Monday, December 18th

8:30AM Johnny Keefe

Tuesday, December 19th

8:30AM Richard Patterson

Wednesday, December 20th

8:30AM John Civetta, Sr.

Thursday, December 21st

8:30AM Peter Esposito

Friday, December 22nd

8:30AM Anthony R. Curcio

Saturday, December 23rd

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| 9:00AM | Michael Carleton |
| 4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i> | Mike McDermott |
| 5:30PM | George Durmer |
| 7:30PM | Spanish Mass |

Sunday, December 24th

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 8:00AM | Maureen McDonald |
| 9:30AM | Marty Murray |
| 10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i> | Nina Lopane |
| 11:00AM | John Murawski |
| 12:30PM | Emily Paquette |
| 4:00PM | Marco Broadway |
| 4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i> | Bill & Joseph Lewis |
| 5:30PM | Rick Patterson |
| 7:30PM | Spanish Mass |
| 10:00PM | Alice & Robert Croft |

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Join the parish in praying for the following daily prayer intentions

- Dec. 16—Success of Christmas Storytime in PJ's
- Dec. 17—Success of Lessons and Carols Fundraiser
- Dec. 18—Stephen's Ministry
- Dec. 19—Intentions of Father Gill
- Dec. 20—Bereavement Support Team
- Dec. 21—Young Adults Awaken to Christ's love
- Dec. 22—Altar Server Leadership Team

Prayer List

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

Maria Racano ◦ Robert O'Hara ◦ Mort Kealy ◦ Linda Puglise ◦ Harold & Patricia Willis ◦ Stella Chico ◦ Socorro Marin ◦ Nosh Shkrelī ◦ 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 ◦ Lorraine Kucmierowski ◦ Julie Gargiulo ◦ Fr. Frank Meccia

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 17, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

AREN'T OUR KIDS AWESOME? We're proud that our youth ministry team led by Stephanie Stephens took a big step last week with our Confirmation program.

Nearly 70 kids attended an overnight weekend "Fearless" retreat at Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, sponsored by Veritas Catholic Camps. More than 300 kids from around the Archdiocese were in attendance and they had a deep experience of faith and prayer, including time before the Blessed Sacrament all throughout the weekend and time for Confession too. Our kids were at home with it all because they are used to time before the Blessed Sacrament with our monthly XLT Holy Hours.

It was a powerful weekend and the kids had a chance to encounter Christ like never before. Thank you to all who made it possible, including parents who went sleepless for a weekend to make it happen.

NOT READY? Advent is sailing by and you're not ready spiritually, right? Well, I have the perfect quick fix for that. Monday, tomorrow, is Confession Monday – we'll have priests available (at least two at a time) from 4:00 to 8:30. This is an essential soul-check we all need if we are going to "prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight his paths". Clear the debris off the road to your heart so Jesus can reach it. The same evening we also have on Monday the amazing "Seasons of Praise" Holy Hour with Fr. Chris Argano speaking in the Church and Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Our praise and worship band will lead us in a powerful experience of Christ. Come to this and you will be ready. So drop in for Confession, get some dinner and come back for 7:00 Holy Hour!

ARE YOU CONFUSED YET? I don't blame you, because Christmas is on a Monday this year. So we have to go to Mass on Christmas of course. But Sunday the 24th is the 4th Sunday of Advent. And we have to go to Mass for that like any Sunday. SO: two Masses next weekend for everybody, okay. You can't cheat and do one to count for two different days.

SO: At St. Lawrence, the Masses that count for Sunday are the usual: Saturday night at 5:30 and 7:30 Spanish, Sunday morning at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30. The Masses that count for Christmas are Sunday, Christmas Eve starting at 4:00. They are 4:00, 5:30, 7:30 Spanish, 10:00 (Midnight), and Monday, Christmas Day at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30.

At Sacred Heart, we will have the usual 4:00 Saturday and 10:30 Sunday. Then 4:00 Sunday Christmas Eve is for Christmas, as well as 8:30 and 10:30 Christmas Day.

