

december 2, 2018 first sunday of advent

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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sacredheartpattersonny.org

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845-279-4832



Taste of St. Lawrence Ministry Fair



mass intentions

Saturday, December 1st

9:00AM St Lawrence O'Toole Society

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Adeline Aversano
5:30PM Myles Tomblin
7:30PM Francisco Pauta & Antonia Arevalo

Sunday, December 2nd

8:00AM Maria & Umberto Gabrielli
9:30AM The Simpson family
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bill & Joseph Lewis
11:00AM McCluskey & Ebert family
12:30PM Linda Hall
5:30PM Anthony Curcio, Jr.

Monday, December 3rd

8:30AM Madeline Crusco

Tuesday, December 4th

8:30AM Deceased of Duff, Daly, & Kinirons Families

Wednesday, December 5th

8:30AM Anthony Bello

Thursday, December 6th

8:30AM Catherine Durkin

Friday, December 7th

8:30AM Sacred Heart of Jesus Society
7:00PM Nosh Shkreli

Saturday, December 8th

9:00AM Intentions of the Catholic Daughters Spiritual Bouquet Donors
12 noon Amelia & Cesare Pigat
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* John Romagno, Jr.
5:30PM Grant & Mitchell Families
7:30PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 9th

8:00AM Members of Gabrielli & Capogna Families
9:30AM Caitlin Giamundo Cardona
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* John Pompilio
11:00AM Gregory Taylor
12:30PM Jennie Cavalluzzo
5:30PM Deceased of Duff & Smith Families

power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

December 3 For the intentions of Deacon Greg
December 4 For all those preparing for Sacraments
December 5 For all those who are bereaving a loved one
December 6 For the success of the Alpha Parenting Course
December 7 For the intentions of our Mass of Reparation
December 8 For the protection of unborn children
December 9 For the intercession of our
2 Lady of Guadalupe

dedications

Sacred Heart

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

The **Paschal Candle** is dedicated for:
Kevin R. Glynn
At the request of Tee & Vinny Vozzella

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Tabernacle** candle is dedicated for **Matthew & Michaelina Cilenti**
At the request of Vicki & Don Lamere

The candle before **Our Lady** is dedicated for **Ann & Ed Lamere**
At the request of Vicki & Don Lamere

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:

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 DeDuca ◦ John Moran ◦ Angela Millman ◦ Jacob Siegel ◦ Antonio Napoli ◦ Louis Riolo, Jr ◦ Patrick Barrett ◦ Diana Westin ◦ Kristen Hetzer ◦ Patricia & Harold Willis ◦ Andrea Olenius ◦ Janet Nolan ◦ Sofia LaRocca ◦ Marian Mulhern ◦ Antoinette Nanna ◦ Floyd Dalton ◦ Pat Slater ◦ Katie Henry ◦ Laura Acurso ◦ Lynda Baker ◦ Juanita Serrano ◦ Roseanne Barker ◦ Pat Lundy ◦ Margi Vasquez ◦ Mary Wool ◦ Kristen Storms ◦ Karen Taranto ◦ Ursula Chiulli ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ Ciana Yvelisse Jusino ◦ Barbara McGuire ◦ Matthew Anthony ◦ Patricia McIlvenny ◦ Steve Freebery ◦ Babette Gold ◦ Irene Bayersdorfer ◦ Mark Lapham ◦ John L Del Bono ◦ Ed Hussey, Jr.

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

december 2, 2018



while we're at it

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

Dear Friends,

We get used to things pretty quickly. It's true for big cultural and moral shifts in society – we manage to adapt somehow. Things that a generation or two ago were unthinkable become things we learn to live with. I guess it's a way we human beings adjust and survive in a changing world. But there are things we as Catholics can never get used to and never accept as settled. Because the moral issues at stake are essential to our dignity and all we value

That is definitely the case with the sanctity of human life. Catholics believe that human life is sacred, from the moment of conception until natural death. And we can never get used to a society that does not protect the most vulnerable ones among us. That goes for the elderly, the chronically ill, and the handicapped, as well as the unborn.

St. Mother Teresa shocked the conscience of the world when she declared at the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994 that abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace and love. She meant of course, that if countries do not defend the most innocent members of society, then no one is safe.

This January will mark 45 years since the catastrophic decision of the Supreme Court legalizing abortion on demand all across the United States. Since then there have been nearly 60 million abortions in our country. That's greater than the combined population of California and New York. If we worry that the birth rate is so low in our country, that our population is aging and Social Security will be bankrupt in the near future, the simple reason is that 60 million human beings that should have been born never were, and never made it to the work force.

**One of the great acts of witness we make as prolife Catholics
is the annual March for Life in Washington, DC each year.**

This year we will sponsor a bus that will leave from St. Lawrence early the morning of Friday, January 18 and return that night. In Washington we'll attend Mass with Cardinal Dolan and march with tens of thousands of others from around the country from the White House to the Supreme Court. I invite you to join us. Because we can never accept living in a society that does not protect the fundamental right to life.

Go to stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLife or call Irene Westin at the rectory for information. I hope you can join us.

