

july 22, 2018 sixteenth sunday in ordinary time

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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

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stlawrenceotoole.org

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SHIPWRECKED 2018

mass intentions

Saturday, July 21st

9:00AM Intentions of Msgr. McCabe
Scholarship Fund
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Lori Jabara
5:30PM Madelyn Smith
7:30PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, July 22nd

8:00AM Robert Cocuzzo
9:30AM Annie & Hugh Connaghan
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Dominick Loreto
11:00AM Patrick & Kathleen Stokes
12:30PM Intentions of the
Burns Bisogno Family
5:30PM Myles Tomblin

Monday, July 23rd

8:30AM Michael Carleton

Tuesday, July 24th

8:30AM Anne Clifford

Wednesday, July 25th

8:30AM Mary Lou Lamb

Thursday, July 26th

8:30AM Susan Pecoraro

Friday, July 27th

8:30AM Michael J. Duff

Saturday, July 28th

9:00AM Intentions of Catholic Daughters
Spiritual Bouquet Donors
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Mike McDermott
5:30PM Patrick Leuci
7:30PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, July 29th

8:00AM Michael Pilch
9:30AM Amalia Midence
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson
11:00AM Kenny Holler
12:30PM James Edward Barry
5:30PM Myles Tomblin

power of prayer

Join the parish in praying for the following daily prayer intentions

July 21—For all newly professed Secular Franciscans

July 22—For all the teens at the Steubenville Retreat weekend

July 23—For the intentions of Fr. Raphael Madu

July 24— For all the teens at Camp Veritas

July 25— For all the participants of the Know Our Faith Series

July 26— For all those enrolled in our Faith Formation classes

July 27— For all the souls in Purgatory

dedications

Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary Candle** is dedicated for:

The Vilardi Family

At the request of Frank & Felicia LaBanca

The **Altar Flowers** are dedicated for:

Lori Jabara

At the request of Eileen Gilsenan

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Tabernacle** candle is dedicated

Jean Arsenault

At the request of Sheila Valastro

The candle before **Our Lady** is dedicated

Maryann & Edward Mulvihill

At the request of the Buonadonna family

The Paschal Candle is dedicated for:

Mary Ortiz

At the request of Lillian Markowitz

pray for

Please remember our brothers and sisters in the Lord who have asked for prayers:

Mary McQueeney ◦ Terry Dress ◦ Natalie Williams ◦ Susan Klemm ◦ Raymond Flynn ◦ Elizabeth Daly ◦ Frank Monteleone ◦ Lorraine Kucmierowski ◦ Julie Gargiulo ◦ Helen Bosco ◦ Joseph Turturro ◦ William Jayne ◦ James Galluzzo ◦ Timmy Francisco ◦ Filomena DiLallo ◦ Louis Joseph Rodriguez ◦ Danny Lyons ◦ Justin & Rosa Lyons ◦ Diane McSpedon ◦ Terry Berry ◦ Tony Salerno III ◦ Elizabeth Tesoriero ◦ Katie Westin ◦ Anne McManus ◦ Anthony DelDuca ◦ John Moran ◦ Angela Millman ◦ Gerard Kubik ◦ Jacob Siegel ◦ Antonio Napoli ◦ Louis Riolo, Jr ◦ Patrick Barrett ◦ Diana Westin ◦ Kristen Hetzer ◦ Patricia & Harold Willis ◦ Andrea Olenius ◦ Robert P. Meszaros ◦ Janet Nolan ◦ Sofia LaRocca ◦ Marian Mulhern ◦ Antoinette Nanna ◦ Floyd Dalton ◦ Pat Slater

Names will remain on the Prayer List for 90 days and then will be transferred to the prayer list in the Adoration Chapel

To add names to or remove names from the Prayer List, please email: SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com



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

July 22, 2018

Dear Friends,

As I write this Monday, I'm preparing to start a retreat this evening in West Virginia. Over 200 priests have come from all over the country for it. The theme is on the priesthood in New Testament times and it is directed by Scott Hahn and others from the St. Paul Biblical Institute. Hopefully I'll come back a little holier and more deeply grounded in the gift of the priesthood.