GUESS WHAT? The next weekend, New Year's Day also falls on a Monday. But in 2018 New Year's Day is NOT a holy day of obligation. SO: Regular Mass schedules for Sunday, December 31. And on Monday January 1, we have at St. Lawrence a 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Mass.

IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS. But not quite... we all have some spiritual prep work to do.

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

A 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.

Let's also keep a respectful silence in Church before and after Mass, and speak only if truly necessary, and in a low tone of voice.

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It's simple and easy and takes just a minute.
You can go back in at any time and change your amounts.

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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.

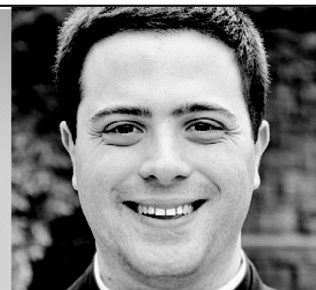


Seasons of Praise



December 18
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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..”

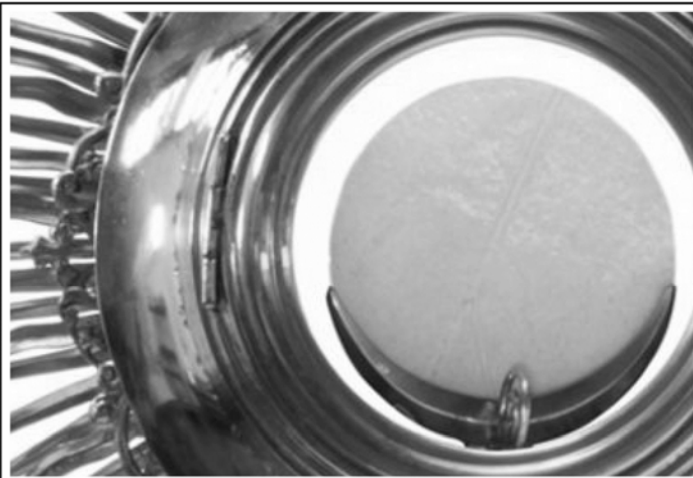
Get prepared spiritually for Christmas this Advent
with a powerful evening of prayer and praise

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

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| 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 |



st. lawrence o'toole church



Our lives change when our habits change.

Matthew Kelly

Hours Still Available:

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

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Taking it Home

On this Gaudete (“Rejoice!”) Sunday, reflect on what you are thankful for. This week, write down things in your life that cause you to rejoice. Then, thank God for those blessings.

True joy ultimately comes through following God’s will for our lives. It is only in obedience to God, who knows what is best for us, that we will find true fulfillment. In what areas of your life do you need to listen more carefully to God and follow His will more fully? Take action today!



**An Insider:
Adoration**

Tim Holler

When I was younger, I didn’t have a real connection to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I knew in my head, from Religious Education, that it was Jesus in the golden Monstrance and I believed it, but the real meaning didn’t impact me until later.

To this day, I’m not sure when or why that changed, but now Adoration is a place where I can clear my head and easily relax. There is nothing more calming than being in the presence of my Creator.

Because of my time in His presence, my life has become simpler and easier to handle. I no longer find myself upset for days or even hours; sad thoughts only last a few minutes. I also find it a lot easier to distinguish right and wrong and when I leave the chapel and have to make decisions, I feel that Jesus is still guiding and directing me.

The answers to my questions do not come from a voice that I hear and do not necessarily come while I’m in Adoration. Instead, they are realizations that occur to me outside in His world throughout the day. It can be on a drive, at school, or in a time of great stress.

I have been blessed in countless ways and spending time in Jesus’ presence is my way of paying back what is due. Now I notice blessings at all times throughout the day. For instance, food is no longer something I just wolf down to settle my stomach. It’s a gift.

It can be easy to tell myself I don’t have time for Adoration, as my life can be cluttered with other activities, but I have learned that when I give my Lord an hour a week, He blesses me with more and higher quality time. Time I can use to adore His presence in His beautiful creation around me.



