

december 22, 2019 fourth 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

31 Prospect Street
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845-279-2021

sacredheartpattersonny.org

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845-279-4832



Instagram: stlawrenceotoole_brewsterny

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Family Program Christmas Show

mass intentions

Saturday, December 21st

9:00AM	Intentions of Dora Raquel Devenuti
4:00PM	<i>Sacred Heart</i> Howard Gombert
5:30PM	Andrew J. Durkin
7:30PM	Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 22nd

8:00AM	Josefina Hurtado
9:30AM	Veronica Paduano
10:30AM	<i>Sacred Heart</i> Edward Richardson
11:00AM	Angela Zapata
12:30PM	Eileen McBride
5:30PM	Anthony R. Curcio

Monday, December 23rd

8:30AM	Michael Carleton
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Tuesday, December 24th

8:30AM	Martin Duffy
4:00PM	<i>Sacred Heart</i> Gladys O'Connor
4:00PM	Gregory M. Blank
5:30PM	Sr. Robertine Griffin
7:30PM	Spanish Mass
10:00PM	Burns, Bisogno, & Block Families

Wednesday, December 25th

8:00AM	Caroline & Leonard Schneider
9:30AM	Fr. Andrew Gyabaah
10:30AM	<i>Sacred Heart</i> Julie Danile
11:00AM	Maria Fischettii
12:30PM	Thomson & Radak

Thursday, December 26th

8:30AM	Duffy, Daly & Kinirons Families
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Friday, December 27th

8:30AM	Scott J. Holland
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Saturday, December 28th

9:00AM	Intentions of Msgr McCabe Scholarship Fund
4:00PM	<i>Sacred Heart</i> Mike McDermott
5:30PM	Myles Tomblin
7:30PM	Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 29th

8:00AM	Helen E. Palmer
9:30AM	Rosemaie Disbrow
10:30AM	<i>Sacred Heart</i> John Magee
11:00AM	Mary Ortiz
12:30PM	Anthony & Hermina Radak
5:30PM	Vincenzo Catalanotto

power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

Dec	23	For the homeless in Brewster
Dec	24	Intentions of the Pope
Dec	25	Intentions of the families in Brewster and Patterson
Dec	26	Those who traveling
Dec	27	CYO Basketball teams
Dec	28	Intentions of the Men's Ministry
Dec	29	For more adorers to sign up for adoration

dedications

Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary Candle** is dedicated for **The Merlotto Family**
At the request of Mary Ann & Ray Merlotto

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for **Mary Ortiz**
At the request by Lillian Markowitz

The **Tabernacle Candle** is dedicated for **Eugenio LoMedico**
At the request by Christine & Alex LoMedico

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Mary Ortiz**
At the request by Lillian Markowitz

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 ◦ Victalino Garza ◦ Hanora Campbell ◦ Ryan McMahan

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
DEC 25th and DEC 26th
to observe Christmas.



December 22, 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,

Everybody remembers the movie.

Charlie Brown is searching for the true meaning of Christmas.

Then all the kids, and even Snoopy too, are laughing at Charlie Brown's scrawny little Christmas tree that he went through so much trouble to get. Charlie Brown, exasperated and a failure once again, says "I guess I just don't know what Christmas is all about." He cries out loud, "Isn't there anyone out there who knows what Christmas is all about?"

And Linus steps up: "Charlie Brown, I'll tell you the meaning of Christmas..." and he recites the passage from chapter two from the Gospel of St. Luke about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Let's all pick up that Gospel and read it over every day of the Christmas season. We need to go back to the basics and what God is doing for us with the birth of Jesus. That's what matters.

Jesus didn't need much on that first Christmas – just the love of Mary and Joseph - and a stable and a manger. We get caught up in so many unnecessary extras. Take some time to lower the stress and to get back to the essentials.

Emmanuel – it means "God is with us". That's what it means for us when Jesus comes into our world. He's not a far-off God, uninvolved, uncaring, distant... he walks with us through this world.

We may feel like Charlie Brown sometimes and we need to be reminded of what it means. And let's try today to take it in, because it is the key to unlock the mystery of human life – where it comes from and where it is going.

Merry Christmas to all!

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill
Fr. Richard Gill



Luke 2:12-14

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

mass celebrants

Saturday, December 28th

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

Sunday, December 29th

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 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

To sign up for an hour of adoration go to
stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration

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 the 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.

USE THIS LINK TO SIGN UP OR TO DONATE:
stlawrenceotoole.org/ChristmasDinner

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Outdoor Crèche's for sale. Each hand made by the Knights. Approx. 4' x 4'. There will be a sample after the Masses. This year there will be a limited number of Creches being made. Included: **FREE delivery** anywhere in the Town of Southeast. Contact **Bruce Colombraro at 845-279- 6461**, or bac13@comcast.net or **Andrew Simmons at 203-241-3746**

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.

healing after abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: Jan 18th, Feb 8th, Feb 22nd (Spanish), March 21st, and more.

For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.



jesus our savior is born!

Julie Noce



Our December **Family Program** brought over 200 students and their families together to learn about Jesus' Holy Name, the Season of Advent and the Nativity. We learned how to keep the Name of Jesus holy as we reflected on Philippians 2:10 "so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow", made Christmas ornaments with Jesus' name and hammered our initials into a silver keepsake charm. We also

read Luke 1:31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus" and discussed the origin of the children's name with their kids.

Parents had an opportunity to reflect on how to avoid all the busyness and stress of the season of advent and were introduced to praying the Surrender Novena. Finally, the children performed in the First Annual Nativity Play. We had an angel choir singing traditional Christmas songs, shepherds, wise men, animals, and of course the Holy Family. Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked hard to make this program possible.



christmas storytime

Story Time provided a unique opportunity to share nativity stories with children. Heartwarming characters like **Humphrey the Camel** and **Bahaa the sheep** were transformed through meeting the Christ Child.