God bless,

Fr. Richard

Fr. Richard



holy day of obligation

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Masses at St. Lawrence O'Toole**

Friday Dec 7 - 7:00 pm

Saturday Dec 8 - 9:00 am, 12 noon

mass celebrants

Saturday, December 8th

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Fr. Amobi
5:30PM Fr. Everson
7:30PM Fr. Everson, (Spanish)

Sunday, December 9th

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

confessions/st. lawrence 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

December 3 Fr. Gill
December 10 Fr. Gill
December 17 Fr. Novio and Fr. Berg
December 23 (9-11 am) Fr. Gill
December 30 (4-6:30 pm) Fr. Gill

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 Irene Westin at 845-279-2021.

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 **St. Lawrence**

Holy Hour of Praise & Worship 3rd Monday, 7:00 - 8:30PM

Contact Angela at 914-482-0325 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**

catholic guidance for end-of-life decision making

End-of-life decisions, for ourselves and for loved ones, are among the most challenging we will ever face. There is a movement in our nation to legalize assisted suicide, but that is a false answer and is a dangerous experiment. Our Church offers comfort and practical guidance to live and die with dignity. Visit CatholicEndofLife.org to watch the video and read the New York State Bishops' document "Now and at the Hour of Our Death." Learn why the Church favors compassionate medical care, and why the Church opposes physician-assisted suicide.

Christmas flower help

After the holidays the ladies responsible for the flowers in our church (Arlete, Charlene, Jane) are requesting volunteers. Specifically for Tuesdays to change water in the vases and remove any dead flowers every other week. Also, we are looking for help with the Christmas setup

For more information call Jane Cypher (279-3257) or Arlete Tuturro (914-490-4093)

march for life bus

Join us on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019. Reserve Your Seat: \$25

4:30 am Coach Bus Leave Brewster, NY

10:30 am Cardinal Dolan Mass for the NY Pilgrims

11:00 am – 11:45 am Musical opening with Sidewalk Prophets

12:00 pm Rally Program

1:00 pm March up Constitution Avenue to Supreme Court and Capitol Building

3:00 pm finish marching

3:30 pm Bus back to Brewster, NY

9:10 pm Arrive at St. Lawrence O'Toole

Register at stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLife

For more information contact Irene Westin 845-279-2021

want to become a stephen minister

Join us for an interest meeting if you want to join as care givers. Meeting is on Dec 11 at 7 pm.

Contact Tina at cgrant@mgsllawyers.com

silent bazaar winner

Winner of our annual Silent Bazaar is Jim DeVito.

Congratulations Jim and thank you to all who participated.

o'toole seniors

Their annual Christmas Luncheon is on Dec. 10 at 1pm at the Southeast Grill House. To make reservations call Clara Pigat at 845-279-3429. All are welcomed.

ST. LAWRENCE & SACRED HEART

Join us on the bus to Washington DC

March for Life, Jan 18

reserve your seat today \$25

Sign up at stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLife



THURSDAYS

Alpha Parenting: Ages 0-10

register at BrewsterAlpha.com

Dec 6–Jan 10

9:45 am–11:15 am

babysitting available upon request for a fee

MASS OF REPARATION

Every First Friday we will offer a special evening Mass of Reparation for the sins of those responsible for the sex abuse crisis in the Church and those who covered up crimes, as well as for the victims of abuse. Join us in prayer asking for God's forgiveness and mercy.



First Friday

Dec 7th

6:00 pm—Confessions

7:00 pm—Mass

7:45 pm—Adoration

8:15 pm—Benediction



graduates of financial peace university

Margaret Blank

A faithful man will abound with blessings.

-Proverbs 28:20

Did you know the bible gives direction for how to manage money? God wants us to prosper and be happy. I have to admit, I haven't always followed His directions. There have been times my husband and I purchased things we couldn't afford at the moment but 'needed'. We 'needed' vacations, new cars, clothes, dinner out. We work hard so deserve it after all! And what's the big deal if we get it now and pay it later? We don't have difficulty paying bills, yet something always seemed off. Where exactly did our money go each month? Maybe you can relate. I often wonder how my parents managed a comfortable life, paid for in cash. After taking Financial Peace University I realize my parents knew how to budget and plan for our needs. They were disciplined, waiting and saving until they could afford purchases. And they understood God owns EVERYTHING. They lived as God's money managers here on earth. We are blessed to have earning power. We are blessed with our family and community. GOD HAS BLESSED US! FPU reminded me we need to handle His blessings, including our money, with care. We need to be wise, patient, consider want versus need. My husband and I need to work together in our money management and share our blessings. I learned from FPU how to manage every dollar so each month I know where our money's going before payday. Joe Bird, FPU class coordinator, has contagious enthusiasm and makes class fun. Weekly, my husband and I watched and discussed Dave Ramsey's engaging videos with new friends from class. I highly recommend Financial Peace University to everyone. My only regret is I didn't take this course 20 years ago!



The Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

Begins 9:00PM Dec. 8th (Sat.) to

1:00AM Dec. 9th (Sun).

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on Dec 9) that

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the unborn and of the Americas, first appeared to St. Juan Diego.

