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

sacredheartpattersonny.org 414 Haviland Drive Patterson, NY 12563 845-279-4832



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mass intentions

Saturday, November 23rd

9:00AM

4:00PM Sacred Heart 5:30PM 7:30PM

Intentions of Msgr. McCabe Scholarship Fund James P. Kearney Michael Carleton Spanish Mass

Sunday, November 24th

8:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM Sacred Heart 11:00AM 12:30PM 5:30PM

Intentions of Barbara Johnson Raymond Pellecchia, Jr. Edward Richardson Raffaela & Giovanni Fino Horacio Midence Andrew & Marilyn Clarke

Monday, November 25th 8:30AM Raymond Pellecchia

Tuesday, November 26th Walter & Helen Bird 8:30AM

Wednesday, November 27th

8:30AM 6:30 pm

Eileen Fernandez Alice Jean Christman

Thursday, November 28th 9:00AM Harry Vrabel

Friday, November 29th 8:30AM

Vincenzo Catalanotto

Saturday, November 30th

9:00AM 4:00PM Sacred Heart 5:30PM 7:30PM

Parmenio Sanchez Mike McDermott Westin Family Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 1st

8:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM Sacred Heart Bill & Joseph Lewis 11:00AM 12:30PM 5:30PM

Intentions of Susie & Ted Barnes Mary Welsh Gregory Taylor Harry Zutell Anthony Curcio, Jr

power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

Nov	25	For all the Early Childhood
		Learning Center Children

- 26 Intentions of those who need healing Nov
- Nov 27 For the souls in purgatory
- Nov 28 In thanksgiving for all our parishioners
- Nov 29 Intentions of Deacon Greg
- Nov 30 Intentions of the Pope
- Dec 1 Intentions of our Teens and Young Adults

dedications

Sacred Heart

The Altar Flowers are dedicated for the **DiSarro Family** At the request by Mary Ann & Ray Merlotto

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The Tabernacle Candle is dedicated for Anna & Ralph LaMere At the request by the LaMere Family

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Connie & Joseph Raccioppi** At the request of the O'Kelly Family

pray for

Please remember our brothers and sisters in the Lord who have asked for prayers:

Maria Middleton · Michael Ercole Sr. · Kevin Gilliland · John Vilardi • Kevin Morgan • Chiara Cardiello • Grace Egan Wright • Andrea Lichtenberger • Matilda Travis • Marie Lanza Migliaccio · Patricia Lyons · Greg Westin · Margaret Hughes • Dawn Colabatistto • Debra Colabatistto • John Ragonesi • Andrew Pesco • Mark Lapham • Ann Kegelman • Paul Pember • Theresa Cafiero • Katie Henry • Lawrence lazzetti, Sr · Jim Heigman · Megan Gersch · Amy Rotondo • Bill Plume • Charles Mulligan • Cathy Mannfolk • Lois Zutell • Penni-Anne Craft • John Grasso • Tara Jennings • Fred Lyons • Donald Bowe • Zoey Rolon • Walter McSpadon • Lyons

Rosa Lyons

Barbara McGuire

Mary McQueeney · Margaret McDonald · Doreen Madonia · Lucyann LaGuardia • Gjon Karagi • Dolores Stout • Jeanne Mullaney • Joan Bloom • Noreen Kearney • Maya Torres • Scotty Yaremko • Nora Higgins • Marilyn Squeo • Joan Quinn • Michaelene Kamin • Jill Moundroukas • Michael Taylor • Larry Tobin • Jim Thomson

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

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AND NOVEMBER 29TH

November 24, 2019



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,

The story of the origin of Thanksgiving back in pilgrim times always reminds us of our need to be grateful to God for his providence and care, even in the toughest of times. Those pilgrims faced an uncertain future in this New World but they had no doubt that God would be there for them as they stepped out into the unknown.

It's the pattern for our lives too – sometimes we can be worried or nervous about our future, that of our families, or the future of our country – but always we come back to the bottom line: God is good, all the time and he is with us to see us through. Maybe this past year has been one of your tougher years, but God is never far away from you. He has a plan filled with love for every one of us.