We discussed how Jesus coming to us on Christmas will fill our hearts with love too. Kids wore their PJ's, drank hot chocolate, decorated Christmas cookies and answered questions about that Holy Night.

We were surprised at how much they knew about the birth of Jesus!



no room at the inn

Kim Santerre

ECLC had its annual Christmas Show on Friday, December 13th. Staff and students worked so hard to make this event an unforgettable one! The children shined in their performance and were adorable, as always. PreK 3 entertained everyone with bells and lyrics, highlighting the festive nature of Christmas while

PreK 4 reenacted the memorable story of our Savior's birth, the reason for the season. Thank you to the Staff of ECLC. The work that they do, day in and day out, is nothing short of amazing! The Christmas Show is the perfect venue to showcase this. More importantly, it is the ideal opportunity to bring all of our families together to celebrate Jesus and Christmas. ECLC even had a surprise visitor, Santa, who delivered presents to all of the children. Merry and blessed Christmas to all!

waiting for baby jesus



Lighting Advent wreath

Mrs. Nastasi's PreK-4 class is getting ready for Christmas by preparing for Jesus's Birth on school days during Advent. Every morning one student is selected to light the Advent wreath. Next the children hold hands forming a

circle and say a short prayer. Then one student is selected to choose an ornament and attached it to the Advent tree each day. The children each have made a manger out of paper and cut out straw to fill the manger. Each time an act of kindness is performed the child places a piece of straw in the manger. The idea is to have a soft bed for Baby Jesus on Christmas morning from all the kindnesses made during advent. In Ms. Nastasi's classroom the children also have Advent stuffed pets. There is a reindeer which represents love and a Saint Bernard who represents kindness. Each day a different child takes care of the pets by bringing love or kindness to the classroom. This is an exciting time for our students to learn about our faith and prepare for our saviors birth. You can feel the anticipation of the season as the days draw closer to Christmas!



Advent St. Bernard holds kindness



Advent Reindeer holds love



Unwrapped Christmas Story

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march for life schedule

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 2020.

- 4:30 am Coach Bus Leaves Brewster, NY
- 10:30 am Cardinal Dolan Mass for the NY Pilgrims
- 1:00 pm March up Constitution Avenue to Supreme Court
and Capitol Building
- 3:00 pm Finish marching
- 3:30 pm Bus back to Brewster, NY
- 9:10 pm Arrive at St. Lawrence O'Toole

Register at stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLifeBus
For more information contact Irene Westin 845-279-2021
Reserve Your Seat: \$30



2019



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 pm-Fr. Berg at Sacred Heart,
4:00 pm-Fr. Gill, 5:30 pm-Fr. Everson,
7:30 pm-Fr. Everson Spanish,
10:00 pm-Fr. Gill (Midnight Mass)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25th

8:00 am-Fr. Berg, 9:30 am-Fr. Gill,
10:30 am-Fr. Berg at Sacred Heart,
11:00 am-Fr. Gill, 12:30 pm-Fr. Gill

Unless otherwise noted, all Masses are at
St. Lawrence O'Toole Church.



CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT

Monday, Dec 23

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

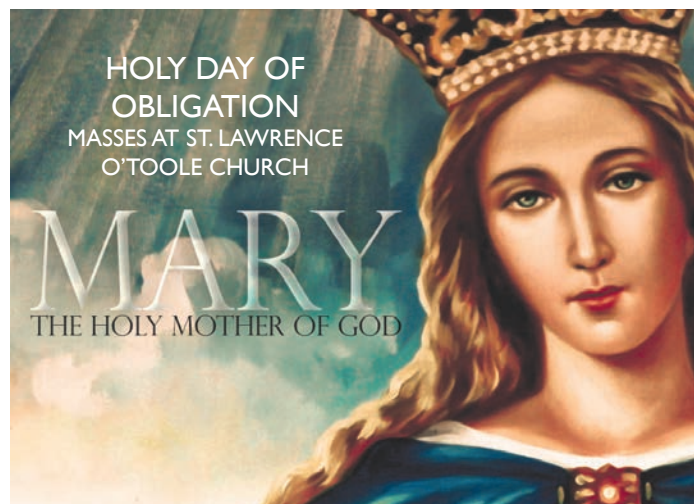
Saturdays at Sacred Heart

3:15 pm to 3:45 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

9:00 am to 12:00 pm



NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 31st

5:30 pm-Fr. Gill, 7:30 pm-Fr. Gill Spanish

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Wednesday, January 1st

8:30 am-Fr. Berg, 10:00 am-Fr. Gill

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



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

Sign up at: 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

brewster community food pantry



The Brewster Community Food Pantry has just completed their first year at their new location. Since

1987, the all-volunteer pantry has served those in our community who are food insecure. Currently, more than 900 people are being fed each month. Many are working families with children, elderly and disabled and those who have fallen on hard times due to accident or illness.

Items needed: hot chocolate, toiletries, powdered milk, assorted cereals, canned black beans, but any shelf stable food is acceptable.

Donated items may be placed in the bin located by the downstairs church exit or brought to the Food Pantry at 10 Park Street, Brewster NY. Any questions, call George or Carole Collins (845) 279-7587.

Food Pantry hours of operation:

Tuesday - 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Thursday - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

parish support

Weekend of Dec 15

In Pew Collection \$ 7,672.00
 November WeShare weekly \$ 4,318.12

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of Dec 15

In Pew Collection \$ 1,922.00
 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.



ONLINE 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

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account.

parish staff

Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
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 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 RyanDirector of Music
 Theresa Scorca.....Coord. of Religious Education
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