

december 31, 2017 the holy family of jesus, mary and joseph

sl & sh 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

31 Prospect Street

Brewster, NY 10509

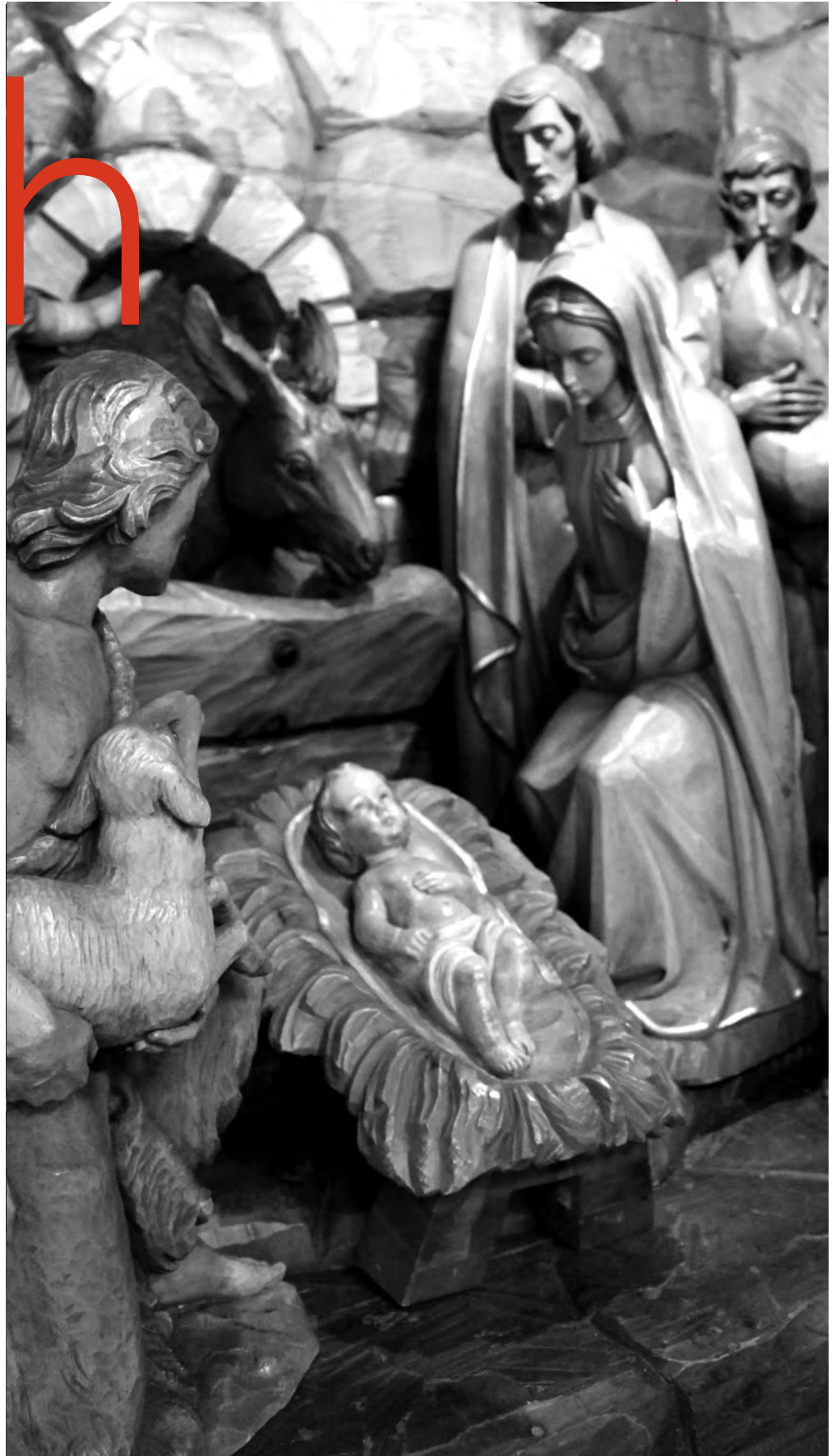
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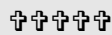
Sacred Heart

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

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

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Tabernacle** candle is dedicated for:
Susanne Imperioli
At the request of Angela & Robert Cavalluzo