To understand the gift of the priesthood we have to go back to the beginning, to its the origins in Jesus Christ. And the priesthood is the key to understanding so much of the Catholic faith, most especially the Eucharist and the sacraments.

One dangerous idea our generation is fond of believing is the notion we get to heaven by just being "good people" and that means having good intentions. It's much more than that – we are saved by grace and grace comes in large part through the sacraments.

Priests are those who are ordained to be "other Christs" and to be "administrators of the mysteries of God". Among the most important mysteries are the sacraments.

We can all sometimes fall into routine in living the sacraments, in part because we frequent them so often. And yet the sacraments are the main way God transmits us the grace we need to live the Christian life to the full. They are really the center of the Christian life. The grace we receive through Baptism, the Eucharist, Confession and make it possible for us to live the commandments God has given us, and especially Jesus's commandment to love one another "as he loved us"...

Because they give us the grace without which we otherwise couldn't live out the Gospel, they aren't optional "extras" – they are part of the whole fabric of Catholic life.

So because these sacraments are indispensable to us as Catholics, a few pointers:

- Receive sacraments worthily... be sure to get to Confession before Communion if you are conscious of any serious sin. Otherwise, you will disrespect the Body of Christ. (Confessions are every Monday at St. Lawrence 4:00-7:00 and Saturday Sacred Heart 3:15-4:00).
- Catholics should not marry outside the Church in civil ceremonies or live together before receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony. Otherwise the marriage is not valid and it is a sin.
- Encourage (or insist!) your children and grandchildren go to Mass and the Eucharist every week. That act of worship and reception of Communion feeds our Christian life. (Between our two parishes, we have nine weekend Masses.)
- Get babies baptized as soon as is feasible after birth, certainly in the first few months.
- Call for a priest to give Anointing of the Sick to anyone gravely ill. It can mean the difference for them for eternity.
- If you know an adult who has not completed his or her Confirmation, encourage him to call the parish. We have a special course for them so they can complete their sacraments of initiation.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

mass celebrants

Saturday, July 28th

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Fr. Raphael
5:30PM Fr. Gill
7:30PM Fr. Gill (Spanish)

Sunday, July 29th

8:00AM Fr. Gill
9:30AM Fr. Raphael
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Fr. Berg
11:00AM Fr. Gill
12:30PM Fr. Berg
5:30PM Fr. Raphael

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July 30 Fr. Raphael

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You can leave a gift to build up the future of your parish (St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart) with a bequest in your will. Some people leave a percentage such as 10% of their estate to the church, and others leave a fixed amount.

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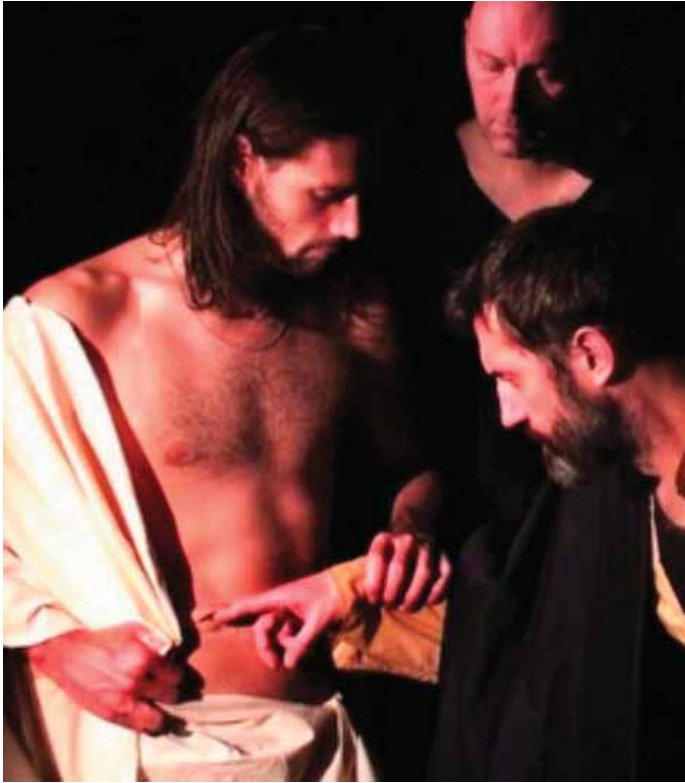
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healing our doubt

