

february 16, 2020 sixth sunday in ordinary

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.

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

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**Blessing of the Throats-feast of St. Blaise**

## mass intentions

### 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

### Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Pavle Prigorec

### Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Intentions of Barrett Baldwin

### Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Catherine Touhy

### Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM Johanna & Philip Burns

### Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30AM Jesus Castillo

### Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00AM Intentions of Msgr. McCabe  
Scholarship Fund  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Mike McDermott  
5:30PM Michael Carleton  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00AM Mike Mulkeen  
9:30AM Thomas Muhlfeld  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson  
11:00AM Tom Dalton  
12:30PM Blanca Gomez  
5:30PM Myles Tomblin

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## power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

- Feb 24 For future adorers
- Feb 25 Those struggling in difficult marriages
- Feb 26 For a fruitful lent for all our parishioners
- Feb 27 Participants of the Discipleship Retreat
- Feb 28 Intentions of those on our prayer list
- Feb 29 Participants of Alpha Marriage
- Mar 1 For ongoing growth of our Intentional Disciples

## dedications

### Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary Candle** is dedicated for **Charles Vilardi**  
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 **Rocco & Lucy Ceo**

At the request of the Emily, Lucille & Family

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Victor Richard Conforti**

At the request of Debi "Conforti" Daly

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## pray for

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

Marilyn Squeo ◦ Joan Quinn ◦ Michaelene Kamin ◦ Jill Moundroukas ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ Larry Tobin ◦ Joan Vesey ◦ Sofia LaRocca ◦ Victalino Garza ◦ Hanora Campbell ◦ Ryan McMahan ◦ 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 ◦ Chuck Fox ◦ Frank & Carol Vaccarelli ◦ Eileen D'Imperio ◦ John & Elaine Steinhardt ◦ Nina Ricciardi ◦ Mary Thompson

**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 16, 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,

Ten days until Lent is here again. February 26 – just a week from Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. This is going to be our best Lent ever, because we want this to be our best Holy Week and Easter ever. So we have to start day one. We've got to jump into this season of prayer and penance starting on Ash Wednesday. Many people say they are stuck in neutral spiritually. Lent can jumpstart your spiritual life.

1. **Ash Wednesday:** We'll have ashes in the morning and evening at Sacred Heart, and Masses at St. Lawrence morning and evening as well. See the schedule in this bulletin or on the website.

2. It's a day of fasting and abstinence, which means if you're 14-59, you're required to fast (i.e., only one main meal) and no meat.

3. **Every Friday in Lent** – a day of abstinence: no meat or poultry. It's a bad season for you if you are a fish. Make a sacrifice for our sins and the sins of others.

4. **Time for Confession:** every Monday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at St. Lawrence and Saturdays 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm at Sacred Heart. *Confession Monday is April 6.* Don't miss Confession – if you forgot how, or you are rusty, welcome back! Easy penances promised. We have brochure guides to the sacrament in the Church.

5. **Lenten Seasons of Praise** every Monday in Lent with great preachers and time for Adoration: 7:00 to 8:30 pm Mondays at St. Lawrence.

6. **Stations of the Cross** every Lenten Friday at 6:15 pm at St. Lawrence in English and 8:30 in Spanish. At Sacred Heart, Stations on Fridays at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration and Benediction.

7. **Alpha:** both at Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence and in Spanish as well. This course will get you, and your un-churched or semi-churched friends to catch fire again. It's great food, great conversation, new friends... and a path to Jesus. It's also free. And it's a judgement free zone. Bring someone with you who needs more God in their life. Just imagine, if you reconnect with your faith, or bring someone else closer to God, it will be your best Lent ever.

Oh... and an optional extra: Why not make every Friday in Lent a day of fasting and abstinence? The Church only requires it on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but would you join me in doing some extra penance for all those who are away from God and have shut him out? Family members, friends, neighbors – who is praying for them? Probably no one. Somebody had better do it, and it might as well be you and me. Are you in?

God Bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



Lent is a six-week period leading up to Easter. Lent begins 46 days before the Saturday of Easter weekend (Easter Sunday falls on Sunday, April 12, 2020), but is only observed Monday-Saturday each week because every Sunday is viewed as a celebration. Therefore, Lent is observed a total of 40 days.



## mass celebrants

### Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

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## confessions/st. lawrence

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

February 17 Fr. Berg  
February 24 Fr. Gill

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## 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

[stlawrenceoole.org/Adoration](http://stlawrenceoole.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**

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## 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)

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## thank you

A BIG THANK YOU for your prayers and for helping the **Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership** ministry by being God's hands and feet. Your generosity helped our homeless neighbors who are in need of a warm meal and a safe place to stay. This month BESP at St. Lawrence helped sheltered and served:

- 16 guests for 87 'guest-night' sleepovers
- 87 dinners
- 87 lunches
- breakfasts, desserts and snacks
- 25 showers
- 9 loads of guest laundry
- 4 loads of guest towels

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## magnificat lenten companion

This compact booklet has daily Inspirational Reflections; Faith-filled essays; Prayers, poetry, and devotions; Meditations for the Way of the Cross; and a treasury of spiritual insights. The Catholic Daughters will be selling the Magnificat Lenten Companion for **\$4 per copy after Masses on February 22 and 23**. You can also get booklets by contacting Donna Iazzetti at 845-803-6367 or [diazzetti@gmail.com](mailto:diazzetti@gmail.com).

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## collecting for heartfelt

Heartfelt is run by the St. Lawrence Catholic Daughters. The program provides gift bags to Cancer patients at Putnam Hospital Cancer Center. You can help by donating, individually wrapped mints, Blistex Medicated Lip Balm (not flavored), boxes of individual Wet Ones, or by sponsoring a gift bag for \$25 in Memory of or in Honor of a loved one.

We'll be **collecting the donations after the Masses on Feb 22 and 23**. Or you can contact **Donna Iazzetti on 845-803-6367 or [diazzetti@gmail.com](mailto:diazzetti@gmail.com)** to make other arrangements. Please do not leave any items in the church.

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## lenten simple supper

The Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters will be hosting their annual Lenten Simple Supper (soup, salad, bread & butter, soft drinks) on Friday, February 28 at 6:00 PM in the Sacred Heart Church Hall before the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. There is no cost for this event, reservations are required.

**Please RSVP no later than February 23 to Meg Cairney [mcairney@aol.com](mailto:mcairney@aol.com).**

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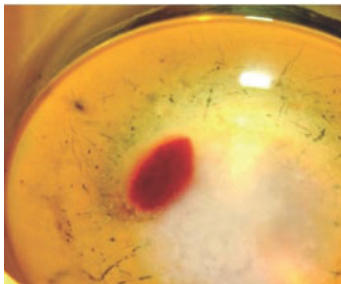
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## true presence

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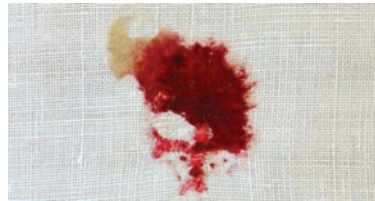
On **Christmas Day 2013**, a **Eucharistic miracle** took place in **St. Hyacinth's Church in Legnica, Poland**, about 200 miles from Krakow. During Communion time, a Host accidentally fell to the floor. The priest at once placed it in a container to dissolve. But two weeks later, as the "Acutis Miracle" site explains, Father Andrzej Ziombra, accompanied by another priest, "noticed that the Host had not dissolved and that a red spot covering a fifth of its surface appeared," Father Ziombra reported. "We decided to inform the bishop, who established a special theological scientific commission to analyze the event."



