

february 9, 2020 fifth sunday in ordinary time

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)

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

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

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



**Instagram:** [stlawrenceotoole\\_brewsterny](https://www.instagram.com/stlawrenceotoole_brewsterny)

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**Twitter:** St. Lawrence O'Toole Church

**Alpha Guide**

**Is there more to life than this**

**Alpha**

**Is this it**

**Why am I here**

**Alpha Conference 2020**

## mass intentions

### Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM Catholic Daughters of America  
Bouquet Donors  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Nancy DiStefano  
5:30PM Intentions of Michaelene Kamin  
7:30PM Spanish Mass-Florentina Pauta,  
Jose Isais Pauta, & Luis S. Pauta

### Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM Amelia Pigat  
9:30AM Marilyn Ford  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bill & Joseph Lewis  
11:00AM The Lehy Family  
12:30PM Victor Torres  
5:30PM Nicola Lagreca

### Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Kasper "Todd" Kristian

### Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Colleen Murphy

### Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Thomas Muhlfeld

### Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Shirley Pigat

### Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Soul of St. Lawrence Cemetery

### Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM Pasquale Galizia  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Don Parfitt  
5:30PM Pat Quinlan  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

### Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00AM Robert Rickard  
9:30AM Mary Bonatto  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Paul Shisler  
11:00AM McCluskey & Ebert Families  
12:30PM Gregory M. Blank  
5:30PM Patrick Lundy

## power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

- Feb 10 Intentions of Fr. Richard
- Feb 11 Those grieving a loved one
- Feb 12 Participants of Transformed
- Feb 13 Participants of the Discipleship Retreat
- Feb 14 The EDGE students at their XLT
- Feb 15 Those who struggle with addictions
- Feb 16 For our teens in LifeTeen to grow closer to Jesus

## dedications

### Sacred Heart

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

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for  
**Damian Mancini**  
At the request of the Family

The **Tabernacle Candle** is dedicated for  
**Jack Moran**

At the request of the Dot Moran & Family

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for  
**Patrick & Kathleen Stokes**

At the request of their children

## 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 ◦ 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 Kegelmann ◦ Paul Pember ◦ Theresa Cafiero ◦ Katie Henry ◦ Lawrence Iazzetti, Sr ◦ Jim Heigman ◦ Megan Gersch ◦ Amy Rotondo ◦ Bill Plume ◦ Charles Mulligan ◦ Cathy Mannfolk ◦ Penni-Anne Craft ◦ John Grasso ◦ Tara Jennings ◦ Fred Lyons ◦ Donald Bowe ◦ Zoey Rolon ◦ David Cassidy ◦ Diane McSpedon ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Justin Lyons ◦ Rosa Lyons ◦ Barbara McGuire ◦ Mary McQueeney ◦ Doreen Madonia ◦ Gjon Karaqi ◦ Dolores Stout ◦ Jeanne Mullaney ◦ Joan Bloom ◦ Noreen Kearney ◦ Maya Torres ◦ Scotty Yaremko ◦ Marilyn Squeo ◦ Joan Quinn ◦ Michaelene Kamin ◦ Jill Moundroukas ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ Larry Tobin ◦ Joan Vesey ◦ Sofia LaRocca ◦ Vitalino Garza ◦ Hanora Campbell ◦ Ryan McMahon ◦ Eleanor Jensen ◦ Sheila Richie ◦ Jessica Fitzpatrick ◦ Rose Maragni ◦ Peggy Cunningham ◦ Vilma Gjuraj ◦ David Weldon ◦ Barbara Hansbury Weldon ◦ Joseph J. Tierney ◦ Patricia Stone ◦ Denise Kurtz ◦ Roseann Blum

**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)



*When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength.”*  
- Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Keep him company for an hour  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration)

Adore him where ever you are  
[stlawrenceotoolelive.org](http://stlawrenceotoolelive.org)



February 9, 2020

# 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,

Last week a group of us from both parishes attended the national **ALPHA Conference in Arizona** and we were joined by 2000 people from Catholic and other Christian groups. Alpha is a wonderful ten week renewal in the basics of faith – great for those who are regular church members and equally good for those who have questions, doubts, struggles and who just are not practicing any faith commitment. Over 1200 Catholic parishes are using **Alpha** and 400,000 people took an **Alpha** course last year!

