

december 23, 2018 fourth sunday of advent

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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)

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Brewster, NY 10509  
845-279-2021

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

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



...a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.  
Luke 2:11



## Mass intentions

### Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM	Raymond Pellecchia, Jr.
4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Gladys O'Connor
4:00PM	Gregory Blank
5:30PM	Patrick Disbrow
7:30PM	Spanish Mass
10:00PM	John Seeley

### Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM	Caroline & Leonard Schneider
9:30AM	Thomson & Radak Families
10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	John William Gardner
11:00AM	Mary Ortiz
12:30PM	John Seeley

### Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM	Scott J. Holland
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### Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM	Susanne Imperioli
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### Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM	Mary Calise
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### Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM	Maryann & Edward Mulvihill
4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Adeline Aversano
5:30PM	Quinlan & Calise Families
7:30PM	Spanish Mass

### Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM	Joseph Schiavello
9:30AM	Linda Hall
10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Raphael Byrne
11:00AM	Pellegrino Cavalluzzo
12:30PM	Myles Tomblin
5:30PM	Bridget Higgins

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## power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

December 24	For all those who lost a loved one in 2018
December 25	For the birth of Jesus to reign in our hearts
December 26	For the loneliest people in Brewster
December 27	For those who suffer from mental illness
December 28	For our Spanish Community
December 29	For the Young Adults in Brewster and Patterson
December 30	Increase number of adorers

## dedications

### Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary Candle** is dedicated for **Charles Vilardi**

At the request of Frank & Felicia LaBanca

The **Advent Candle** is dedicated for:

**Bridget & Thomas Cairney**

At the request of his Meg & Scotty Cairney

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Tabernacle** candle is dedicated for **Emilia Zamboli**

At the request of **Theresa Scorca**

The candle before **Our Lady** is dedicated for

**Mary Joyce Mazzola**

At the request of **her parents**

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:**

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 ◦ Marie Klementowicz ◦ Lawrence Iazzetti, Sr. ◦ Dawn Ruggiero

**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 23, 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 an annual ritual for us all to complain about how Christmas has gotten so commercialized. Of course it has. We lament it even as we get caught up in it. What a battle it is not to be dragged along by the tow of material things.

Lately, the economic news is consumed with reporting on "consumer confidence" as a key driver of the national economy. Which means if people feel optimistic and comfortable, they spend more on stuff, fueling stronger earnings for corporations. "And key economic indicators for the holiday season now show that...". And so on.

When I pray over the meaning of Christmas, I'm always struck by something Pope Paul VI said once about Nazareth. He said it was **a school for us all to learn simplicity and poverty**. Everything was silent and he went practically unnoticed. Jesus didn't really need much when he came into the world – just a stable and a manger, and the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. The whole atmosphere was simple and poor with no amenities, but they got by with what was truly essential: **the love of Jesus, and the promise of the salvation he would bring**.

Maybe as we gather with family and friends, we can put things in perspective. The fancy new gadgets we give and get, the new clothes, the festive, well-prepared meals, the traveling and visits and the decorations are good and necessary things, but they distract us.

What is essential for us this Christmas? We should spend some quiet time on that one.

I hope it is the promise of a new life brought about by the coming of Jesus into our world. I hope it is our faith that his coming demonstrates the love of our God, and makes it possible for us to love others as he does.

Merry Christmas to all!

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. I want to say a word of thanks to Fr. Amobi, who has assisted us these past months at both parishes. He is moving on to a full time assignment as chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury. He is a fine priest and he brought Jesus to us all. We wish him all the best in his new venture.

PP.S. Please note Christmas Mass times at **Sacred Heart will be 4:00 pm Christmas Eve and 10:30 am Christmas Day.**

## mass celebrants

### Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

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

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## confessions/st. lawrence

December 24 (9-11 am) Fr. Gill  
December 31 (4-5:15 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**

## 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  
Kyle Stanley U.S. Navy  
Sam Kaplan U.S. Marine

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## 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 indicate in memo CHRISTMAS DINNER DONATION.**

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## 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](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLife)

For more information contact Irene Westin 845-279-2021

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## 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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## thank you

The **St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council** appreciates your support through this past year especially with our recent fundraisers; the C&B raffle, Creche project and our Night out on the Knights raffle. These successful fundraisers will in turn help those in need both locally and far reaching. The response to the first time Creche fundraiser was amazing and best of all, our friends and neighbors will be seeing first hand that we **Keep Christ in Christmas**. We thank you and wish a very Blessed Christmas to your families.