The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the Lord's mercy and restore life, liberty, faith, and peace.

sign up for an hour at
stlawrenceotoole.org/PrayerforLife



the last shall be first

Tracey Earl Welliver, MTS

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." -Mark 9:33-35

I no longer participate in the Black Friday rituals of waiting for stores to open at 5 or 6 in the morning, just so I can get the deal of a lifetime. When I was younger, that held a certain fascination for me, but today sleep is my best friend and maddening crowds are just that: maddening. Besides, the times my wife or I ever got a deal that amazing were few. Most of the time you struggled to be the first in line so you could find great treasure, only to walk away with more stuff to put in the garage next to last year's stuff. You paid less for the stuff than normal, but in the end, it wasn't worth a whole lot anyway.

It seems to be human nature to want to be first, the best, or the greatest. We think there is a great value to be on

top. We are sure if we can be better than everyone else, the prize waiting for us will ultimately satisfy. Jesus' disciples argued about which one of them was the greatest. Jesus explained to them that the greatest was the one who choose to be last by serving all. The prize apparently awaits us after we have allowed all others to step ahead of us. We must be completely humbled in order to rise up victorious.

Good stewardship is about giving all we have so that others might not want for anything. This is truly being gracious and offering hospitality to all we encounter. Throughout our lives there are so many people to whom we have the chance to offer our time, talent, and treasure. This is where the real reward lies: in the love of others and God. Besides, we always have heard it is better to give than receive. How great was it to get that DVD player I didn't need that sits in my garage anyway?

Idea for response

The next time you are in a store checkout line, allow the person behind you to go ahead of you.

Take time to reflect

What is an area in my life where I let pride get the best of me? How can I learn to be satisfied not being first or the best?



taste of st. lawrence ministry fair

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. -1 Peter 4:10

At St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, we are truly blessed to have many different Ministries to support our spiritual growth. On Sunday, November 18th, we celebrated our annual Ministry Fair in the gym, open to all parishioners after Mass. Throughout the morning, representatives of each group met and explained their ministries to everyone who stopped by. We had a nice turnout of both new and familiar faces, and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to gather as a community over coffee and donuts. Our parishioners also were given the opportunity to visit the Archdiocese's ArchCare mobile unit located right outside of the Church, which was providing free health screenings for anyone interested.

The event served as a reminder that our Parish is so much more than just a place to go for Sunday Mass. The number of people engaged in the various ministries continues to grow each year. Ministry engagement is a wonderful way to deepen one's faith in Christ Jesus, who is the ultimate inspiration behind every ministry. Please check out the St. Lawrence O'Toole website for a description of these activities.



programs



Stephen Minister Interest Meeting
December 11th

we are seeking people
with a genuine desire
to help someone through
a crisis.

Stephen's Ministry is a one on one caring ministry that provides high quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people called care receivers who are hurting. . . either from a divorce, loss of a child or spouse, death in the family, job loss, mild depression, or a struggle that an individual is facing.

Stephen Ministers listen, care, comfort and guide all with prayer and kindness. At the moment we have 13 wonderful parishioners who are Stephen Ministers. The responses received from the care receivers have been overwhelming. Our Stephen Ministers have made a difference in helping people walk their difficult journey. Stephen Ministers help people through these struggles.

It truly is amazing how the Holy Spirit works.

If you are interested in becoming a **Stephen Minister**, join us for our upcoming INTEREST MEETING.

Training is involved and the satisfaction one receives from helping someone else cannot be expressed in words. It is felt with the heart.

INTEREST MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.
PARISH CENTER

For more information go to:
stlawrenceotoole.org/Stephen_Minister



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Christmas Storytime
in your pj's

Cookie decorating and hot chocolate

Saturday, Dec 8, 5:30 pm after Mass

stlawrenceotoole.org/Christmas_Storytime



st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of November 18

In Pew Collection \$ 8,046.50

Weekend of November 25

In Pew Collection \$ 7,365.00

WeShare-weekly \$ 4,127.63

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of November 18

In Pew Collection \$ 1,762.00

Weekend of November 25

In Pew Collection \$ 1,790.00

WeShare-weekly \$ 361.73

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

1. Go to stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com or sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com
2. Click Make a Donation
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parish staff

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
- Rev. Thomas Berg.....Weekend Associate
- Rev. Amobi Simeon.....In Residence
- Mark Shkreli.....Deacon
- Gregory Miller.....Deacon
- Artie Lekovic.....Deacon
- Julie Noce.....Pastoral Assistant
- Maureen Herbstritt.....Business Manager
- Veronica Champa.....Director of Music
- Lynda Holler.....Director of Discipleship
- Sally Silvestro.....Director of Communication
- Theresa Scorca.....Coord. of Religious Education
- Kim Santerre.....Coord. of the Family Program
- Clara Segreti.....Family Program Assistant
- Gregory Rabito.....Youth Ministry
- Shayna Murphy.....Youth Ministry
- Irene Westin.....Adult Sacramental Administrator
- Eileen Stokes.....Cemetery Administrator
- Meg Cairney.....Coord. Religious Ed. Sacred Heart
- Barbara Blank.....Principal, Early Childhood Center
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