

december 8, 2019 second sunday of advent

st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes

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### 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)

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845-279-4832



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**Advent Wreath Making**

## mass intentions

### Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM St. Lawrence O'Toole Society  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Donald Margotta  
5:30PM Chris & Eileen McBride  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

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

8:00AM Sr. Catherine McGrath  
9:30AM Christine Persampieri-Brew  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Elizabeth Turnyanszki & Esther Gaspar  
11:00AM John Byron  
12:30PM Nellie Tavino  
5:30PM Eichhorn Family

### Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Eleanor & Michael Duff

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

8:30AM Mary Holler

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

8:30AM Michael Bozza

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

9:00AM Philip Hessler

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

8:30AM Souls of St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery

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

9:00AM Catholic Daughters of America  
Spiritual Bouquet Donors  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Teresa Milanowski  
5:30PM Quinlan & Calise Families  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

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

8:00AM Milka Kesic  
9:30AM Robert Rocco Russo  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* James P. Moore, III  
11:00AM John & Olivia Bellini  
12:30PM Vincenzo Catalanotto  
3:00PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass  
5:30PM Anne Goetze

## power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

- Dec 9 For all the unborn children
- Dec 10 For those struggling in their marriages
- Dec 11 Intentions of Deacon Greg
- Dec 12 Participants in our Faith Formation classes
- Dec 13 Edge students during XLT
- Dec 14 For the Family Program
- Dec 15 For our Spanish Community

## dedications

### Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary Candle** is dedicated for **John Kawulicz**

At the request by Maureen Lerner

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for

### Mary Ortiz

At the request by Lillian Markowitz

The **Tabernacle Candle** is dedicated for

### Anthony & Tony Curcio

At the request by Mary Curcio

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for

### Matthew & Michaelina Cilenti

At the request by the LaMere 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 Iazzetti, 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 McSpedon ◦ David Cassidy ◦ Diane McSpedon ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Justin Lyons ◦ Rosa Lyons ◦ Barbara McGuire ◦ Mary McQueeney ◦ Margaret McDonald ◦ Doreen Madonia ◦ Lucyann LaGuardia ◦ Gjon Karaqi ◦ 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 ◦ Joan Vesey ◦ Sofia LaRocca

**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)

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December 8, 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,

I've had a series of encounters with other pastors and meetings with officials from the Archdiocese in recent weeks to discuss parish development and evangelization. Talking the issues over helps me understand the common challenges we have as parishes. To sum it up: we are trying to communicate the Gospel in a society that is more and more drifting away from God.

You see it in your own families, don't you? How many relatives do you have that no longer practice the Catholic faith? We all have more than we like to admit, and we are trying to stay faithful ourselves and pray and sacrifice to help them rediscover what they have lost.

Parishes are facing lower attendance and with fewer priests, it is hard to turn that around.

Every day the way forward for our Church becomes more urgent. We have to focus on making real disciples of every lay person, helping everyone embrace totally what it means to be a baptized Christian. That involves helping people know and love their faith, develop a real, personal relationship with Jesus, learn to pray well, to form their consciences according to his teachings, and reach out to others to share what they have discovered.

I think we at our parishes of St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart are blessed in this regard – we are working hard on all those things. We have developed many wonderful service opportunities. We have been running Alpha successfully as a way to introduce people to faith. We have excellent faith formation activities for adults and kids. And our discipleship program brings people to the next level of real, personal relationship with the Lord. We are parishes focused on adoration of the Blessed Sacrament around the clock.

As we approach the end of this year, I'd like to ask you to do a gut check. Are you closer to God than you were this time last year? Have you grown as a person of faith? Is Jesus at the center of your life?

Maybe the year 2020 is the year you need to change that. The world we are in is very good at draining our faith away. You have felt that and you've seen others fade away. Don't let it happen to you.

Take a look at all our parishes offer to help you grow as a Catholic. Maybe it is time to start getting to Adoration, to take a faith formation class, to join Alpha, to volunteer... make this new year ahead the year you and God will get closer.

