

december 16, 2018 third 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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Advent Wreath Making



mass intentions

Saturday, December 15th

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

Sunday, December 16th

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

Monday, December 17th

8:30AM	Maryann Mulvihill
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Tuesday, December 18th

8:30AM	Lena Serra
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Wednesday, December 19th

8:30AM	John and Stephen Spodnik
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Thursday, December 20th

8:30AM	John Civetta, Sr
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Friday, December 21st

8:30AM	Peter Esposito
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Saturday, December 22nd

9:00AM	Antoinette & Joseph Natoli
4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Mike McDermott
5:30PM	Michael Carleton
7:30PM	Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 23rd

8:00AM	Patrick Disbrow
9:30AM	Galileo Maragni
10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Edward Richardson
11:00AM	Eileen McBride
12:30PM	Regina Marie Geary
5:30PM	Myles Tomblin

power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

December 17	For all those baptizing their children
December 18	For all the altar servers in training
December 19	For the intentions of Fr. Richard Gill
December 20	For the intentions of Deacon Artie
December 21	For all those who don't believe in Christ
December 22	For all those traveling to see loved ones this Christmas
December 23	For the homeless in Brewster

dedications

Sacred Heart

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

The **Advent Candle** is dedicated for:
Margaret & Thomas Fitzpatrick
At the request of his Meg & Scotty Cairney

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Tabernacle** candle is dedicated for **Caitlin Giamundo Cardona**
At the request of her parents

The candle before **Our Lady** is dedicated for **Anthony R. Curcio**
At the request of Mary Curcio

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 DelDuca ◦ 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 ◦ Marie Klementowicz ◦ Lawrence Iazzetti, Sr.

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 16, 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,

It's not an original insight to note that our country is getting weaker spiritually with many churches closing or shrinking. The number of people saying they aren't sure if God exists is growing each year. Many others who are believers no longer worship at a church or even belong to one. All of us have family members and friends who are good and likeable people, but for whom God and religion don't seem relevant.

Unlike many social problems that seem far away and affect only other people, this one is close to home. Just in Brewster, the **Presbyterian Church** on Main Street was sold two years back to a Spanish speaking Pentecostal church. And **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church** next door to us since the 1800's, is closing its doors due to declining membership. That is very sad.

Across the Archdiocese of New York, churches have been merged or closed as well. Once more than 400 parishes, we are now about 290. We also see fewer people attend Mass and worship God regularly. We all knew as youngsters Mass was a serious obligation. And it still is.

Sometimes we can feel helpless in the face of a powerful turning away from God and faith. Maybe our society trusts more in wealth and technological progress, in material things and in keeping busy and God is sidelined.

But nearly every person who was ever far from God came back because someone cared about them and personally invited them back.

I feel God is counting on us. He has kept us faithful. How about inviting some of those non-practicing friends and family members back to Church this Christmas? It could be the start of something awesome.

What if each one of us just brought one inactive person back to Church this Christmas?

And during Lent we'll be offering our Alpha Program once again. Alpha is a program for everyone to renew and strengthen their faith and it works wonders for people with doubts and questions, getting them started on a path to faith and belief once again.

Give it some thought. Who should you be inviting?

God bless,

Fr. Richard

P.S. I'm happy to report that the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus has decided to co-sponsor our bus to the **March for Life** in Washington, DC on **January 18**. A number of Knights will be joining us and there is still room on the bus. Check the website to register or call the rectory to reserve a spot on the bus.

mass celebrants

Saturday, December 22nd

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

Sunday, December 23rd

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

confessions/st. lawrence

Confession Monday Dec 17: Priest will be available in every parish in the Archdiocese from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

December 17 (4-8:30 pm) Fr. Novio and Fr. Berg
December 24 (9-11 am) Fr. Gill
December 31 (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**

pray for our men and women serving

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

help needed

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 am to deliver the meals to their destinations.

If you would like to make a donation of Italian bread, salad, or dessert or to volunteer to package dinners at 9 am, or to deliver the meals at 10:30 am or if you know of someone who would like to receive a dinner, please call Cathy Quaranta 845-661-6783.

If you can contribute financially make a check to St. Lawrence O'Toole and mail it to the rectory. Please indicated in memo CHRISTMAS DINNER DONATION.

sacred heart annual report

The Total Operating Revenue was printed incorrectly. Please note the updated amounts.

SACRED HEART CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT (September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018)

REVENUE	FY 2018	FY 2017
Collections	147,898.65	155,856.56
Holy Day Collections	14,195.18	14,093.39
Religious Ed	20,801.83	13,481.00
Ministries	50.00	7,399.00
All Other	8,306.23	2,536.23
Total Operating Revenue	191,251.96	193,366.18

march for life bus

Join us on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019.