We'll celebrate with Mass at **6:30 pm Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving and 9:00 am on Thanksgiving morning** at St. Lawrence. Everyone is invited to come even though it is not a holy day of "obligation" – just to thank God for looking after us all one more year. We have so much to celebrate and thank our good God for:

- Thanksgiving morning hundreds of our parishioners will work to provide Thanksgiving meals and deliver to shut-ins and the poor all around our community.
- Our winter homeless shelter also kicked off operations this week, with dozens of volunteers loving and helping our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- At both parishes, our people are coming to the Alpha Course to get to know God better.
- Our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers held a training workshop to improve their devotion to their important ministry.
- Our programs are reaching out to the divorced, to those who have lost loved ones, to seniors, to those in nursing homes, and our Stephen's ministers reach out to those in crisis or struggling.
- Nearly 600 kids are attending the Family Program or other religious education programs at our two parishes.
- Our CYO is operating with 17 teams of kids between St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart.
- People are coming to Holy Hours and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day and all through the night to praise God for all His blessings.
- Sacred Heart small but strong and resilient, is going through a series of renovations and improvements to create a more beautiful worship space.

We've got so much to be thankful for... I thank God every day for every one of you who live with faith, hope and love and push forward with trust and confidence in our good God.

Happy Thanksgiving!

for Richard



Fr. Richard Gill

mass celebrants

Saturday, November 30th

4:00PM Sacred Heart	Fr. Meccia
5:30PM	Fr. Gill
7:30 PM	Fr. Gill (Spanish)
Sunday, December 1 st	
8:00AM	Fr. Berg
9:30AM	Fr. Berg
10:30AM Sacred Heart	Fr. Meccia
11:00AM	Fr. Gill
12:30 PM	Fr. Gill
5:30PM	Fr. Gill

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

November 25	Fr. Gill
December 2	Fr. Gill
December 9	Fr. Gill
December 16	Fr. Berg, Fr. Mollenhauer
December 23	Fr. Gill
December 24 9am-12pm	Fr. Gill
December 30	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, Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter feed.

the best hour you will spend on earth

There are spots available for Adoration in our Divine Mercy Chapel. If you would like to reserve an hour with Jesus go to: **stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration** or call **Angela** at **914-482-0325** for more information

COVERAGE NEEDED: Tues 12am, Thurs 10 am **PARTNER NEEDED**: Monday 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, Thursday 5pm, 9pm, Friday 9am

magnificat companions

Prepare your heart to welcome the Prince of Peace with the **Magnificat Advent Companion**. Each issue of the Advent Companion is never the same as the last and contains one-of-a-kind extras that you won't find anywhere else. The **Catholic Daughters at St. Lawrence** will be selling the Magnificat Advent and Lenten Companions for \$4 each or a set for \$6 after Masses on November 23rd and 24th. You can also get booklets by contacting Donna Iazzetti, 845-803-6367 or diazzetti@ gmail.com.

save the date

You are not going to want to miss this event! St. Lawrence O'Toole will be having a **Gala Dinner on Saturday, October 17th 2020** at the Amber Room in Danbury, CT. Look for more information in the coming months.

pray for our men and women serving

You are invited to send in names of our parishioners who are part of our military. We will be praying for them.

U.S. Army	Christopher Monteferante, Andrew Noce
	Brandon Villegas, Evan Brady, Michael Tiffany
U.S. Navy	Kyle Stanley, Matt Lestrange, Kevin R. Duffy,
	Connor P. O'Rourke
U.S. Marines	Sam Kaplan, Michael Monti, Alex Aliaj,
	Michael Liguori
U.S. Air Force	James Friedlander, Christopher Pragoff,
	Michael DeSandra

happy birthday jesus

On Saturday Dec. 1 from 12:00 pm -2:00 pm the Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a Happy Birthday Jesus Party.To pre-register, contact Meg Cairney at mcairney@aol.com. Include your phone number and number of adults and children with ages.

calling all high school teens

Join the **St. Lawrence O' Toole's Lifeteen** group. **Lifeteen** is our parish youth program opened to all high school aged teens. We meet in the Parish Center Attic after the 5:30 pm Mass each Sunday from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm. Call or text our youth minister, **Greg Rabito**, at **203- 917-1885** or email **brewster.lifeteen@gmail.com**.



pilgrimage of mercy

John Montouri

On Veteran's Day, as much as I wanted to use my Kohl's coupons, rake my lawn, put a new flag at my Father's grave, and honor all who served this great country at a parade--I felt like I needed God's Grace so I went on the **St. Lawrence Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine** in Stockbridge, Mass.