St. Hyacinth's Church Host transforms Dec.25,2013

When two major forensic medicine institutes were asked to examine samples from the Host, both found it was composed of myocardial (heart) tissue. Even more, the second source at the Pomeranian Medical University's department further found it to be "human heart muscle with alterations that often appear during agony." Once the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was given the results, it recognized this as a supernatural experience.

Nor was this the only Eucharistic miracle in this century in **Poland**. On **Oct. 12, 2008**, 409 miles northeast in **Sokółka, Poland**, at **St. Anthony of Sokółka Church**, a priest accidentally dropped a consecrated Host during Mass. He also decided to dissolve that Host in water in the vessel priests use to purify their fingers after Communion.



Eucharistic event in Sokolka, Poland

As several sources would reveal, after Mass the nun serving as sacristan placed the container holding the Host in the safe for sacred vessels. A week later, on Oct. 19, the sister checked and found the Host partly dissolved but the rest had a "strange red clot." She called the priest. After many examinations of a sample by everyone from archbishops to doctors and world-renowned scientists, that spot proved to be tissue from a human heart. Scientists — unaware where the samples came from — agreed there was no explanation for this because the bread of the Host had turned into heart muscle and was still living tissue.

In 2009, the Metropolitan Curia of Białystok declared: "The case of Sokółka does not contradict the faith of the Church, but rather confirms it." Indeed, such miracles are a boon to people's faith.





Eucharistic Miracles Posters

## touch and see, february's family program



Experiencing sacred objects

Ronnie Fagin

I sometimes find it hard to find the time to spend with God, but gratefully, God always finds a way to spend time with me, and once a month, he finds my son and me at **Family Program**.

Dylan and I have sincerely enjoyed every session, but this month's session far exceeded our expectations. We were treated to such a rare and extraordinary opportunity. We learned about and examined the objects we see around the church and objects that are use in celebrating the Mass, in order to understand their use and significance.

When we first entered the room which contained these sacred objects, parents and children alike seemed paralyzed. We weren't sure what to do. Eventually, we walked around a bit. The objects were magnificent, and it was nice to see them so personally. Prior to entering the gallery, Cecilia, the program facilitator, did say we could touch and explore the objects, but was she really certain? We had never been allowed to before? She was! Initially, Dylan was hesitant, and he made sure I picked up something first, but then he started exploring too and together we went around from station to station.

I think the item that struck us the most was the monstrance. It is beautiful and has such an powerful job: to display and

honor the (Host) Body of Christ, and we, just a mom and son from Brewster, got the privilege to hold and examine it! We were in awe. The children were looking around as if to get a second and third confirmation that it was acceptable to handle the monstrance. It was very moving for me, and I know the kids felt very special to be able to do this as well. They were captivated and intrigued. How often do you get to touch something so significant?



Making a Monstrance

Once we finished in the gallery, we were able to make a craft together. We made our very own lighted monstrance to take home. It has been on each night in Dylan's room. It is truly a symbol of something so marvelous and meaningful, but also a reminder of this unparalleled opportunity we had with

each other on Saturday. Dylan and I continued the conversation long after the session and discussed our remarkable experience with our family. Even grandma has never held the monstrance!

I am learning things at the **Family Program** alongside my son. As we left, I asked Dylan if there was anything more important than our encounter here today. He gave me his dimple-smile and said that he couldn't imagine anything better!

When you put your busy life aside to spend time with God, you will truly see how He loves us!





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**WEDNESDAYS**  
March 4-May 13  
7 pm - 9 pm

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

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**WEDNESDAYS**  
March 4-May 13  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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# getting transformed!

**Tee Vozzella**, a long time member of Sacred Heart, will be introducing the popular faith formation program, "**Transformed**" to the parish in May. Tee loves helping people grow in faith and loves the parish.



The seven week series by Pastor Rick Warren helps people to practically apply biblical principles to different aspects of our daily lives. It covers areas such as use of money, our work, our families... and has been found by many people to be a wonderfully helpful program that challenges everyone to change and transformation.