I'm convinced **Alpha** is a huge asset to our parishes at Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence because it provides a welcoming environment to everyone. There's no study or homework, no teaching or proselytizing – just people sharing their ideas and questions.

The sessions are simple. People gather around a delicious meal and enjoy each other's company. We watch a video that brings up basic issues like the meaning of life, who Jesus is, why there is sin and evil, what the Bible is, who the Holy Spirit is, and how can we pray. After the video, we have a discussion of different points of view and nobody is judged or corrected. We just welcome everyone and love them. No pressure, no cost.

It's the perfect thing for you, especially if you have a friend who is struggling with religion or with believing in God. Bring them along and they will be embraced.

We start up soon – Wednesday evenings at the beginning of March at St. Lawrence and at Sacred Heart. Check the ad in the bulletin or register at **BrewsterAlpha.com**

There is also the **Marriage Course** from **Alpha** – we've run this a few times and it is a terrific way to get seven great date nights out with your spouse. People come together for a meal and after a video on different aspects of marriage, each one dialogues in private with their spouse. It's a beautiful renewal for busy couples who can't find the time to talk and share – **Alpha Marriage** creates that space for you. Check the bulletin – starts up February 29... and there is FREE babysitting too.

Do yourself and your friends a favor – bring them to **Alpha** or to **Alpha Marriage**. You will be glad you did!

God Bless,  
*Fr. Richard Gill*  
Fr. Richard Gill



Learn more about **Alpha** or register at **BrewsterAlpha.com**

## mass celebrants

### Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

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

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

February 10 Fr. Gill  
February 17 Fr. Berg  
February 24 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](http://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.

## camp veritas 2020

Camp Veritas is a one-week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held in five locations in 2020. June 29-July 4 at Clongowes Wood College, Ireland, July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburg, NY, July 26-Aug 1 in Emmitsburg, MD, Aug 2-7 in Lake Placid, FL and Aug 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY.

Enrollment is open and cost \$400 (Early Bird Rate till 4/1/20 after that \$450 )for each week per camper. For more information go to [campveritas.com](http://campveritas.com)

## 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](mailto:brewster.lifeteen@gmail.com).

## o'toole seniors

The next O'Toole seniors monthly meeting is on **Feb. 10** at 1 pm at the Parish Center. All are welcomed.

## 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 Monteferrante, Andrew Noce  
Brandon Villegas, Evan Brady, Michael Tiffany  
Elvin Garza  
U.S. Navy Kyle Stanley, Matt Lestrangle, 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

## divorced or separated

**Journey of Hope** is a program for separated and divorced Catholics. The topics addressed in each session are discussed within an intimate, confidential environment. Participants are given the tools they need to begin a hopeful new life. The program uses the teachings of the Catholic faith, including teachings on the nature of marriage, annulments, and re-marriage.

REGISTER: [stlawrenceotoole.org/SurvivingDivorce](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/SurvivingDivorce)

INFO: [janquilts@msn.com](mailto:janquilts@msn.com)

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## friday, may 8<sup>th</sup>

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## eucharistic miracle and living heart from bread

Ron Tesoriero

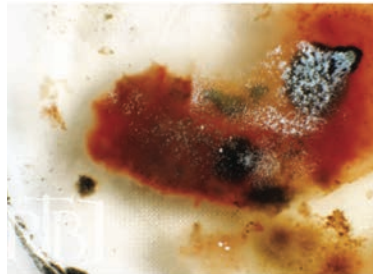
**The Eucharistic Miracle of Buenos Aires** happened in 1996 when a communion host appeared to have mysteriously transformed into flesh and blood. Briefly, the claim of local priest, Padre Alejandro Pezet and others, was that a communion host was found discarded in a church following Mass. The host was



Argentine Host transforms  
August 26, 1996

collected and placed into a bowl of water and then placed in the tabernacle so that it may dissolve. Eight days later it was noticed that a blood like substance seemed to be emerging. The bowl containing the substance was then placed in another tabernacle and locked, elsewhere, where the transformation continued for another 11 days at which stage the host was no longer visible. All that was visible was a bloody looking substance suspended in the water. It was in October 1999

a sample was taken of the host for testing following permission given by the local Archbishop, Jorge Bergoglio, now Pope Francis.