GodGod bless,

*Fr. Richard Gill*

Fr. Richard Gill



## mass celebrants

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

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

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

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

## confessions/st. lawrence

### 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

December 9 Fr. Gill  
December 16 Fr. Berg, Fr. Mollenhauer, Fr. Gill  
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.

## help make christmas special for those homebound

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, dessert or to volunteer to package dinners, or to deliver the meals** or if you know of someone who would like to receive a dinner, please call **the rectory at 845-279-2021.**

**To contribute financially, make checks payable to St. Lawrence O'Toole and mail it to the rectory. Please indicated in memo CHRISTMAS DINNER DONATION.**

## giving tree at st. lawrence

Please take a gift tag from our Giving Tree in the Narthex of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church to help a needy family. Kindly, put the gift in a gift bag with tissue paper and attach the gift tag. Return all gifts by Monday, December 16 and place under the tree.

## beautifully crafted creches

**Outdoor Crèche's for sale.** Each hand made by the Knights. Approx. 4' x 4', made out of sturdy 5/8" plywood, hand primed and painted by the Knights. There will be a sample at upcoming Masses so please be on the lookout. This year there will be a limited number of Creches being made. Included: **FREE delivery** in early November anywhere in the Town of Southeast. Contact **Bruce Colombraro** at **845-279- 6461**, or **bac13@comcast.net** or **Andrew Simmons** at **203-241-3746**

## o'toole seniors

Our annual **Christmas Luncheon** is on **Dec. 9** at 12:30 pm at Mezza Luna. To make reservations call Clara Pigat at 845-279-3429. All are welcomed.

## christmas caroling-k of c

Join the **St. Lawrence O'Toole Knights of Columbus** for Christmas Caroling at **Putnam Ridge on Dec 13th at 5:30 pm.** Come one, Come All, help spread some Christmas Cheer. Bring the Kids...Dress festive. For more information call **Paul Giamundo 845-279-2254**

## christmas angel tree



Join Sacred Heart in making someone's Christmas a little merrier and brighter this year. Please choose an Angel Gift Tag from the tree after Mass. **Return your wrapped gift with the Angel Gift Tag attached on it by Sunday, Dec 15th** so we can deliver them to the needy families of our local community.



## the alpha retreat

PATRICIA TRAYCHEFF

On Saturday November 23rd, more than 60 members of our community came together to explore the Holy Spirit. The Alpha retreat used videos and table talks as a forum to look deep into what drives our faith. The retreat included breakfast and lunch



with engaging and dynamic conversation. An activity called "speed meeting" was very positively received as an effective way for guests to meet other participants. Every four minutes a new conversation pair would introduce themselves and ask

pertinent faith based questions. "If you could perform a miracle what would it be?" After a series of videos and reflection, the day concluded with confession and prayer teams which enhanced the welcoming of the Holy Spirit into each of our lives. "How has the Holy Spirit impacted your life?"



## thankful for your help

PEG SMITH

The San Damiano Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans and the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus organized a Dinner for the Homebound. A hot turkey dinner was delivered to over 210 people on Thanksgiving morning. It was a huge success with positive feedback from many. We would like to thank all who supported this yearly cause with their prayers and varied donations. It was wonderful to see seasoned volunteers, as well as new ones who gave their time and helped serve and package. The drivers made multiple stops as they delivered meals to Patterson, Carmel, Mahopac and Brewster. We appreciate the Knights who cooked and prepared hot meals. We are grateful to those who baked delicious pies. Donations were made by local businesses including Aversa-no's, Kobackers, Ace Endico, Costco and the many generous parishioners.



# starting the advent season off with greens!

St Lawrence had its fourth annual **Advent Wreath Making** event on Saturday, November 24, 2019. This year's event was quite busy as families worked to create their own Advent wreath.

