

march 8, 2020 second sunday of lent

st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes

& St. Lawrence  
& Sacred Heart

### 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  
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845-279-2021

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

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

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PEOPLE  
WHO COVER OVER  
THEIR SINS  
WILL NOT PROSPER.  
BUT IF THEY  
CONFESS  
AND FORSAKE THEM,  
THEY WILL FIND  
MERCY.

PROVERBS 28:13

St. Lawrence O'Toole confessions every Monday 4-7 pm  
Sacred Heart confessions every Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm

## mass intentions

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

9:00AM St. Lawrence O'Toole Society  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Julie Genz  
5:30PM Quinlan & Calise Families  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

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

8:00AM Bill Sullivan  
9:30AM Victor Sanchez Sr.  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Marjorie & Walter Walsh  
11:00AM McCluskey & Ebert Family  
12:30PM William Bergen  
5:30PM Peter Esposito

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

8:30AM Terence McDonald

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

8:30AM John & Eileen Fitzgerald

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

8:30AM Patsy Fusco

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

8:30AM John Moran

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

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

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

9:00AM Catholic Daughters of America  
Spiritual Bouquet Donors  
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Nancy DiStefano  
5:30PM Robert Butler  
7:30PM Spanish Mass

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

8:00AM John Murawski  
9:30AM Colleen Murphy  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Michael Turnyaszki  
11:00AM Amelia & Cesare Pigat  
12:30PM Mildred & Patsy Fusco  
5:30PM Joanne Durkin-Lundy

## power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

- Mar 9 Intentions of all who participate in our Seasons of Praise holy hour
- Mar 10 For those who are struggling in a difficult marriage
- Mar 11 For the families and children enrolled in our Early Childhood Learning Center
- Mar 12 For the lonely in our community
- Mar 13 For our students making the XLT
- Mar 14 For all our families in our Religious Education programs
- Mar 15 For the participants in our Discipleship Retreat

## 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 **Elizabeta Novosel**  
At the request of her son Gabe

The **Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** is dedicated for **Mary & John Kunert**  
At the request of Calvin, Henry & Lola Strilowich

## pray for

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

Marilyn Squeo ◦ Joan Quinn ◦ Michaelene Kamin ◦ Jill Moun-droukas ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ Larry Tobin ◦ Joan Vesey ◦ Sofia La-Rocca ◦ Victalino 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 ◦ Chuck Fox ◦ Frank & Carol Vaccarelli ◦ John & Elaine Steinhardt ◦ Nina Ricciardi ◦ Mary Thompson ◦ Rebecca Harris-Moreira ◦ Marie Amy ◦ Freddy Lyons ◦ Jennifer Grieves ◦ Dotty Lahm ◦ Maria Middleton ◦ Lawrence Iazzetti Sr. ◦ Mark Lapham ◦ William Fallon

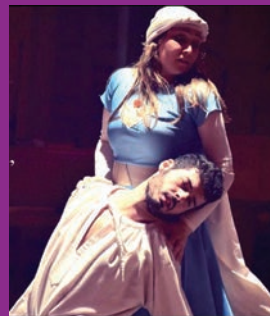
**Names will remain on the Prayer List for 90 days and then will be transferred to the prayer list in the Adoration Chapel.** To add names to or remove names from the Prayer List, please email: [SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com](mailto:SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com)

*“Jesus is not an idea or a feeling or a memory. Jesus is a living ‘person’ always present among us. Love Jesus present in the Eucharist.”*

*–Saint John Paul II*

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

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



## NO GREATER LOVE

The Xavier Company  
Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
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March 8, 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,

So what are you doing for Lent?

Don't let it be wasted time... you can be getting closer to Jesus Christ and get ready for Holy Week.

Just in case you're searching for something new to do, or you're stumped for ideas:

1. **Monday nights:** Every Monday is *Confessions* from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm and *Seasons of Praise Holy Hour* at 7:00 pm. Make sure to do a really good Confession and get good with God.
2. **Wednesday nights:** St. Lawrence *Alpha* at 7:00 pm in English and Spanish. Have a meal and join others in a conversation on faith and life. Great for those who are regulars and great for those who are unchurched. Bring them along...
3. **Friday nights:** St. Lawrence *Stations* are at 6:15 pm and 8:30 pm (Spanish). Sacred Heart at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration and Benediction.



Many people make the effort to get to daily Mass during Lent... it's a great way to grow in grace. Already attendance is up – probably close to 60% every day. Get to Mass an extra day or two during the week if you can't make it every day. There's no better way to get your day started than to receive Holy Communion.