Adoration of the blessed sacrament



## encountering jesus

Greg Rabito

Last weekend the **8th Grade EDGE** program traveled to Kennedy Catholic High School for the 2018 Fearless Confirmation Retreat. The overnight retreat was a time for prayer and encounter with Jesus Christ through Adoration, Mass, Confession, and the Rosary. Speakers included friars and sisters from the Franciscans of the Renewal, along with laity and Diocesan Clergy.

Between sessions the kids enjoyed basketball and plenty of snacks and hot chocolate. Many even braved the December cold to play lazer tag, soccer, or frisbee outside. The time together was one of spiritual renewal and community with other passionate young Catholics.

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# Jan 18

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## a story to remember

Kim Santerre

St Lawrence had its annual Christmas story night event on Saturday, December 8, 2018. This year's event was another success! Families arrived at 6:30, immediately following the 5:30 Mass, dressed in their pajamas, eager to listen to a Christmas book about the birth of Jesus. The children gathered around the hand-built stable draped in lights, sitting cozily on throw pillows to enjoy the story.

Following the story, the children decorated their own delicious sugar cookies. The children indulged on hot cocoa and their decorated treats, while parents sipped their coffee and tea. A jolly time was had by all, wishing each other a very merry Christmas! Please join us next year. We would love for all to take part in what we hope will become a Christmas tradition for your family.



## GriefShare Bereavement Ministry

Meets weekly beginning  
**TUESDAY Jan 8<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00-9:00 pm  
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REGISTER: [stlawrenceotoole.org/GriefShare](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/GriefShare)





## this little light of mine

Tracey Earl Welliver, MTS

*And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.*  
- John 3:19-21

My pastor collects old paschal candles. They never stand as profoundly as they did when first brought out at Easter. However, the burnt wicks and melted wax represents the many lives made new in baptism, the faithful who have passed into the next life, and the glory and grandeur of another Easter Vigil and Easter season.

When entering a room with much history, we often reflect, "If only these walls could talk." What if a paschal candle

could speak? It would tell us of each life that was filled with darkness until the light of Christ entered into them. It would tell us of infants who received the promise of eternal life through their parents' faith and testimony. We would hear of adults who once were lost and wandering and how now they were found. It would share with us the stories of pain and suffering that ended in the loving arms of Jesus Christ at death. It would tell us all these things, and would remind us that it existed to attest to the truth of the Light, that through that Light all things might be seen more clearly.

Do you have your baptismal candle close by? It has shared a flame with one of these paschal candles. It attests to the truth that the Light still resides in you. Bring it out and light it once more. Use it to pray and reflect on your life. Ask the Lord to grow that Light inside you, that all around you may see it. By this Light you have been able to see more clearly. By the Light shining more brightly in you, others might be able to see more clearly as well.

### **Idea for response**

Find your baptismal candle and light it for 5 minutes of prayer.

### **Take time to reflect**

What are 3 obstacles in my life that prevent my light from shining more brightly?



## life in jesus's time

Kim Santerre

The Family Program had its annual December sessions this month. Our families “walked through Bethlehem” to learn about what life was like during Jesus’ birth.

There were six different stations that highlighted every day life in Bethlehem. Each station had a hands-on activity paired with a related scripture verse. Children worked with their families to complete the activities.

In the **Pottery Shed**, students created their own pieces/vessels from modeling clay and then read and discussed with their families Isaiah 64:8, “Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.”

In the **Metal Shop**, students created their own initial charm bracelet using tools to inscribe the letters onto a piece of metal. They discussed with their families how they were named and read Luke 1:31 “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”

In the **Scribes Tent**, students wrote Jesus’ name in Hebrew with a scratch stick. They learned that Jesus is in His name. They read and discussed with their families Acts 3:16 “And by faith in his name, this man, whom you see

and know, his name has made strong, and the faith that comes through it has given him this perfect health, in the presence of all of you.”

In the **Painters Hut**, students assembled and painted their very own keepsake Christmas nativity ornaments. They read and discussed Luke 2:4-20

In the **Carpentry Hut**, students participated in using tools like Joseph and Jesus did. They read and discussed John 6:35 “Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

In the **Bakery**, students baked their own bread. They read and discussed John 6:35 “Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

It was a wonderful way to learn our faith as families participated in fun interactive Christmas activities.

**Merry Christmas!**





## Mass Times and Confessions

### Confessions in Advent

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

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#### 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:* 10:30 am



*Holy Christmas*



*Mary, Mother of God*

#### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

#### Confession

Monday, Dec 31st  
4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

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### 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 23

In Pew Collection \$ 8,375.50  
 WeShare-weekly \$ 3,409.92

# sacred heart parish support

Weekend of December 23

In Pew Collection \$ 2,135.00  
 WeShare-weekly \$ 322.12

**Note:** Regardless of whether you attend St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart for convenience on a particular weekend, be assured your collection envelopes will be returned to

## 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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