*Carmel Florist* provided us with lovely boxwood greens. Lauren Hawthorne supplied the pine. The Dining Hall smelled wonderfully "ever-green" as everyone enjoyed a baked treat by our Baking Ministry and some hot chocolate.



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 and a sense of camaraderie was in the air as veteran wreath makers helped give tips for a beautiful wreath.

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



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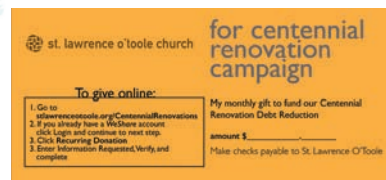


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Stewardship Campaign

## Thank you

for your ongoing support for our parishes.  
We are working to be stewardship parishes  
where all our parishioners plan their giving and  
give conscious that God always gives us more.



### Centennial Renovation

Please use your gold envelopes to make a gift to our **Centennial Renovation Fund** and reduce our loan balance. After five years, we have paid down \$2.9 million and have \$880,000 remaining on our loan. Thank you for your ongoing support - we hope to pay this down completely in the next five years.



### CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT

Monday, Dec 9, 23  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Saturdays at Sacred Heart  
3:15 pm to 3:45 pm

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, December 16  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Fr. Berg, Fr. Mollenhauer, Fr Gill

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm



# Christmas Storytime

Saturday, December 14  
6:30 pm

Join us in the Parish DINING HALL after the 5:30 pm Mass for cookie decorating, hot chocolate and the story of Jesus's birth.

Register;  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/christmas\\_storytime](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/christmas_storytime)

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# Seasons of Praise



Confessions  
4pm-8:30 pm

Dec 16, 7pm  
The Mystery of the Incarnation of the Eucharist  
Deacon Art Weiner  
St. James the Apostle, Carmel, NY

Dec 16, Jan 20

 st lawrence o'toole



## opportunities to serve helping those in times of trouble

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

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](http://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](http://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

Sign up at: [stlawrenceotoole.org/WaystoServe](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/WaystoServe)



## servicing 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, 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](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/ServeHomeless)



## share the warmth

### Donate a Coat/Take a Coat

Accepting clean, gently used winter coats for men, women, and children.

Coats should be hung on coat racks, on the stage in the Sacred Heart Church Hall before or after Masses on Nov 30-Dec 1 & Dec 7-8.

If you or someone you know are in need of a coat, take one on 11/30-12/1, 12/7-8, 12/14-15. On Dec 20, remaining coats will be donated to Putnam CAP.

For more information, contact Mike (845) 519-9687



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DO NOT DROP OFF COATS BEFORE NOV 30TH OR AFTER DEC 8TH.  
DO NOT DROP OFF ANY OTHER ITEMS.

# parish support

## Weekend of Nov 24

In Pew Collection \$ 7,574.50

## Weekend of Dec 1

In Pew Collection \$ 7,660.50

November WeShare weekly \$ 4,318.12

# sacred heart parish support

## Weekend of Nov 24

In Pew Collection \$ 1,837.00

## Weekend of Dec 1

In Pew Collection \$ 2,423.00

November WeShare weekly \$ 264.73

**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.

# centennial renovations

## NOVEMBER

Gold Envelopes \$ 2,902

Other Centennial II Gifts \$ 9,541

WeShare \$ 855

**TOTAL \$ 13,298**

# parish staff

Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor

Rev. Thomas Berg.....Weekend Associate

Mark Shkreli.....Deacon

Gregory Miller.....Deacon

Julie Noce.....Pastoral Assistant

Maureen Herbstritt.....Business Manager

Lynda Holler.....Director of Discipleship

Sally Silvestro.....Director of Communication

Cecilia Britez...Director of Evangelization and Family Program

Peter Ryan .....Director of Music

Theresa Scorca.....Coord. of Religious Education

Clara Segreti.....Family Program Assistant

Gregory Rabito.....Youth Ministry

Kim Santerre.....Director of Early Childhood Learning Center

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