People say Fasting is old fashioned... and they're right – it goes back over 3000 years when God told his Chosen People, the Jews to fast. It is also a sacrifice that is pleasing to God and makes us hungry for truth and justice, and helps us fill ourselves with God and his Word. Pick a day and just do it.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. A word of thanks once again to all who are supporting our Centennial Campaign with their pledges and with contributions monthly with our Centennial Gold Envelopes or through *WeShare*. These donations go directly to pay down our loan for the church renovations. We've paid down about 80% of our \$3.8 million construction cost so far, and have \$750,000 to go. If you haven't started contributing, please consider doing so. Every dollar goes directly to this campaign!

## mass celebrants

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

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

### Sunday, March 15<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

March 9 Fr. Gill  
 March 16 Fr. Gill  
 March 23 Fr. Berg  
 March 30 Fr. Waddell

## 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.

## save the date-golf outing

The Sacred Heart Golf Outing is on Monday June 22nd. Shot-Gun start is at 1 pm. Contact Judy McDermott for more information at [shadowmomp@gmail.com](mailto:shadowmomp@gmail.com).

## scholarship

The Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters of the Americas: will be awarding our annual \$300.00 Scholarship. **Requirements:** Must be a practicing Catholic from Sacred Heart Church Must be graduating June of 2020 **250 Word Essay:** Topic – *What it's like to be a Catholic teenager in today's society.* Return essay to Melody Curra, Regent of CDA Court 2585, at 244 Pine Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812, No later than May 1, 2020!

## lenten friday fish fry

The St. Lawrence O'Toole Knights of Columbus will host two Lenten Fish Fry Dinners on Friday, **March 13** and **April 3** in the Parish Center Dining Hall from 5 pm- 6:15 pm. **Cost:** adults - \$12, children 7 & over - \$8, and family - \$32. **Reservations:** Bruce Colombraro @ 845.279.6461 or email [reservations@kofc1495.org](mailto:reservations@kofc1495.org)

## o'toole seniors

The O'Toole Seniors will meet on Monday, March 9th at 1pm in the Parish Dining Hall to celebrate their 7th Anniversary.

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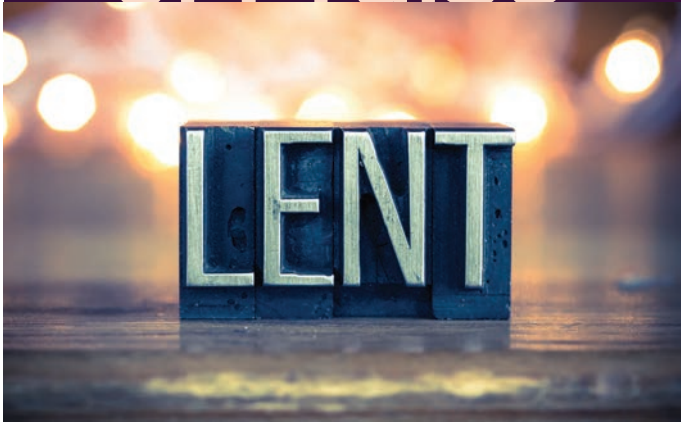
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 Pledged: \$19,772.50  
 Paid: \$13,667.50  
 Percentage of goal 27 %

### Sacred Heart

Goal: \$12,500.00

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# Seasons of Praise



Confessions  
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March 16, 7pm

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FRIDAY, March 27, 2020

adoration and prayer 7pm  
confession available

social and concert 8 pm  
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**John Paul von Arx**



## reflection of mercy

By Matt Fradd

Several years ago, as I stood in line for the sacrament of confession about to confess for the umpteenth time a sin I couldn't seem to quit, I began to fear that God's mercy was running out. I didn't doubt that God would pardon a person who turned to him after a life of the most heinous sins imaginable. What I did doubt was that he would continue to forgive me. How many times have I said, "I will never do this again," only to return to that sin like a dog to its vomit (see 2 Peter 2:22)?

At that moment, by God's grace, no doubt, I was reminded of the incident in the Gospel of Matthew when Peter approached Our Lord with a question:

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." (Matthew 18:21-22)  
Now Jesus did not mean that Peter was to forgive his brother 490 times and then no more. No, rather, "seventy times seven" signified perfection and consistency. It then occurred to me, if God's forgiveness is not like that—perfect and consistent—then Jesus was commanding Peter to act in a way that was contrary to the nature of God.

The truth is, God is infinite in all of his attributes. In fearing that God's mercy was slowly evaporating, I was unintention-

ally making God in my image. If you have ever been tempted to doubt God's mercy as I did, or if you're tempted to do that now, please ingrain the following words from St. Claude de la Colombiere into your brain:

I glorify you in making known how good you are towards sinners, and that your mercy prevails over all malice, that nothing can destroy it, that no matter how many times or how shamefully we fall, or how criminally, a sinner need not be driven to despair of [God's] pardon. It is in vain that your enemy and mine sets traps for me every day. He will make me lose everything else before the hope that I have in your mercy.

