

december 9, 2018 second sunday of advent

St  
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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](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

31 Prospect Street  
Brewster, NY 10509  
845-279-2021

#### [sacredheartpattersonny.org](http://sacredheartpattersonny.org)

414 Haviland Drive  
Patterson, NY 12563  
845-279-4832



**Early Childhood Learning Center  
Thanksgiving Feast**



## mass intentions

### Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

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 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Mary Holler

### Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Michael Bozza

### Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Souls of the St. Lawrence Cemetery

### Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Daniel Crawford, Jr.

### Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM James Lynch

### Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM Intentions of the Msgr. McCabe Scholarship Fund  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Nicholas Loreto  
5:30PM Michael Carleton  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

### Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM Shirley Pigat  
9:30AM Margherita Pirone  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Julie Danile  
11:00AM Maximiliano Sanchez Dominguez  
12:30PM Michael Imperioli  
5:30PM Myles Tomblin

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## power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

December 10 For all those suffering from addictions  
December 11 For the success of the Edge XLT  
December 12 For all those who seek shelter through BESE  
December 13 For the intentions of Deacon Artie  
December 14 For the success of the ECLC Christmas Show  
December 15 For all the unemployed looking for work  
December 16 For all those who don't believe in Jesus

## dedications

### Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary Candle** is dedicated for **Jerry and Nina LaBanca**  
At the request of Frank & Felicia LaBanca

The **Advent Candle** is dedicated for:  
**Memory of Paul Shisler**  
At the request of his Parents AnnMarie & Mark Shisler

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

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

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

The **Paschal Candle** is dedicated for **Mary Ortiz**  
At the request of Lillian Markowitz

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## 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 ◦ Frank Musanti ◦ Arlete Turturro

**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](mailto:SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com)

december 9, 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,

A recent report had some shocking news for us all. Life expectancy in the USA has actually declined slightly in the past few years. The main culprits are two: drug overdoses and suicides.

More than 70,000 Americans died from drug overdoses last year alone. That is nearly double the number who die in car accidents. Suicides took another 45,000 lives, and have increased to the highest rate in decades, far more than the number of homicides. And it has touched home in our own community and our parishes in these past years. We have buried more young people than I like to think about. Their families live with broken hearts.

The causes are many and complex, and we shouldn't oversimplify. But when drug overdoses and suicides are on the rise, it is a sign that despite all the prosperity and comfort, there is a something wrong in our culture – a spiritual sickness. When people don't have a sense that their lives have a meaning and a purpose, we should not be surprised life becomes cheap.

No one seems to know what to do about it. Politicians rush to legalize marijuana and other drugs and dream of new tax revenues. The entertainment world glorifies drug use despite huge numbers of celebrities in rehab and broken lives. We treat depression with drugs and but hardly deal with the deeper causes.

A culture of moral relativism makes us afraid to talk about the commonsense approaches to good mental health – like the critical importance for young people of stable family life, of good training in discipline, sacrifice, of developing virtue and solid moral values, and about the harm done by exposure to mindless violence and an over-sexualized culture. We coddle the young and make excuses rather than challenge them to live for noble ideals rather than just “making it big” or settling for a life of comfort and ease.

We used to know how to do that very well in our society. It is what made the USA what it is. I'm not sure we still know anymore.

Pope St. John Paul II once said to young people:

“It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.”

We need to invite Jesus back into our society and our lives.

“Come, Lord Jesus.”

God bless,

Fr. Richard

## mass celebrants

### Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

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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 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**

## 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 845-279-3257 or Arlete Tuturro 914-490-4093**

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## march for life bus

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

4:30 am Coach Bus to 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](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLife)**

**For more information contact Irene Westin 845-279-2021**

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## o'toole seniors

Our 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.

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## pray our military

You are invited to send in names of friends and family members who are part of our military. We will be praying for them.