The candle before **Our Lady** is dedicated for:
Patrick Rende
At the request of Betsy Hansbury



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

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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

Dec. 30—Men's Ministry

Dec. 31—All Parishioners attending New Year's
Eve Mass

Jan. 1—Spiritual growth for all Parishioners this year

Jan. 2—Sustained stewardship this year

Jan. 3—Religious Education Students

Jan. 4—For the success of the Family Program

Jan. 5—Edge students

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30th

9:00AM Jack Carey
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Julie Danile
5:30PM Angelo DeCarlo
7:30PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 31st

8:00AM Monica Boscia
9:30AM Caitlin Giamundo Cardona
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Julie Danile
11:00AM Eleanor Lasch
12:30PM Rick Patterson
5:30PM Ronnie & Joseph Paduano

Monday, January 1st

8:30AM Rick Patterson
10:00AM Robert F. Croft

Tuesday, January 2nd

8:30AM Tom Walsh

Wednesday, January 3rd

8:30AM Thomas Anthony Smith

Thursday, January 4th

8:30AM Marie Ille

Friday, January 5th

8:30AM Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

Saturday, January 6th

9:00AM St. Lawrence O'Toole Society
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Mary Villani
5:30PM Julie Benfield
7:30PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, January 7th

8:00AM Patrick Disbrow
9:30AM Anthony Prisco
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bill & Joseph Lewis
11:00AM Sue Milazzo
12:30PM Regina Marie Geary
5:30PM John J. Palmer

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 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 ◦
Lorraine Kucmierowski ◦ Julie Gargiulo ◦ Helen Bosco

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 31, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Maybe some of us started off 2017 with big fears about the then incoming administration, or with joyful expectations and huge hopes. Maybe we started it off with worries and anxieties facing personal crises professionally or in our families. Maybe we suffered the loss of a loved one this year and nothing will ever be the same. Maybe it was a year we are glad to see close.

Our faith teaches us that our lives are in the hands of a good and loving God and in him we place our trust. Let's look forward with hope. Billy Graham penned a beautiful prayer some years back:

Our Father and God as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of your presence and your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations, but you alone know what it holds for us, and only you can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into yours and trust you and seek your will for us during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties, assure us of the certainty of your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to you for the stability and comfort we need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of this hurting world and help us respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need...

We pray for our nation and its leaders in these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world...

Bring our divided nation together and give us a greater vision of what you would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33: 12).

As we look back over this past year we thank you for your goodness to us – far beyond what we deserved. May we never presume on your past goodness or forget all your mercies toward us, but may they instead lead us to repentance and to a new commitment to make you the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank you for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by his death and resurrection has give us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen.

Happy New Year!

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



New Year's Day Mass

This year, New Year's Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, there will be Mass at St. Lawrence on Monday, January 1st at 8:30AM & 10:00AM

CONFESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE IN JANUARY

There will be no Confessions on New Year's Day, January 1.

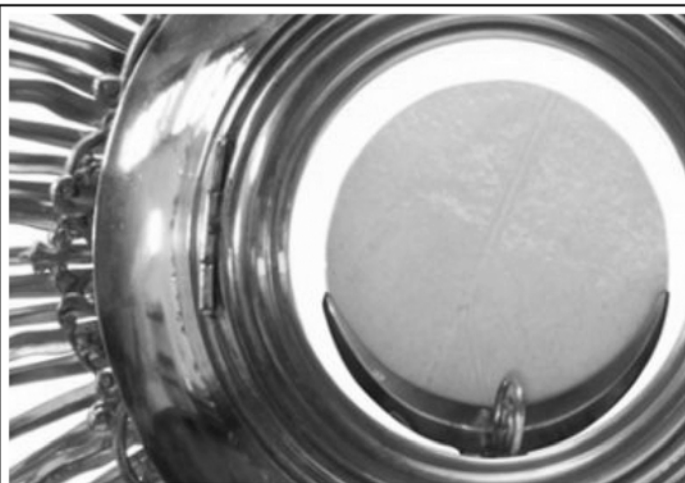
January 8 Fr. Tom Berg
(note... from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. only)

January 15 Fr. Adolphus

January 22 Fr. Richard Gill

January 29 Fr. Tom Berg

On January 15, we will celebrate the Seasons of Praise Holy Hour, and the preacher, Fr. Joe Espailat, will hear Confessions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. after his spiritual talk.



