

april 28, 2019 sunday of divine mercy

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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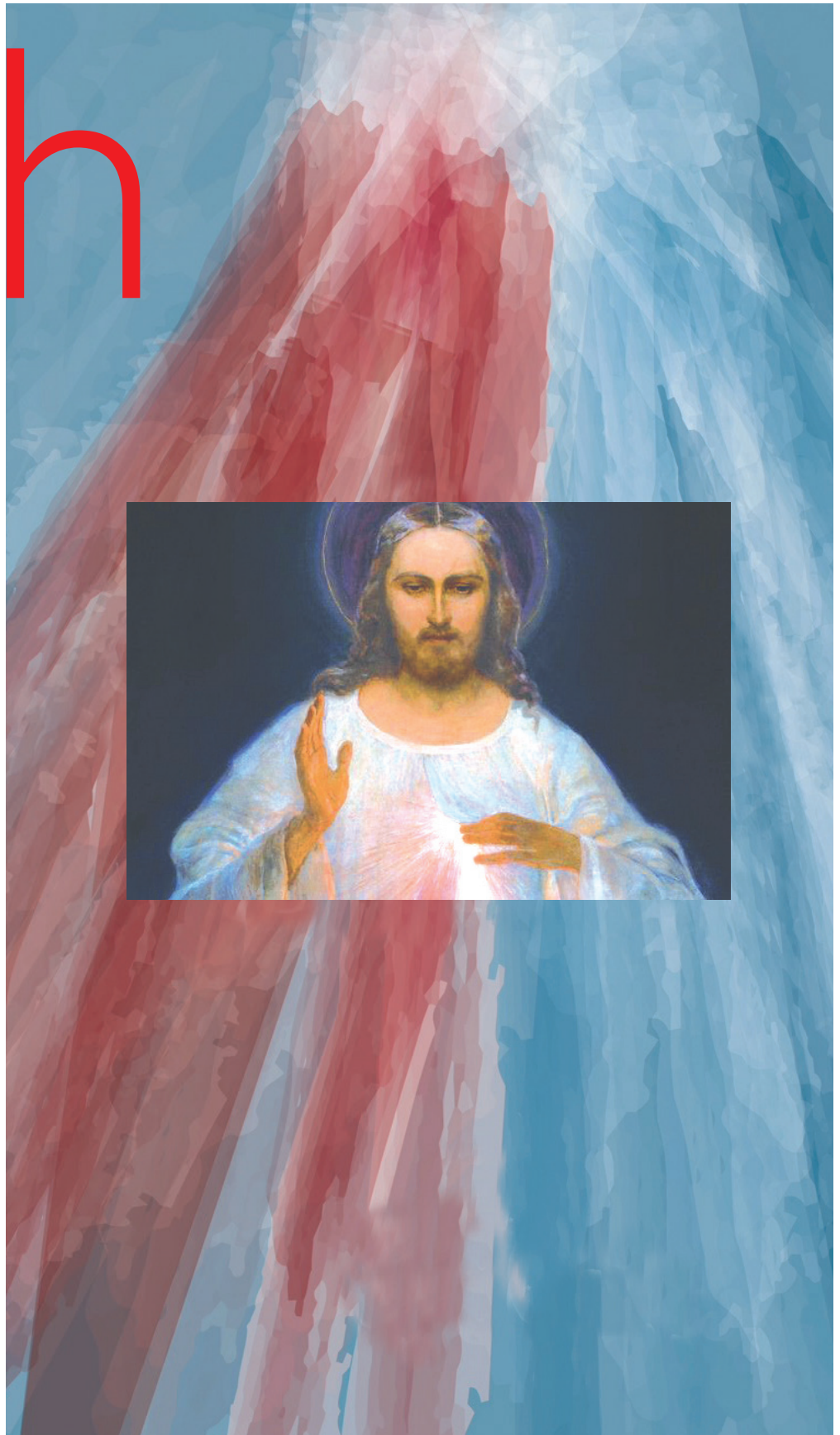
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mass intentions

Saturday, April 27th

9:00AM Intentions of Msgr. McCabe
Scholarship Fund
4:30PM *Sacred Heart* Don Parfitt
5:30PM Robert E. Palmer
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, April 28th

8:00AM Peggy Soravilla
9:30AM Caitlin Giamundo Cardona
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bill & Joseph Lewis
11:00AM Catholic Daughters & Knights of
Columbus Communion Mass
12:30PM Francis Palmer
5:30PM Myles Tomblin