Matt Lestrangle U.S. Navy  
Andrew Noce U.S. Army

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## thank you

Thank you for helping with the Thanksgiving Dinner Deliveries! With all of your prayers, donations and hard work we helped bring love and food to over 200 people! It was an amazing day full of blessings- all three Deacons and Fr Gill came over to bless us, so many extra helping hands, a surprise donation of 200 colorful 'recycle bags' brightened the deliveries. Our Department of Social Services contact came over to help deliver and we had so many beautiful pies! Thank You to all the Knights of Columbus for all that they did!

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## know our faith

Friday Dec 14, **Preparing our Heart for the King**, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, Dining Hall.

Register [stlawrenceotoole.org/KNOWOURFAITH](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/KNOWOURFAITH)

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# March for Life, Jan 18

reserve your seat today \$25

Sign up at [stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLife](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLife)  
For more information contact Irene Westin  
at 845-279-2021



## a light for a life candlelight prayer vigil

Let us not forget the littlest ones as we prepare for the nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, **December 8**, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Monday, **December 10**, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, **December 12**, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, **December 20**, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

If you can't make it to these times, Deirdre, one of our vigil coordinators, and a group of pro-life folks, pray at Planned Parenthood every Saturday at 10:00 am.

**Your presence is always needed there.**

Planned Parenthood  
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44 Main Street Danbury, CT

Planned Parenthood is open  
the following hours:

Monday & Tuesday, 12:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm



Show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware.  
Hebrews 13:2

## open your hearts to serve

St Lawrence O'Toole is preparing for the 13th year of the **Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership (BESP)** and is seeking volunteers to assist those in our community who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

This year for one week in each of five winter months, December - April, our parish will offer a safe place that provides shelter, food, clothing and warmth for those who are without these basic necessities. Just as St. Lawrence is opening its doors, please open your hearts and offer your time to help others.

We need help - volunteers - for the five weeks at St Lawrence - 35 days - sign up with a friend.

- Early evening hosts&hostesses - 6pm-8:45pm
- Overnight hosts from 8:45pm - 6am - with the BESP Supervisor
- Lunches - we are hoping to give guests lunches 7 days/ week, because some work and can not get to the soup kitchen, others eat them after lunch waiting for dinner at 9. Other churches make them onsite, after dinner is served.
- Chefs&servers - prepare and bring meals to the Parish Center Dining Hall at 8:45pm
- Daytime hosts & hostesses - 6am- End time is weather dependent
- Supply donations - laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, paper goods, hand warmers, etc

**St Lawrence dates are Monday-Sunday Dec 10-17, Jan 14-20, Feb 11-17, Mar 11-17, Apr 8-14.**

If interested or for more information please call **Cathy and Chris Quaranta at 845-278-7116** or email to **BESP10509@gmail.com** .

## giving care

Pura Melendez

I was in front of my first Stephen Minister Care Receiver's home and I was very nervous. I prayed the St. Francis of Assisi's prayer while in my car and said to God "OK., come on, let's go. You are the Cure Giver so it's all on you." My experience as a Stephen Minister to date has been very positive in every way. They say there are no unselfish acts, it's true, it feels good to be there for someone who needs healing. It's comforting to know that should I need it, I can get advice from my Stephen Leaders and other Stephen Ministers without having to divulge any of my Care Receiver's information.

Unfortunately, when a crisis strikes in our life some of us kind of push God aside, sometimes for a long time, sometimes for a short time. Here I am to listen, laugh, to pray for or with my care receiver and remind her of something she already knows, Christ's love and grace is always with her. Doing this helps me even more than her. It is a wonderful feeling when I see my care receiver's demeanor change as I leave her with a prayer and a smile till our next visit.

God has given me a beautiful gift of purpose in my life and in this case, a friend for life.