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

how to sign up for We Share automatic giving

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

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.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER OPEN HOUSE




St. Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center Open House will be held on Sunday, January 28th from 9:00AM – 12:30PM
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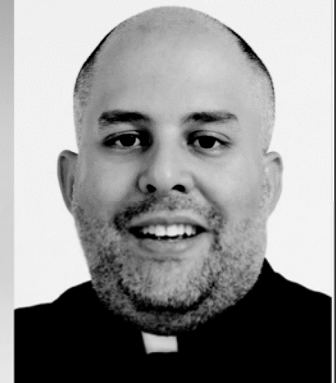
Attend our Open House or schedule a tour to learn more about our Pre-K 3 and 4-year-old programs .

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Seasons of Praise

 st. lawrence o'toole church



January 15

Up to Date
In Our Faith Life

Fr. Joseph Espailat,
Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua, Bronx, NY

Fr. Joe Espailat is the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua as well as the Director of Hispanic Charismatic Renewal for the New York Archdiocese and of the Hispanic Charismatic Catholic Center in the Bronx. Before this, he was assigned by Cardinal Timothy Dolan to open up an Office for Youth Ministry, where he became Director and is now Spiritual Advisor. Fr. Espailat is keynote speaker at youth rallies around the country and has led diocesan youth conferences along the East Coast and in Alaska and Texas.



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

for families who see Christ in everything.

Connecting Faith and Sports



DANCE - JANUARY 21ST



12:30 Mass, lunch in the dining hall with **MaryKate Lowe**, and salsa dancing in the Large Conference room with **Bryan & Kathy Mercier**.

Register at stlawrenceotoole.org

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YOUNG ADULTS

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

Catholic Young Adults

Jan. 18th-May 17th

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

SLOT.YoungAdults@gmail.com

Jan. 18th-Fr. Hartley Bancroft, Theme: Faith Resolutions

Feb. 15th-Sr. Mary T. Naccarato, Theme: Service for the Lord

Feb. 17th-12:30pm, Young Adult Retreat Day at

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine, Middletown, NY

March 15th-Fr. Henry Torres, Theme: Authenticity

April 19th-Fr. Matthew McDonald, Theme: Adoration

April 29th-Young Adult Hike, Pound Ridge Reservation



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Peace!

By F. Murillo

Happy New Year to all and a blessed feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God!

On this first day of the new year, just eight days after the feast of the birth of Christ, we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary by celebrating her divine motherhood. As the Mother of God, Mary is known as Theotokos, which means the "God-Bearer". It is appropriate to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Incarnate, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the "perfect woman" -- hand-picked and created by God to be His mother. She is the "highly favored one". She knows the fullness of God's love and passes this beautiful blessing onto to us. For, she is not only God's mother, but our mother, too. She is the gentle, concerned mother who watches over us day and night, and cares for our every need. Every pain, every worry, every joy we feel she wants us to share it all with her. The love that God manifests toward her, she shares abundantly with us. The Holy Spirit dwells within her heart, and she is a conduit of love, grace, and tender mercy for us. She also serves as a wonderful model of love to emulate.

Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". Like the holy infant, we are forever safe within her arms.

May the Lord fill each one of our hearts with His love and give us peace as we enter the New Year with Mary as our mother, the "Queen of Peace", watches over us, guides us, and intercedes for us.

Great Love, Great Truth

Posted by Franciscan Media



"God does not love us because we are good; God loves us because God is good. Nothing humans can do will inhibit, direct, decrease, or increase God's eagerness to love. That is the one absolute of biblical faith, as Pope Francis says, and all else is relative to it.

For us, the Word has become flesh. So we need to first find truth in relationships and in ourselves, and not in theories. Only great love can handle great truth."

- Richard Rohr

Luke 2:33

"The Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph marveled not because they did not know who Christ was; they were in awe at the way God was revealing him. Once again they teach us to contemplate the mysteries involved in the birth of Christ."

- Don Gonzalez



MY FAITH/WHY DO CATHOLICS

Why Do Catholics Bury the Dead?

by LIFE TEEN

Catholics take care to honor and bury the dead because St. Paul tells us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit, that God lives in our very bodies and therefore we should honor God with them (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Honoring the body doesn't stop after the person has died.