Monday, April 29th

8:30AM Robert Rickard

Tuesday, April 30th

8:30AM Joe Johnson

Wednesday, May 1st

8:30AM Kenny Holler

Thursday, May 2nd

8:30AM Maryann Mulvihill

Friday, May 3rd

8:30AM Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, May 4th

9:00AM St. Lawrence O'Toole Society
4:30PM *Sacred Heart* Eily & John Gilsean
5:30PM Ray Pellecchia
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, May 5th

8:00AM Deceased Members of Duff, Daly
& Kinirons Families
9:30AM Children in the Book of Innocents
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bill & Joseph Lewis
11:00AM Dora Elias
12:30PM Ann Thomson & Hermina Radak
5:30PM Maryann Mulvihill

power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

April 29 Intentions of Fr. Richard
April 30 For all those who suffer from addictions
May 1 For all the babies who will be baptized
in the coming months
May 2 For those preparing for marriage
May 3 For those souls that need reparation
May 4 For our First Holy Communicants
receiving their sacrament
May 5 For our Blessed Mother's intercession
for our prayers

dedications

Sacred Heart

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

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for
Elizabeta Novosel
At the request of Gabe Novosel

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

The **Blessed Virgin Mother 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 ◦ 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 ◦ John Moran ◦ Angela Millman ◦ Jacob Siegel ◦ Antonio Napoli ◦ Louis Riolo, Jr ◦ Patrick Barrett ◦ Diana Westin ◦ Kristen Hetzer ◦ Patricia & Harold Willis ◦ Andrea Olenius ◦ Sofia LaRocca ◦ Marian Mulhern ◦ Antoinette Nanna ◦ Floyd Dalton ◦ Katie Henry ◦ Laura Acurso ◦ Lynda Baker ◦ Juanita Serrano ◦ Roseanne Barker ◦ Pat Lundy ◦ Margi Vasquez ◦ Kristen Storms ◦ Karen Taranto ◦ Ursula Chiulli ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ Ciana Yvelisse Jusino ◦ Barbara McGuire ◦ Irene Bayersdorfer ◦ Mark Lapham ◦ John L Del Bono ◦ Ed Hussey, Jr ◦ Arlete Turturro ◦ Marie Klementowicz ◦ Lawrence Iazzetti, Sr. ◦ Louis Ruggiero ◦ Dawn Ruggiero ◦ William Neary ◦ Fran O'Conner ◦ Mike DeBeauvernet ◦ Laura Santiago ◦ Larry Tobin ◦ Jane Cirino ◦ Mary Lopez ◦ Cathy Lopez ◦ Marianne Gallacher ◦ Maria Middleton ◦ Michael Ercole Sr. ◦ AnneMarie Dayton ◦ Sr. Celestine Costello, OSU ◦ John Grasso ◦ Kevin Gilliland ◦ John Vilardi ◦ Kevin Morgan ◦ Chiara Cardello ◦ Grace Egan Wright ◦ Joe Garcia ◦ Harry Zutell ◦ Andrea Lichtenberger

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,

mass celebrants

Saturday, May 4th

4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Fr. Everson
5:30PM	Fr. Gill
7:30 PM	Fr. Everson (Spanish)

Sunday, May 5th

8:00AM	Fr. Gill
9:30AM	Fr. Gill
10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Fr. Berg
11:00AM	Fr. Gill
12:30 PM	Fr. Berg
5:30PM	Fr. Novio

confessions/st. lawrence

4:00 pm-7:00 pm

April 28	Fr. Gill, Fr. Berg
April 29	Fr. Gill
May 6	Fr. Berg
May 13	
May 20	Fr. Gill
May 27	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**

hear us

Fr. Richard's Homilies and **Wednesday Wisdom** are Flocknoted, posted to website, posted on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter feed.

sacred heart bake sale

The Catholic Daughters Our Lady of the Lake Court #2583, Sacred Heart, will be holding their our annual **Spring Bake Sale** following Masses on Saturday, **May 18** and Sunday, May 19. All proceeds will go toward charitable efforts in our parish.

anniversary celebrations

The Catholic Daughters, Our Lady of the Lake Court #2585, of Sacred Heart would like to invite all couples who are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2019 to join us for a special blessing at the **4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, June 1** and for a reception in the Church Hall following Mass. Couples should contact Meg Cairney at 279-4832 no later than May 15 to register for this event.

send a kid to camp fund

Every dollar you donate goes to the St. Lawrence O'Toole "SEND A KID TO CAMP FUND". We believe every child should have the opportunity to experience God's love.