The first Grace received was praying the stations of the cross together. They are outdoors and contain beautiful lifelike statues that spoke to me of how much Jesus really loved and suffered for each of us. Next we ventured down to the Lourdes Grotto and on to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents...a place to pray for the unborn and where healing and mercy is offered to anyone who has had an abortion. Our next stop was the main Shrine, a beautiful Chapel, filled with artwork that radiates the mercy and love of God. We prayed the Rosary together, and there was an opportunity for confession and then Mass was celebrated followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

On the way back home, I sat at the back of the bus and I couldn't help but pray...here are 50 or more people including a handful under age 20, who went looking for you today Lord, and I don't know if anyone received a miraculous cure, or had the sky open up, but I think we all came away knowing that there is a God who loves us, cares for us, and who wants to be in relationship with us as we make our way through this beautiful but challenging life.

If you can go there, do so, if not--make your own pilgrimage by just asking Jesus to show you that He loves you! Google St. Faustina, Pray the Chaplet, and venerate the Divine Mercy image.







Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick Tuesday, November 26th at 12pm

Light refreshments will be served after Mass in the Dining Hall. Provided by the O'Toole Seniors

All are welcomed since anyone may receive healing prayers, both Catholics and non-Catholics, those experiencing physical, emotional, spiritual or psychological illness, or those praying for a loved one.

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edge rake and bake service project

Greg Rabito



Rakes in hand, with a few leaf blowers, the **St. Lawrence EDGE kids** and adults raked several parishioners' lawns this November. Breaking into two teams the kids split up to rake four houses.

It was such a joy to serve the parish community and for the kids to play an active role in the larger Church. Each household

served was so generous in welcoming us to their home. Enjoying snacks at many of the houses, the group gathered back at the Parish Center to enjoy some baked goods and a discussion. We chatted on the importance of service and being available to serve those in need as Christ did. As Christians we are all called to love and serve our brothers and sisters. So proud of the kids for helping the parish community and playing a greater role in the Body of Christ.







blessing our vets

Tina Pennacchia



Sacred Heart honored all of our veterans, service men/women and their families last Saturday, November 9 at the 4:00 PM Mass. After their special blessing at Mass by Fr Everson, all were invited to join the

parishioners in the church hall for coffee and cake. On Sunday Fr Lewis invited all the service men and women to come to the altar for their blessing as the parishioners clapped their hands in gratitude. We are so blessed and deeply grateful to have these honorable service men and women in our parishes.

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YOUTH RALLY
MARCH FOR LIFE
COST: \$65
(Spending Money-\$40-50 dollars for souvenirs and meals-not included)

stlawrenceotoole.org/TeensMarchForLife

A message to Sacred Heart Parishioners

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

Some parishioners writing on social media and in emails have expressed worry and concern that some recent financial decisions I made were meant to lead to the closing of Sacred Heart.

I want to reassure everyone that the opposite is true. I am doing everything with the intention of strengthening the longterm financial stability of the parish and keeping it open.

Seven years ago when I took over after Fr. Lutz and Fr. McKeon, we had nothing in the bank, and were \$200,000 in debt. Now we are debt free and have some savings.

While our recent financial report does show Sacred Heart is in the black, the fact is our collections have been declining over the last several years. Specifically, our collections are down more than 12% in just the past two years.

We balanced our budget and went positive by cutting expenses and holding spending down. Not with new income. The trend line of declining collections is a problem we need to solve. It is not sustainable in the long run.

That is why we ran our recent Stewardship campaign. Hopefully, all of you will reflect on how you might do more to support the parish as your means allow.

Our attendance has also fallen and the number of children in religious education has also fallen. In that we are not unique: many other parishes are struggling with the same problems. We have to find a way to turn these situations around.

At the same time, we had put aside some money over the past couple of years to make some upgrades. With it we can make some improvements such as new heat pumps, a new floor for the entrance to the Church, repair of doors at the entrance, restoration of the outdoor Crucifix, and soon we will have new carpeting installed. We are also making important improvements in the Parish Center and upgrading the bathrooms. We have also done an extensive cleanup of the grounds, removing downed trees.

Please don't worry that I am out to close this parish. I would not be spending money on improvements if I were. I encouraged the Evangelization Committee to host Alpha here. We sponsored a successful healing Mass.