Unlike cases in early history, I had the privileged opportunity to meet and interview witnesses, to cross

examine them, to film their testimonies, to visit the scene of the happenings, and to view in its initial stage the transformed material before any testing was done.

But most importantly I was given the opportunity to scientifically test the samples that were taken, and to have those samples tested with what Science could offer in the latest technologies of Pathology and DNA analysis. I filmed the whole process. We were given complete freedom as to the scientific testing and there was no Church influence. The results were truly amazing and they continue to baffle scientists.

Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/bd16tBRbLXw>

# 3 modern obstacles to a healthy marriage

CatholicMatch Institute



There's a story, about a couple married for 62 years who died 4 hours apart. Then there's Fred Stobaugh, the 96-year-old widower who wrote an ode to his late wife, "Sweet Lorraine," and

entered it in a song-writing contest. It's because stories like these so clearly demonstrate the lifelong commitment marriage is meant to be. Till death do us part. We say the words, and we see in them an ideal to aspire to, something we all long to attain, and yet not all of us do.

It's cliché to lament divorce statistics, but in an attempt to combat the problem of rising divorce rates and declining marriage rates, let's take a look at some cultural problems that can be obstacles to healthy marriages.

## 1. We have a mixed-up idea of married love.

It's normal to go into marriage with some expectation of romance and lovey-dovey stuff. After all, that's how people wind up wanting to get married in the first place. They fall in love, they have a romantic relationship, and they are so crazy about each other that they can't wait to start "together forever." That's awesome. That's fun. That's how God intends for couples to begin.

Every healthy marriage, no matter what stage, does have some measure of romantic love. Just as people have different personalities, though, different marriages do too, and most marriages don't maintain that full-force "romantic" feeling forever. We should not expect them to. When people mix up married love with romantic love, they wrongly feel that their marriage is in decline when the romance begins to fade. There are fewer rose-petal baths and more insurance premiums. There are no more love songs and an awful lot of day-to-day drudgery.

Fading romance in a culture that tells couples they can quit when it gets hard, leave when they "fall out of love," or their spouse "doesn't make them happy anymore," is a recipe for discouragement and the kinds of negative, selfish thoughts that can lead to divorce.

## 2. We fail at self-giving love.

Somehow, we as a Church have failed to help some husbands and wives hear and understand that their call to marriage is a call to make a total gift of self to their spouse. St. John Paul II emphasizes the importance of "self-gift" in *Gaudium et Spes*: Man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for himself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself.

That "sincere gift of self" he mentions is a daily call to sacrifice, and I will let you in on a little secret: It's not feel-good stuff. It hurts. Like sacrifice always does. That's why they call it sacrifice.

We aren't all perfect at self-sacrifice and in a healthy marriage there is plenty of room for mistakes, mercy, and forgiveness. The fundamental call to hear, however, is the call to love one another and to fully find yourself through a "sincere gift of self" to your spouse. That kind of love isn't just "nice if you can find it"; it's what marriage is.

## 3. We misunderstand the importance of vocation.

The idea of a calling—not a job, but a calling—to marriage, priesthood, or religious life is a foreign one to many. When we fail to recognize marriage as a calling, however, we belittle it. Culturally, it becomes a hobby or something nice to do "if you're into that kind of thing." It certainly isn't something you would sacrifice your career for. But our culture lets young people know that career goals can trump marriage. Travel plans can take precedence. There's no hurry.

If marriage is a vocation, that means it's your life's work; it's not a job and not something you do on the side. It's something you do first, and then build to rest of your life around, not something you try to fit in later, once you've saved up enough money and you've accomplished "more important" things.

The good news is that our God is an awesome God. The power of an anti-marriage culture may be great, but God is greater and He works with what we give Him. All of us, married, single, divorced, widowed, dating, or something in between, can pray every day for the grace we need to live out Christ's call to perfection in an imperfect world. Let's support marriage. Let's pray for each other. Let's encourage each another.