To donate to the camps:

For children ages 4 years old to 10 years old to go to Vacation Bible School, Early Childhood Learning Center Summer Camp, or Sports Camp contact **Kim Santerre** at kimby622@gmail.com

For teens to go to Camp Veritas or Steubenville NYC contact **Greg Rabito** at brewsterlifeteen@gmail.com

thank you, for your works of mercy

Thank you especially to Cathy and Chris Quaranta and every one involved with the Brewster Emergency Shelter Program. You did an amazing job with the BESP this year and your kindness has not gone unnoticed.

thank you, vocation support

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the out pouring of love and support for my vocation to religious life! Thank you for saying yes to the Holy Spirit, which is inturn enabling me to say yes to the proposal of our Merciful Redeemer. Thanks to all of you, most especially the Knights of Columbus Counsel, and all those who purchased an item for my vocation. Within just these three months since I moved to Brewster, He's managed to express again His deep love for me through all of you.

Please please know of my prayers for you and your families and don't hesitate to ask for my prayers for any special intentions. I'd be honored to pray with and for you! God bless you! Norvilia Etienne

calling all ladies

Women's Cornerstone will be hosting its annual "Bring Someone You Love to Tea" on **Saturday, May 18th** from 2 pm - 4 pm in the Dining Hall. We have a variety of teas, light refreshments, raffles, 50/50 and Hat Contest! **RSVP: May 10th. \$15.00 per person. Register at stlawrenceotoole.org/TEA.** For more information call Tina at **914-949-6400**



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.

Vocations, Parishes and Reality in 2019

As you are aware, the vocation crisis has been a crisis way too long and now we are seeing the concrete effects of it in our Archdiocese. For years we have heard about upstate and rural areas being severely short of priests and having to manage three or four parishes with only one priest. Well, that day is coming upon us right here, right now. There is no more postponing it.

Priests retire at age 75 and step down as pastors. This year there are 15 open pastorates, and several more expected within weeks, for various reasons. Fewer and fewer parishes have assistant pastors ready to step up. There are simply not enough priests to go around.

Reasons for the crisis are many: secularization of society, the loss of faith in eternal life, disintegration of families, scandals, etc. But whatever the causes, we have to deal with the reality we face.

We have been impacted here at the parishes of St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart. Up to 2011, our two parishes combined had five full time priests. By 2016 we were down to just one full time priest. Since then we've managed by inviting some weekend priests to fill in as they can amid their other full-time responsibilities. We're grateful to Fr. Tom (Vice Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary), Fr. Joe (Vicar General of the Maryknollers), and Fr. Adolfo (chaplain at Kennedy Catholic High School). Their help and that of others from time to time has been indispensable. But we can't ask more of them.



We've reduced a few Sunday Masses (two less at each parish), ended daily Mass at Sacred Heart and ended one of the daily Masses at St. Lawrence. We've cut back on Masses for holy days. Deacons often fill in for funerals.

Yet between our two parishes we still offer nine Sunday Masses, which is still more than any other local area parish offers. We manage two campuses with seven buildings, and offer services in two languages, two religious education programs, two rental properties and an active cemetery. We have streamlined and combined our administration and will continue to make further consolidation for effectiveness and efficiency. Thanks to the effort to build up an excellent lay staff of committed professionals, we are making it work.

I wish I could say we can cover all holy day and Sunday Masses the same as before, but that is not realistic unless our vocation situation changes dramatically. And that is not likely in the near future.



The brutal facts we have to face are clear: the total number of men who will be ordained over the next five years for our Archdiocese is around 20, given the actual numbers in the seminary. And they are all the new priests coming for 294 parishes and 2.5 million Catholics in our Archdiocese.

More parish mergers and closures are inevitable in the short and middle term. More priests will be managing two or three parishes alone, as we have been doing here for the past three years.

Discouragement and despair are temptations. And they are from the Evil One. Because the Lord is Almighty and he promised "to be with us all days, to the end of time" we will survive. He will be faithful and will be with us in every challenge.



What can we all do?