In Mass we profess our belief in the Resurrection of the body when we say the Creed, 'We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.' Just as Jesus' body was raised and ascended into heaven so we believe our bodies will be returned to us when Jesus returns.

Burying the bodies of the dead reminds us of this hope we have in the Resurrection. It anticipates the reuniting of our body with our soul in heaven. Burial is not simply a disposing of the body but it is caring for that person to the point that it is even a corporal work of mercy to bury the dead (CCC 2300).

Our bodies are not simply shells that can be tossed aside, though our body and soul separate at death the body still belongs to that person and it will be returned to them.

That doesn't mean that we'll have zombie bodies that are disgusting and decaying but we'll have glorified bodies. We'll be able to walk through walls, run as fast and jump as high as we want! The best part is, our glorified bodies won't be able to feel any pain or inconvenience!

If Catholics want to be cremated, that's fine so long as you still have a Catholic burial of the remains and as long as you aren't denying belief in the resurrection of the body (CCC 2301).



The Holy Family

Marriage is too often conceived as the sacrament which unites a man and a woman to form a couple. In reality, marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual fecundity of the Christian spouses.

1. Every marriage intends children. Although Mary and Joseph were not united in a carnal way, their marriage is a true marriage: an indissoluble, exclusive union, wholly subordinated to the child. Mary and Joseph are united only in order to bring Jesus into the world, to protect and raise him. They have only one child, but he contains the whole of mankind, even as Isaac, an only child, fulfilled the promise made to Abraham of a countless progeny.

2. The purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. The Holy Family observed the religious laws of Israel; it went in pilgrimage to Jerusalem every year with other Jewish families (Lk. 2:41). Jesus saddens and amazes his father and his mother because to their will and company he prefers "to be in his Father's house". Thus it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must live in harmony and in prayer, which are the pledges of joy and union.

3. "He remained obedient to them." Jesus was God. And through the fullness of grace Mary stood above Joseph. Nevertheless — if we except the event in the Temple — Joseph remained the head of the family; he took the initiative (as when the Holy Family fled to Egypt), and in Nazareth Jesus obeyed his parents.

- A.M. Roguet



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Donal Neary SJ

The retired around the parish remind me of Simeon and of Anna, elderly figures. They come into the gospel just for a short time, a bit like Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth. Each of them has their bit to say about the coming of the Lord, just like each person we meet says something of God. All are witnesses of the patient search for God in their lives. The elderly can give to the church the security of a life-time's faithfulness and an awareness of God which comes to someone when the time of death seems near.

Unselfishness

There's an unselfishness about Simeon and Anna – all they do is praise God! No big sermon, no big memory trip, no big moral judgment on the rest of us. Prayer often simplifies as we get older. More praise and silence. Or it goes the other way – we get tired of it – same old psalms, same old prayer of St Francis or St Ignatius. Don't be tired of waiting. Waiting keeps us young, keeps us humble, dependent, and able to be surprised.

Pope Francis – 'It's unpleasant to say it, but the aging are put to one side because they are considered a nuisance. However, the Pope continued, old people are those who tell us the history of things, who carry forward the faith and give it to us to inherit. A society that does not take care for and respect the elderly does not have a future because it doesn't have memories. They are the treasure of our society.'



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

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.



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.

Please join us. All are welcomed.
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

Cost: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple*
Includes breakfast, lunch, dinner.
Scholarships are available. *special 2018 rate

To register online:
emfgp.org/2018-archny or
contact Sue DiSisto, Parenting and Family Life
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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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and
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Due to holiday bulletin deadlines, the weekly collection totals are not available and will be printed next week.

2017 Charitable Contribution Statements

To request a statement of your 2017 charitable contributions made directly to St. Lawrence O'Toole or Sacred Heart Church, please email your request to: slot.sh.office@gmail.com

Please include your name, address and phone number and allow a week for processing. If you would like your statement emailed, please include email address as well. 2017 contributions made to the parish through ParishPay & WeShare will be emailed to the valid email address associated with your WeShare account sometime in January.

❖ Pasta Dinner ❖

Saturday January 20th at 5pm

Snow Date: Sunday Jan. 21 at 2pm
at Sacred Heart Dining Hall
Reservations required • No tickets at the door

ticket will be sold after Masses on
Jan 6-7 and Jan. 13-14

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