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nail in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

—John 20:24-29

The RCIA experience continues after Easter Vigil during a period of mystagogy. I think that is a big word that means, "Well, Easter Vigil is over. Now what?" Years go when I was leading RCIA in a parish, I remember breaking open the Gospel reading about doubting Thomas. The other apostles had seen Jesus, but Thomas couldn't believe Jesus was alive unless he saw and touched the resurrected man himself. We were discussing the story when a newly baptized woman spoke up and said, "I think Thomas was pretty weak. If I had been him, I would have believed from the start." I remember how sure she was of herself and her statement. The rest of the group agreed that it is human to doubt and sometimes the only thing that can get us through is the grace of God. Of course, this woman thought we were weak also for even saying that! I talked with her several times after that evening, sometimes cautioning her about being so sure of her statement.

Unfortunately, less than two years later, she left Christianity altogether. She was so sure that she never allowed herself to see her own frailty. She was unprepared for the pitfalls life has in store for all of us. I think the Gospel passage about Thomas is so well known because most of us do not see ourselves in the role of the other apostles. We are like Thomas. That doesn't make us bad, or of little faith. That makes us human. Jesus did not scold Thomas, but instead greeted him and the others with, "Peace be with you."

Jesus brings peace in the face of our fears, our pain, and yes, our doubts. His mercy knows no limits. Instead of getting down about our shortcomings, we should rejoice in the fact that the risen Lord is the remedy for our ailments, and the answer for our unbelief.

Idea for response

Think of one doctrine of the Church that you find difficult to understand and spend time researching, reading, and praying about it.

Take time to reflect

When was a time I doubted the presence of God in my life?



a lifeguard of God

Madison Medina

I heard about the Vacation Bible School Shipwrecked camp through my friends and I wasn't sure if I wanted to be part of it because it is my summer vacation. I decided to do it and became a Counselor In Training (CIT) because I love working with little kids.

Each CIT was in charge of either a group or station during the week long camp. The station I was put in charge of was the Imagination Station. In that station, we learned about gravity using a string and a monkey, made meaningful bracelets with beads, and made paper airplanes. The days were packed with fun and entertaining activities for kids of all ages. I enjoyed watching the kid's faces as they participated in the station when they learned new things.

I was also part of the Castaway Sing Along which had the kids and counselors sing and dance together to prepare the children for the final show on Friday. The songs were upbeat and had a message that God Rescues Us in times that are difficult. This was a hopeful message for everyone. The kids enjoyed the movement and the rhythm of the songs. Seeing their happy faces and smiles was one of the best parts of the week.

On Friday, the last day of camp, the kids were excited about the performance. I was also excited and kind of sad. I was going to miss the relationships I made with the young kids who looked to me for guidance, support, and comfort. The parents of all the children were so appreciative of my help. Some parents even asked if I would be interested in babysitting in the future.

I would love to be part of this camp next year for several reasons. One reason is that I gained knowledge and experience from working with the kids. Another reason is for the message and theme that was supported through activities during the week. That was that God will always be with you, guide you and help you through difficult times. This message did touch me and strengthen my faith and trust in God. This week flew by!



sing & play music

Sheila Valastro

This is my third year leading the music portion of the Vacation Bible School program. I've been impressed with how much care is taken to ensure all the songs, games and activities match the daily messages and the overall theme in a fun and interactive way. The children seem to be very engaged throughout the day. The only "homework" they had was to think about things in their environment that were made by God or things that God had provided that they were thankful for. VBS calls these "God Sightings" and incorporates them into every year's program.

This year's theme, Shipwrecked—Rescued by Jesus, was especially fun. It gave us an opportunity to engage the children in discussing how they might feel about being shipwrecked on a deserted island. Would they feel lonely? Would they worry? Would they struggle? How would they escape the island with Jesus' help?

In the Sing & Play Music session, we discussed all of these situations and sang related songs. The songs were upbeat, easy to learn and the kids loved them! At the end of the week, we picked five of their favorites and put on a show for their families. They did an awesome job!