1. Please pray and make sacrifices for vocations. This is the way to the heart of God. “Pray the harvest master send laborers to his harvest.” We must believe that this is the most effective way forward.
2. Encourage your children and grandchildren to consider following the call of God to serve his people as a priest or religious sister. Tell them over and over how proud you would be if they would follow God’s call. I always knew my parents would be delighted if I responded to a calling, and it was important to me. It will be important to your kids if you support them.
3. Be generous and open to the gift of more children. Many vocations come from large families.
4. Live your faith as a family. Attend Mass as a family every week, without exception. Live your Catholic faith to the full and insist that your children follow your good example and attend Mass and Confession regularly. Don’t give in to them when they get to the age when they want to rebel and drop out.
5. If you are the father of the family, your role is critical. All the best studies show that children are much more likely to remain committed to their faith if their dad was a serious, practicing Catholic. The dad’s influence is even greater than the mother’s influence.
6. Be flexible and understanding when changes come, even if they cause inconvenience. We can’t continue forever as we have up to now.
7. Get active in the Church as lay people and become real intentional disciples – men and women of deep Catholic conviction who can invite friends and neighbors and relatives back to the practice of the faith.
8. Be more generous than ever to the Church – many of the changes and adaptations we have to make are expensive – more than in the days of many priests and nuns.

And finally, live with supernatural hope – not in how things seem to be going, because at times they do seem to be going badly. But hope in the infinite power of a good God who loves his people and wants all to be saved and to come to knowledge of him.

God bless,

Fr. Richard

Fr. Richard Gill





why i chose to become catholic

Natalie Casale

I didn't know at first that I wanted to become a Catholic, I just knew that I wanted to bring my family closer to God, and to each other. I didn't grow up in a religious family. My husband Michael was baptized Catholic, but didn't attend church, so faith wasn't a topic that we discussed. Over the past few years it started to bother me that we didn't go to church or teach our three children about Jesus, especially during the holidays. I realize now that this was the Holy Spirit guiding me.

Last Easter, I was talking to my mom about this on the phone and she suggested that we bring the kids to Catholic church, since my husband's family is Catholic and his mom goes to Mass at St. Lawrence every Sunday. I was a little taken aback by this, since I had only ever been to one mass and knew nothing about Catholicism. I had never heard of RCIA and it hadn't crossed my mind that you can join the Church as an adult.

The more I thought about my mom's advice, the more I knew in my heart that this was the right thing to do. I told Michael and we agreed to take the kids to Mass with his mom that weekend. I contacted the rectory and told them about my family, and that we wanted to start attending church. They were so kind and welcoming, and had arranged for us to meet Father Gill. He helped us so much by explaining the sacraments, how we would plan for our family to receive them, and answering our questions about becoming parishioners.

Going to Mass awed and overwhelmed me at first. I often left with more questions than I had before it started. How did everyone know these prayers by heart, and know exactly when to say them? How did they all know the right time to stand, to sit, or kneel? My friend Irene invited me to go to daily Mass with her, and stillness and peace I found at church that day was indescribable. I started going to Mass whenever I could, and slowly

it all started making more sense. When a half hour Mass in the morning wasn't enough, I started going to the adoration chapel. Praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament is what made me absolutely certain that I wanted to become Catholic. It was first time in my life I felt truly close to Christ, which is what I had been searching for all this time. The more we went to church, the more I listened, and prayed, and read.. the more I knew that every word being spoken at Mass was true. Jesus is really there, and I've felt it since that first time I walked through the doors with my family.

Michael and I started RCIA last October, beginning with the *Alpha* program. It was a great way to meet new friends in the Parish, talk about our faith, and gain some new perspective. In January we started our meetings with Deacon Mark. We were both excited to learn all that we could about the sacraments we would soon be receiving along with the other Candidates in our group. We left every meeting feeling inspired and more prepared for the upcoming Easter Vigil.

I don't know if I'll ever be eloquent enough to describe in words what I felt on the night of Easter Vigil, but I'll try my best. As a mother, finally watching my three children be baptized, right along with me, I felt such immense joy and wonder at how God had led us to that moment. It's a precious memory I'll cherish forever. When Michael and I were being confirmed, I knew that were doing the best thing we have ever done for our kids, and for our marriage. We had worked toward this together as a family, just as the Holy Spirit led us to do. When it was time for my first communion, and Father Gill motioned for me to come up, it had to have been the most powerful moment I have ever experienced. I was left with no doubt in my mind that I am Catholic. I had finally found the missing piece of who I am.