"I liked the Adoration. I felt like I was alone with God." – 8th Grade Boy

"This experience was AMAZING! The priests (and priests in training) were super funny and made the Mass and Adoration better. We had a great time and Mass was super cool! ... I hope the rest of the people who go on the retreat have as much fun." – Malena

TEEN MATTERS

Part 1...

St. Lawrence 8th grade teens attended a retreat last weekend on Kennedy Catholic High School to prepare themselves further for the sacrament of Confirmation in May.

Our teens had the opportunity to hear both religious and lay persons speak on topics such as prayer, God's mercy and love, forgiveness, our mother Mary, and the sacraments – especially those of reconciliation and the Eucharist. They attended daily Mass with hundreds of other teens and spent time praying the rosary as well as with the Blessed Sacrament both in song and silence. We also had our share of bonding time with laser tag, a snowy hike, ultimate Frisbee, basketball, soccer, and a giant snowball fight.



"This retreat was amazing. It really opened my eyes to the Lord. My favorite part was when we did the nature walk. I had a really great time and I can't wait for the next one." – Kimberly

"One very impactful thing during this retreat was when we sang songs together and were given time to pray. I liked being able to go to [the Adoration chapel] with Jesus right in front of me." – Gianna

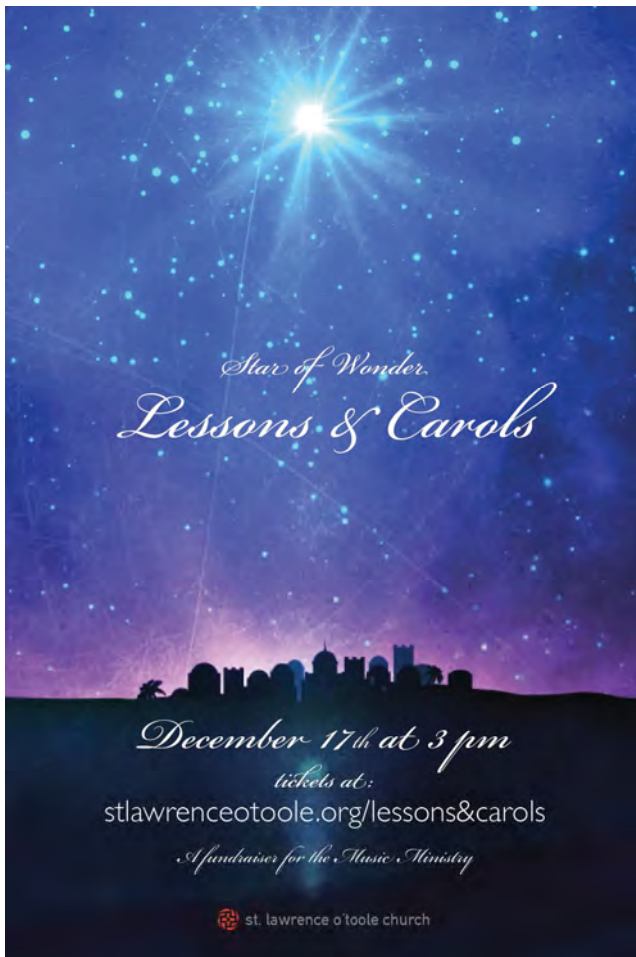


"This retreat was really fun. My favorite part was probably singing Good Good Father while walking through the woods in the snow behind Jesus. The snowball fight was also definitely a moment I won't forget...My favorite [talk] was the one about the different types of prayer. Overall, this weekend was great and made memories that will last forever." – Danielle

"I really liked this retreat because I like how we had Mass each day and I really liked how we had confession and we got to pray a lot." – Dom



Stay tuned next week for more teen reflections...



Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Join us this Sunday at 3pm for our very own
Star of Wonder Lessons and Carols in
St. Lawrence O'Toole Church



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



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.



A PRAYER FOR THE
Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



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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 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**



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- We need volunteers for the weeks at St Lawrence O'Toole Parish Center
- to cook & serve meals in 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

Monday-Sunday
Jan. 8-14, Feb. 5-11 and Mar. 5-11

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