### INTEREST MEETING FOR BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER

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

**For more information go to:**  
**[stlawrenceotoole.org/Stephen\\_Minister](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Stephen_Minister)**





## we are never alone

Tracey Earl Welliver, MTS

*After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. -Mark 9:2-8*

Family is important to me. I never experienced a large family growing up. I loved marrying into a larger family that all got together for certain holidays of the year. And now that I have three children, I would guess we sit down for dinner at the dining table more than most modern families. The world is a very vast space with many challenges, but our little carved out corner of it is always a place of faith, hope, and love.

As a good steward, not only am I called to cherish the gift of my family and work hard so those in it may flourish, I am

also called to see them in the context of my larger family of faith. There are times we must come together as a smaller family unit, but we also must participate fully in our larger family, both in our parish and in our global Church. Our identity comes from both community experiences.

When the apostles saw Elijah and Moses transfigured before them, they saw patriarchs of their family of faith, in other words, family. Like gracious stewards that know the importance of hospitality, they immediately wanted to prepare shelter for them. Their identity in this new family of apostles was given a more profound meaning by their experience of the larger family of faith.

We never stand alone in this world. Even if we have no one left in our immediate bloodline, there is a family that calls to us for engagement. During the seasons of Advent and Lent, our families of faith are gathering more frequently and inviting us inside. The more we participate in our family events, the more grounded we become. The more we share with our family, the more we are sure of our identity. We belong.

### Idea for response

Be sure to attend the next parish social event, but this time, be sure to invite someone not from your parish to go with you.

### Take time to reflect

Who are three people who can count on me to be there for them no matter the reason?



## a feast of thanks

Barbara Blank

On Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, the St. Lawrence O'Toole **Early Childhood Learning Center** students, faculty and staff celebrated Thanksgiving with our annual Thanksgiving Feast.

We began our celebration with a prayer of thanksgiving. The children then identified what they were thankful for; from Mom/Dad to toys, to baby brothers/sisters to our Savior Jesus. Special place mats were made for the occasion and some classes wore special thanksgiving hats they had made in class.

Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, cornbread and apple juice were plentiful. Some children even asked for seconds!

All in all, a great morning for our ECLC family.





what's next



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.

**Contact the Cemetery Office**  
**at 279-2021 x201**

## help needed for christmas dinners

This Christmas we will deliver a dinner to anyone in Brewster or Patterson/Putnam Lake who is ill, homebound or alone on Christmas. Referrals come from parishioners, neighbors, and friends.

### to contribute:

On Christmas morning, volunteers arrive at 9:00 a.m. to package the meals. The delivery volunteers arrive at 10:30 to deliver the meals to their destinations.

**If you would like to make a donation of Italian bread, salad, or dessert, call Cathy Quaranta 845-661-6783.**

**To volunteer to package dinners at 9 a.m., or to deliver the meals at 10:30 a.m., call Cathy Quaranta 845-661-6783.**

**So that food can be bought in quantities, you may contribute by sending checks made out to**

**St. Lawrence Church,**  
mail to 31 Prospect Street  
Brewster, NY 10509

Drop off in the rectory, or collection basket.  
Write in memo **CHRISTMAS DINNER.**

If you know of someone who would like to receive a dinner, please call **Cathy Quaranta 845-661-6783.**

## LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE



It is important for everyone to have a will in order to insure your assets are directed according to your intentions and that everything is clear when you go back to God. Many people distribute what they have among loved ones and also generously leave a portion of their assets to the parish.

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.

Previous generations of Catholics built up the church we inherited... leave your legacy for the Catholics to come after us.

**Call the rectory to find out more information:**  
**845-279-2021**

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 **st. lawrence o'toole**

# st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of December 2

In Pew Collection \$ 8,669.50  
WeShare-weekly \$ 3,409.92

# sacred heart parish support

Weekend of December 2

In Pew Collection \$ 2,196.00  
WeShare-weekly \$ 322.12

**how to sign up for  
WeShare automatic giving**

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](http://stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com) or [sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com](http://sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com)
2. Click Make a Donation
3. Click Recurring Donation

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# parish staff

Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor  
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Gregory Miller.....Deacon  
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