I would like to thank my dear friend and Sponsor, Irene. You inspire me more than you know. I'd like to also thank all the wonderful friends we've made this past year. St. Lawrence O'Toole is a truly special community. Thank you for making us a part of your family.

LIFE WEEK: APRIL 28 - MAY 4

HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED?

1

CELEBRATE LIFE

Alive From New York

Saturday, May 4th, 2:30PM - 4:30PM

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2

PRAY TO THE AUTHOR OF LIFE

Mass for the Unborn

Saturday May 4th @ 12 Noon - St. Patrick's Cathedral Mass
to kick off Alive From New York Event

To be in unity, on Saturday, May 4th - Every Archdiocesan Parish is
invited to celebrate their Saturday Mass for the Unborn

3

GIVE VOICE FOR THE VULNERABLE

All-week Call Campaign

With the RHA, our NY Legislature has already passed one
aggressive bill against life. Now, Physician Assisted Suicide may
become law. The whole Archdiocese will act this week to make
our voices heard that these laws are not acceptable.

Please call your State Assemblymen and Senators this week.

Phone numbers and scripts are below.

For more information:
www.lifeofficenyc.org



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SCRIPT: "As your constituent, I have been very disappointed in this year's legislature, particularly in the January 22nd passage of the Reproductive Health Act. I now urge you to oppose any legislation that would legalize doctor-assisted suicide. This legislation treats 'death' as a medical treatment and is particularly dangerous for some of the most vulnerable citizens of our state: the elderly, the poor, the depressed, and people living with disabilities. I'm calling to ask you to oppose all efforts to legalize so-called "medical aid-in-dying," which is doctor-assisted suicide, such as Assembly bill 2694 and Senate bill 3947. Thank you for your time." To also send a quick email to your legislature, visit www.nycatholic.org.

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Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™

May 11

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

This special Virtual Pilgrimage is a 90 minute prayerful experience of drawing nearer to God in the company of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. This encounter is made possible by today's technology to bring Lourdes to our parish with projected images of what pilgrims would see and music similar to what pilgrims hear in Lourdes. Parish "pilgrims" will also experience a piece of the Grotto rock from Lourdes, precious water from the Grotto spring, Eucharistic blessing as in Lourdes, and a Candlelight Rosary Procession.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/LourdesPilgrimage

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Wed, May 1, 8, 15, 22

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Whether we are life-long Catholics or new to the faith, the rich teachings and practices of Catholicism can sometimes seem complex and mysterious. When we learn the meaning behind our two-thousand-year-old traditions, we unite ourselves to the teachings of Christ and the early Christians that founded our Church.

Join Deacon Mark as he enriches our understanding of the rituals, symbols, and traditions that are meant to strengthen and renew our faith in Jesus Christ and prepare us to ultimately join Him in His heavenly kingdom.

Fee: \$20

Register at stlawrenceotoole.org/WhyDoCatholicsDoThat

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PROCEEDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ST. LAWRENCE FAMILY PROGRAM

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

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

May 3

6:00 pm—Confessions

7:00 pm—Mass

7:45 pm—Adoration

8:15 pm—Benediction



Centennial Campaign Phase II

together we can pay it down!

To date we have paid off the bulk of the \$3.8 million cost of our Church renovation in just five years. Our remaining debt is just over \$1 million plus interest and we are planning to retire the debt by 2024 – five years from now. We will be making payments of \$100,000 every six months plus 5% interest.

Please use the Gold Centennial envelopes to make your gift to this wonderful campaign that has transformed our parish. Drop them in the collection any Sunday during the month, or make your gifts through:
stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com

Your gift each month will go a long way in helping us paying down our loan. Keep in mind that every dollar raised for the campaign goes directly to our debt, and none of it is subject to assessments or taxes by the Archdiocese.

Current loan balance (March 2019) \$1,055,000

Next interest payment: April 29, 2019 \$13,196

Next principal payment: June 19, 2019 \$100,000

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of April 21

In Pew Collection	\$ 11,467.00
Easter Offering	\$ 12,516.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 3,701.82

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of April 21

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,278.00
Easter Offering	\$ 3,475.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 299.10

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 the parish in which you are registered.

parish staff

Rev. Richard Gill.....	Pastor
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Gregory Miller.....	Deacon
Artie Lekovic.....	Deacon
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Kim Santerre.....	Director of Early Childhood Learning Center
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

how to sign up for WeShare automatic giving

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