Feb 29-April 18  
6:45-9:15 pm

Babysitting is available upon request

Register at [BrewsterAlpha.com](http://BrewsterAlpha.com)



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March 4-May 13

7 pm - 9 pm

**ALPHA MARRIAGE**

SATURDAYS

Feb 29-April 18

6:45-9:15pm

**PUB ALPHA**

WEDNESDAYS

March 4-May 13

7 pm - 9 pm

REGISTER

**[brewsterAlpha.com](http://brewsterAlpha.com)**

# knights of columbus italian dinner

JAMES TIFFANY

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Italian Dinner that was held on Saturday January 25 was a huge success. With over 230 people, at the Starr Ridge Banquet Center, fun was had by all. This year Honoree was Joseph Cicchelli, represented by his family. Joseph Cicchelli Jr, Georgie and his Grandson said many kind words and reflected on Joseph's time serving as a Knight.

Preparations were all made by the Knights from appetizers, pasta Faggioli, salad, meatballs, sausage, pasta dishes, Tiramisu, ice cream and various chocolate desserts donated by Kathy Meyer. There was a 50/50 and Penny Social with prizes from all over the Brewster area.

Charlene Todd made amazing centerpieces, Phyllis LaRusso did a wonderful job putting together the seating arrangements and along with Pam Crozier, worked the front door checking in and directing the guest. Music by Scottso entertained us all evening. This Italian Dinner was an event that had great food, entertainment and mainly the ability to socialize with our fellow parishioners. The Italian committee would like to give specials thanks to all the Knights who helped with the dinner and we look forward to hosting other events during the coming months for your enjoyment.



This Years Knight of Columbus Honoree Joseph Cicchelli Family

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## Seasons of Praise



Confessions  
4pm-8:30 pm

Feb 17, 7pm

Ways to Grow in Love for the Eucharist

Fr. Shane Johnson

Parochial Vicar, St. Anthony of Padua, Bronx NY

FEB 17

 st lawrence o'toole





## alpha conference usa 2020

JANINE KRISTENSEN

I am new to this parish and came back to practicing my faith nearly 20 years ago. When Fr. Gill asked me to join seven other parishioners at the **Alpha Conference in Phoenix, Arizona** for a couple of days last week, I said yes immediately not really knowing what to expect. What I found is that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and He is working across this great nation of ours!

About 2,000 Christians were there representing many denominations including a beautiful Sister and several priests from dioceses across the country.

Within a framework of workshops, (from "Explore Alpha", "Explore Alpha in Spanish", and "Explore Alpha in Prisons") fellowship, prayer, awesome music, and food (and there was lots of food!), I learned that Alpha is a starting point from which we can invite people to know who Jesus is. We can invite them to our churches so they can ask questions, where they feel accepted, respected, and loved - not judged; where we can share a meal, watch a video, and have small group discussions, and earnestly pray for them. We can give them a place to meet Jesus and then step out of the way and let His Holy Spirit work. We are all beloved sons and daughters of God our Father. We are all brothers and sisters in our Lord, Jesus Christ. And we all need to be co-workers in the vineyard alongside the Holy Spirit.

Everyone in our lives - family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers - needs to have a relationship with Jesus. Some may not know Him yet and some may be sitting next to us in our church. It's our job, no, our privilege, to reach out to them and invite them in...invite them to Alpha. It's so simple. We invite, we care, we pray, and He, our Good and Gracious God, by the power of His Holy Spirit, does all the rest.

Please consider inviting someone to our next Alpha - please come yourself! We begin our next series on **Ash Wednesday, February 26 at St. Lawrence** and **Sunday, February 23 at Sacred Heart**. There is no cost to register. You can find more information at **BrewsterAlpha.com**. I encourage you to invite and come...encountering Jesus in Alpha will change lives and they will never be the same again!

**ALPHA SUNDAYS Sacred Heart Church**  
TBD

**ALPHA & ESPANOL ALPHA WEDNESDAYS**

March 4-May 13  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

REGISTER  
**brewsterAlpha.com**

# parish support

## st. lawrence parish support

### Weekend of February 2

In Pew Collection	\$ 7,767.50
January WeShare weekly	\$ 5,641.41

## sacred heart parish support

### Weekend of February 2

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,657.00
January WeShare weekly	\$ 288.45

**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

### JANUARY

Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,291
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 18,020
WeShare	\$ 810

**TOTAL \$ 21,121**

# parish staff

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Rev. Thomas Berg.....	Weekend Associate
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Gregory Miller.....	Deacon
Julie Noce.....	Pastoral Assistant
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Sally Silvestro.....	Director of Communication
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Theresa Scorca.....	Coord. of Religious Education
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