We are looking to make it stronger for many years to come. I am optimistic about its future. Even more importantly, I have hope in the power of God's grace working in the hearts of all to build unity and charity in this parish.

That is the way to make Sacred Heart strong.

Sincerely, Fr. Richard Gill

DINNER FOR THE HOMEBOUND

The San Damiano Fraternity of Secular Franciscans and the St. Lawrence Council #1495, Knights of Columbus, will deliver a hot turkey dinner to anyone in Brewster, Carmel, Mahopac, or Patterson who is ill, homebound or alone on **THANKSGIVING**. Referrals come from social service agencies, neighbors and friends.

Contribute

On **Thanksgiving morning,** volunteers arrive at **10 am** to package the meals. The delivery volunteers arrive at 10:30 am to deliver the meals to their destination.

- If you would like to make 4 1/2" apple or pumpkin pies call Kathy DelBono at 845-279-7260
- To Volunteer to package dinners at 10 am or deliver meals at 10: 30 am call Josephine Anderek at 845-279-9513
- Those who volunteered in the past, please make sure you sign up again for this year.
- So that food can be bought in quantities, you may contribute by sending checks made out to: SAN DAMIANO FRATERNITY Mail to: Judy Bruen, 1041 Drewville Road, Brewster NY 10509

If you know a needy person who would like to receive a meal please call **Judy Bruen at 845-279-3465.**



Thanksgiving Masses

NOVEMBER 27

Wednesday 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER 28

Thursday 9:00 am



opportunities to serve others

helping those in times of trouble

Discover a way to help people get through a crisis. After training, meet one on one with a person in need.



To learn more or to sign up: stlawrenceotoole.org/Stephens-Ministry/caregiver

working with kids

KIDZONE, KIDZ CHAPEL, or ALL STARS Help young families go to Mass without distraction. After safe environment certification and training, volunteer to watch babies 0-3 yrs or participate in lessons for 4-9 yrs.



Seeking Adults and Teens (*teens receive community service hours*). This is a great opportunity for a family to serve together.

Sign up at: stlawrenceotoole.org/ServeKids

cooking or serving at Putnam CAP's soup kitchen LOOKING FOR COOKS AND SERVERS FOR FRIDAYS THIS WINTER

Cooks:

- Pick up groceries at 9:30 am for a planned menu at Putnam CAP, 121 Main St, Brewster, NY 10509
- Cook meal at First Baptist Church, 460 North Main Street, Brewster NY 10509
- Clean up and bring garbage back to Putnam CAP Servers: Needed 2 to 4 people each Friday
- Arrive around 11 am to set up tables
- Serve lunch •Clean up after lunch Wash dishes





Serving the homeless BREWSTER EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP

(BESP) is the ONLY homeless shelter in Putnam County. It is a partnership of area religious organizations that relies

upon the generosity of its people to provide for the basic needs of God's vulnerable people.

This years dates at St. Lawrence: Monday-Sunday, Nov 18-24, Dec 16-22, Jan 6-12, Jan 20-26, Feb 3-9, Feb 17-23 and Mar 16-22

Hosts - Manage dinner drop off, servers, and greet guests.
Time commitment: Approximately 2-3 hours per night
Overnight Hosts - sleep overnight with guests and BESP
Supervisor. Time commitment: Overnight
Meal Servers - set table, serve the donated meals, clean
up, pack lunches. Time commitment: Approximately 2-3
hours per night
Meal Prep/Donation - prepare dinner and drop off.

Lunch: prepare a bag lunch and drop off. Donate Supplies - laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, paper goods, hand warmers. Laundry Help - wash sleeping bags for guests.

A great service opportunity for a family to give back. Sign up at: stlawrenceotoole.org/ServeHomeless



st. lawrence parish support parish staff

weekend of	November 17				
In Pew Collection			7,279.00		
October WeShare weekly			4,895.25		
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Weekend of November 17					

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,171.00
October WeShare weekly	\$ 389.75

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.



It's simple and easy and takes about a minute. You can back in at any time and change your amounts. I. Go to stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com or

- sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com
- 2. Click Make a Donation

3. Click Recurring Donation

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

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Sally SilvestroDirector of Communication
Cecilia BritezDirector of Evangelization and Family Program
Peter RyanDirector of Music
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