Regardless of where you have been or what you have done, be at peace. The same God who forgave Moses the murderer, Rahab the prostitute, David the adulterer, and Peter the denier will forgive you. All you have to do is seek that forgiveness with a contrite heart. The only sin God won't forgive is the one you will not ask forgiveness for.

### Focus

God's mercy is infinite. His forgiveness is infinite.

### Act

Open yourself to the "sacrament of mercy," as Father Mike calls it. Find a time to go to confession.

### Pray

Lord, give me the courage to ask for forgiveness, and help me to let you heal me.



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**QUESTIONS**

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

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# FASTING ENABLES THE HOLY SPIRIT TO REVEAL YOUR TRUE SPIRITUAL CONDITION



## these “foods” of the soul are also good to give up for lent

Fr Robert McTeigue, SJ

Fasting is not dieting; fasting is not an end in itself; fasting is not merely an exercise to increase willpower.

Lent is underway, and it's a time for many to dust off the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It's around this time of year that many seek advice about fasting. The conversation above is one I've had many times. God bless those generous souls who are so ready to fast! Now, may he also bless them with the virtue of prudence.

There are zealous souls who will do more harm than good via fasting. There are crafty souls who game the system during Lent, splurging on lobster on Lenten Fridays, spending a small fortune on lunch while avoiding meat, rather than eating canned tuna and donating the money saved. And, honestly, there are some disciplined souls who put me to shame with the generosity of their asceticism.

Speaking with members of a certain monastic community that fasts for most of the year, I asked them about their fasting practices for Lent. I gasped as they described their Lenten fast in a matter of fact manner. When I asked what it was like to live that fast, one member replied, “Well, you are a little dizzy for the first few days ... but you get used to it eventually ...” Immediately, I identified my excuse for not fasting so strictly—I have to drive every day, and therefore cannot afford to be dizzy.

There are no lack of challenging quotes from serious Christians regarding fasting as an essential element of Christian discipleship. I could easily fill many pages with such quotes. Perhaps this one will suffice:

***Let us not believe that an external fast from visible food alone can possibly be sufficient for perfection of heart and purity of body unless with it there has also been united a fast of the soul. For the soul also has its foods that are harmful.***

Slander is its food and indeed one that is very dear to it. A burst of anger also supplies it with miserable food for an hour and de-

stroys it as well with its deadly savor. Envy is food of the mind, corrupting it with its poisonous juices and never ceasing to make it wretched and miserable at the prosperity and success of another.

Vanity is its food which gratifies the mind with a delicious meal for a time but afterward strips it clear and bare of all virtue. Then vanity dismisses it barren and void of all spiritual fruit. All lust and shift wanderings of heart are a sort of food for the soul, nourishing it on harmful meats but leaving it afterwards without a share of its heavenly bread and really solid food.

***If then, with all the powers we have, we abstain from these in a most holy fast our observance of the bodily fast will be both useful and profitable.*** --John Cassian, a disciple of Saint John Chrysostom-

To sum up Cassian: Fasting is not dieting; fasting is not an end in itself; fasting is not merely an exercise to increase willpower. Fasting is an instrument that can be used for good or for ill. Worst of all, fasting can be used as a means of distracting ourselves (as Cassian had warned) from the hardness of our hearts, and from the toxins of the soul that the unrepentant can delight in. Fasting, especially Lenten fasting, should be undertaken with a clear sense of proper purpose.

Some Jesuits and I once caused a stir at a university when we all agreed to preach on the First Sunday of Lent and urged students to repent of their habits of alcohol abuse and promiscuity. (I suspect that the students were expecting an exhortation to give up chocolate or sugar in one's coffee for Lent.) We told them: “Maybe alcohol abuse and promiscuity are not your habitual sins. Then find out what sins are your favorites. Lent is a time to find out if anything other than God commands your loyalty and devotion.”

Fasting, like all material sacrifices, reminds us that there are goods greater than material goods, that there are needs of the soul that are even greater than the needs of the body, and that true love always demands sacrifice. Lent is an annual reminder that the poisons of the soul must be removed from our lives, and that even the good things in life are not as important as we usually think they are. If God isn't the first focus of our body and soul, we won't have peace, and will be hard pressed to receive all the grace God wishes to give us.

# parish support

## st. lawrence parish support

### Weekend of March 1

In Pew Collection	\$ 8,049.00
February WeShare weekly	\$ 4,686.35

## sacred heart parish support

### Weekend of March 1

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,179.00
February WeShare weekly	\$ 275.86

**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

### FEBRUARY

Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,594
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 0
WeShare	\$ 910
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,504</b>

## parish staff

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