My favorite non-music activity was to build a raft assembled from items which had washed up on our deserted island. Unfortunately, the sail had a LOT of holes in it and we wouldn't be able to get off the island until it was fixed. So to patch the holes in the sail, we asked the children to give us their God Sightings, wrote them on post-it notes and used them to patch all the holes. By the end of the week, the sail was beautifully adorned with all of their God Sightings and we were able to escape from our island with Jesus' help, of course!



the best of VBS: Shipwrecked 2018

Kim Santerre and Clara Segreti

Vacation Bible School 2018 Camp was a huge success this summer! We are so proud to announce that we had a total of 57 campers and 42 Teen Counselors, as well as almost 20 adult volunteers.



Everyone enjoyed the activities of the week finding comfort in the fact that “Jesus rescues”!!! Campers learned about how Jesus rescues everyone. When we are worried, Jesus rescues! When we are feeling alone, Jesus rescues. When we are scared, Jesus rescues. When we are powerless, Jesus rescues. When we struggle, Jesus rescues.

It was so heartwarming to watch campers and counselors forming relationships and bonding through their love of Christ. Campers were assisted by teens and adults to move through their daily schedule. Each day, campers were focused on a particular bible verse. Every station the campers visited reinforced the bible verse for that day. Campers had fun filled days, learning about Jesus through a thematic approach using Bible scripture, song, dance, games, sports, science, arts and crafts and video.

The days began with a round of “Hot Potato” followed by a “Freeze Dance” session as Campers arrived each morning. Campers then visited our church for lessons that gave them an up-close personal perspective. Following church, the Campers learned songs and dances related to the daily bible verses. Monday’s bible verse was “The Lord will hold me close”. (Psalm 27:10). Tuesday’s verse was “The Lord comes to the rescue each time”. (Psalm 34:19). Wednesday’s verse “Be still, and know that I am God”. (Psalm 46:10). Thursday’s verse was “Here on Earth you will have many trials and sorrows, but take heart because I have overcome the world”. (John 16:33). Friday’s verse was “This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead”. (Ephesians 1:19-20). The remainder of the day, the campers visited each station completing tasks, activities and projects that emphasized the daily bible verse. By the end of the week, everyone knew Jesus always rescues, no matter what.



Each day ended with a happy camper, eager to return the next morning. When the week was done, campers didn’t want it to be over!!! Everyone asked for another week! On Friday, the campers performed for their families the songs and dances they learned all week.

We already can’t wait for next summer!!!

jesus is our lighthouse

Ronnie Fagin

After a very hard year at work, I made the decision to resign and focus on my family for the summer. It felt like I was losing touch with the most important part of my life because of the difficulties at my job. I



knew I needed to do something to redirect my course. With God as our guide, the kids and I decided that we were going to take this rare opportunity to spend everyday together, having fun and living carefree! We chose to call this special time, "The Summer of Us".

The first week of our adventure was spent at Shipwrecked, St. Lawrence O'Toole's very special vacation bible school. My son is five, and this was his first camp experience. My daughter is 11, and this was her very first "job" as counselor-in-training working directly with me and several other wonderful CITs. Together, we ran the games station. Our crew worked extremely hard, and the campers truly enjoyed visiting us.

The theme of the camp was Shipwrecked because when you are lost, Jesus rescues. Jesus will always throw you a life preserver whether or not you think you need one. This message was not just for the campers. My experience at the camp was Jesus doing that exact thing for my family and me. In a difficult time, Jesus rescued me. He brought me to this camp, and let me know he was there for me just as he was before and will forever be. He put me back on track. As the week progressed, I came to realize just this, and I know the campers did too.

Jesus rescues was evident in everything we did at the camp, especially the songs we learned. There was one particular song that we sang called "My Lighthouse". You can at least catch one of us singing it at any point of the day! The message is that God is our lighthouse when we need a safe way home. The chorus goes like this, "My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness...you will carry me safe to shore." Download the song, and you will be singing it all summer too!

It was apparent that a lot of hard work was put in by many to make this camp a success. Personally, my family and I had a great week and met amazing kids, teens and adults. It was truly wonderful to see the compassion, love and kindness the teens had for the little kids. It was so cute! The best part for all of us was realizing that everything will be okay because Jesus is our lighthouse, and He will guide us safely always.

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sacraments

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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:
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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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