Reserve Your Seat: \$25

For schedule information and to register go to stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLife

For more information contact Irene Westin 845-279-2021

christmas caroling

Please join **Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters**, Our Lady of the Lake Court 2585 for **Christmas Caroling at Putnam Ridge on Sunday, December 23 at 2:00PM**. We will meet in the lobby and then go to the Great room. All are welcome to help us celebrate Christmas

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 Join us on the bus to Washington DC
March for Life, Jan 18

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RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY \$25
 Sign up at stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLife
 For more information contact Irene Westin
 at 845-279-2021



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

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 Danbury Health Center 44 Main Street Danbury, CT	Center 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
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J E S U S O F T H E G O S P E L S

Seasons of Praise



 st. lawrence o'toole church

December 17 The Beatitudes of Jesus

Dcn. Greg Miller
 St. Lawrence O'Toole
 Brewster, NY



Join us for an evening of praise and worship with local guest priests.

- 4:00 -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 the Praise and Worship Band of St. Lawrence



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 pm. 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 **BESP10509@gmail.com**.



healing of body, mind and soul

Ellen Farley

At noon on Tuesday, November 20th, Fr. Richard celebrated our sixth annual Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick.

Many parishioners participated, receiving personal blessings or blessings for loved ones experiencing physical, emotional, spiritual or psychological illness. Those who participated felt privileged to attend this beautiful and very moving service.

After Mass, the O'Toole Seniors hosted a reception in the Dining Hall offering good food and fellowship to all who came. This was such a wonderful way to launch our Thanksgiving celebrations!





gold, frankincense, paper

Tracey Earl Welliver, MTS

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. -Matthew 2:9b-11

I remember in 3rd grade I sang “The Little Drummer Boy” in the parish school Christmas program. I walked in pretending to play a cardboard drum and sang about how I had nothing else to give the newborn King except my drum playing. Three other students got to portray the Wise Men and give to Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Of course, at the age of 8 I couldn’t even play the drum, so needless to say my gift seemed pretty shabby compared to the ones given by the 3 with deep pockets.

What can God do with such a small gift as the song of a little boy? The reality is that our gifts do not increase the goodness of God. He does not need my song, or my gold. I don’t need the art of my children from school. I don’t need to watch my son play soccer, or dance with my daughter at the daddy/daughter dance. I want to, and they need me to. I am excited and filled with joy to participate in the lives of my children. And they need to feel my love and know they rest in my heart.

The baby Jesus did not need the riches of the Wise Men, or the drumming of a little boy. He wanted them. He still wants them. He is filled with great joy at the offerings of God’s children. And that little boy needed to offer to his King the only thing he possessed. He needed to feel His love and know that he belonged to Him. On this celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, what will you offer to Jesus? Whatever it is, I am sure He will love it, even if all you have is something like a silly old paper drum.

Idea for response

Make or buy a very inexpensive gift, wrap it nicely, and give it to someone you love.

Take time to reflect

What 3 simple gifts does God want from me that I have hesitated giving because I worry they are insignificant?



a circle of greens starts a family tradition

Kim Santerre

St Lawrence had its third annual **Advent Wreath making** event on Saturday, December 1, 2018. This year's event was quite busy as families worked to create their own Advent wreath.



Petersen's Patterson Greenhouses provided us with lovely boxwood greens. The *Brewster Fire Department* supplied the pine. The Dining Hall smelled wonderfully "evergreen" as Christmas music played while everyone crafted their Advent wreaths.

Many families have made this a yearly tradition to attend this event. Those families attending this year for the first time have promised to return again next year! Everyone, adults and children, enjoyed making their own wreaths.

Please join us next year to take part in what we hope will become a tradition in your family!



Mass Times and Confessions

Reconciliation Monday

December 17th
4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Confessions in Advent

Monday, Dec 24th
9:00 am to 11:00 am

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

St. Lawrence:

4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm Spanish
10:00 pm (Midnight Mass)

Sacred Heart: 4:00 pm

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

St. Lawrence:

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

Sacred Heart: 8:30 am, 10:30 am



Holy Christmas



Mary, Mother of God

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31st

St. Lawrence:

5:30 pm, 7:30 pm Spanish

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1st

St. Lawrence:

8:30 am, 10:00 am

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of December 9

In Pew Collection \$ 8,950.00
 WeShare-weekly \$ 3,409.92

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of December 9

In Pew Collection \$ 2,170.00
 WeShare-weekly \$ 322.12

We have collected: **\$3987** toward the \$6000 for Haiti
\$4280 toward the \$5000 to Brewster
 Emergency Shelter Partnership

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 or sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com
2. Click **Make a Donation**
3. Click **Recurring Donation**

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parish staff

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