Transformed will kick off in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in the middle of May and run to the end of June. Stay tuned for day and time and registration information.



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February 26

### ST. LAWRENCE

7:30 am Mass  
8:30 am Mass  
12:00 pm Liturgy of Word  
5:00 pm Liturgy of Word  
6:30 pm Mass  
7:30 pm Spanish Mass

### SACRED HEART

9:00 am Liturgy of Word  
6:30 pm Liturgy of Word

THIS GREAT GIFT: THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# 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

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# alpha — come and see!

TED BARNES

I recently took a trip with others from the parish out to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in an Alpha conference. Alpha is an organization that was born in England, and its main goal is to help answer questions about life, our existence and the existence of God. In Alpha, we explore how there is so much more to life than just this! By “this”, I mean the everyday grind of life. Sometimes we may feel caught up in it, and if we’re really honest with ourselves, we might ask the question, “Is there something more to life than this?” Well..... Alpha is the way to find out what that something is. The main thing I took away from the Alpha conference was that Alpha is for everyone. Christians, non-Christians, people young and old, people with questions about life’s purpose, people who have not been to church and even those who do attend.

During the conference there was music by Grammy winner Matt Redman; that was pretty cool. But that’s not all, there were some very interesting people there who spoke about how Alpha has impacted their lives. There was a young woman, Jo Hearn from Liverpool England, who now lives in Chicago. At a young age she was going through difficulties in her life, anxiety, depression. Like so many of us, she did not know what to do. A friend invited her to Alpha, and she said “sure, I’ll go”. But deep down she admitted to herself that she had no intention of going. In the days ahead, something changed her mind and she ended up giving it a try. She said it turned her life around and she now helps to run the Alpha series at the Soul City Church in Chicago. By the way, she is known as “Alpha Jo,” among the parishioners there. There was also Ricardo Cabrera from San Diego, who decided that running drugs across the southern border was a good idea. Long story short, it wasn’t a good idea; he went to prison and you guessed it....found Alpha. It totally changed his life. He is now running Alpha for the East Lake Church prison inmates in southern California. Hearing these stories first hand was really powerful. I’m not saying that you will be running Alpha after you attend, but hey.....you never know.

At St. Lawrence there is an Alpha group for everyone. We have **Alpha Wednesdays** from 7-9pm in English, and in Spanish. We have **Alpha Pub Young Adults** for people ages 21-39, **Alpha at Sacred Heart** on Sunday mornings from 8:30-10:15, and also **Alpha Marriage**, for couples who either are married; not married, but living together; or couples that are planning on getting married. As you can see, we are betting on Alpha to help bring more people to Jesus. Can you imagine the effect Alpha could bring forth in a parish like ours?

Imagine your next door neighbor, your coworker, the person you often greet at the supermarket, your children’s sport coach, your hairstylist, or the mechanic that fixes your car... what would happen if you invite them to try Alpha? Your conversation doesn’t need to be anything elaborate. Ask them

if they would join you for dinner, and to have conversations about our lives, our concerns and dreams. All at no cost, in a nice and relaxed environment with no commitment or follow up rules. After you invite the people in your circle, go home and pray that Jesus will do the rest.

Having our friends and community members encounter Jesus while sharing a meal and building of friendship can change our parish as we know it! We will have more smiles, children, teens, and families living the life of grace that God has planned for us. Invite a friend to join you at Alpha.

Alpha has been running at St. Lawrence for three years. I am helping to run the Alpha course here at St. Lawrence with a team of volunteers.

**“Come and See what Alpha can do for you!  
No, Really.... Come and see”**



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# parish support st. lawrence parish support

## Weekend of February 9

In Pew Collection \$ 7,460.00  
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# sacred heart parish support

## Weekend of February 9

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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.



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3. **Click** Recurring Donation

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

# parish staff

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