

march 29, 2020 fifth sunday of lent

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

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

sacredheartpattersonny.org

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

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

Facebook: St. Lawrence O'Toole

Twitter: St. Lawrence O'Toole Church



Livestream Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3 pm Sundays

power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

- Mar 30 Intentions of Pope Francis
- Mar 31 Intentions of all our sick parishioners
- April 1 For guidance for all our civic leaders
- April 2 That our sacrifices during lent will increase our faith
- April 3 For strength of our medical personnel
- April 4 For our Blessed Mother to protect our parishes during this pandemic
- April 5 For all families to draw closer to each other and Jesus during this crisis

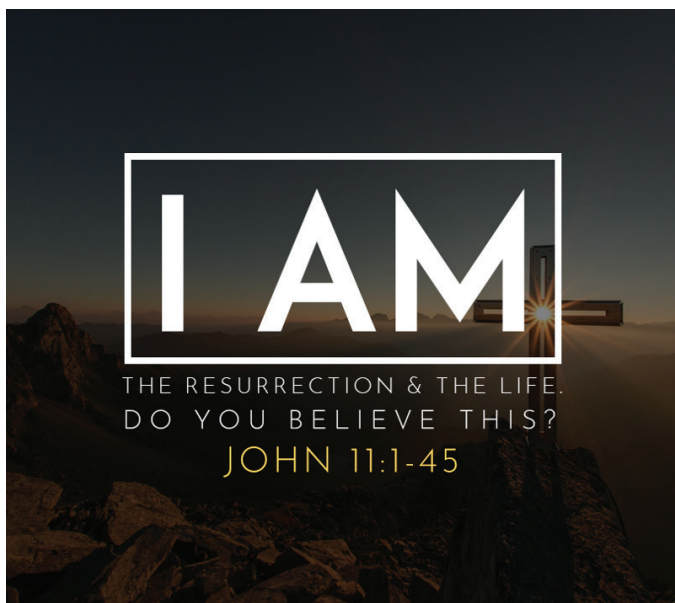
readings for sunday

First Reading: Reading 1, Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



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 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 ◦ Walter Garecht ◦ Sr Marie Murphy ◦ Roseanne Barker

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

Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish nothing.

—Saint Peter

Keep him company for an hour
stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration

Adore him where ever you are
stlawrenceotoolelive.org





March 29, 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,

None of us were ready for this.

I don't know about you, I feel like we are living inside some movie about the end of the world. Life has come to a standstill. People, especially the physically vulnerable and elderly, are living in fear and anxiety. We have no public Masses and we can't gather as a community of faith.

And no one knows how long this will go on.

But it won't go on forever, because we have a good and loving Lord Jesus who cares for us all and promised "I am with you always" and "I will not leave you orphans – I will come back to you". That will never change.

We might not be able to let the faithful attend Mass, but every priest celebrates Mass daily nonetheless. And every "private" Mass is an act of the whole Church. In the rectory chapel I'm celebrating Mass each day for you, especially for people in the parish who have fallen ill.

We will get through this because we place our trust in Jesus.

But in the short term, there are some unfortunate changes:

1. There will be no public Masses or liturgies in Holy Week and Easter. That is heartbreaking and not only because it is the high point of the Christian year. It is also a time when many who have been away come home to the Church. But that won't happen this year.
2. Our Confirmations and First Communions, scheduled for late April and May will certainly have to be re-scheduled. Our religious education staff is working with families for online classes.
3. In the meantime, the Archdiocese has ordered us to stop doing baptisms and weddings. We also can't do funerals in the Church. But we can do burial services and schedule a memorial Mass for the deceased loved one after the restrictions are lifted.

And yet, as priests we cannot stop bringing the grace of Jesus to each person. I'll continue to visit the sick and anoint them, offer Mass and Holy Hours, hear Confessions any time. Call us – it's my job to make sure God's grace reaches you. If anyone needs to talk, then Fr. Tom, Fr. Joe and I are available by phone.

Check out this bulletin for all the creative ways our staff has come up with to keep our parishes alive and praying with you. It's amazing what we can do. We are here for you.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



In the rectory chapel I'm celebrating Mass each day for you.

PS. The Church is open and Adoration is on as always. Drop in to visit the Lord!

managing parishes in a time of crisis

Fr. Richard Gill

Our tremendous staff and volunteers are remaking our churches into a St. Lawrence/Sacred Heart Virtual Church, with Masses, Stations, Divine Mercy, Holy Hours all online.

We're reworking our faith formation for families and kids, and youth ministry so that social media is the way to connect and keep on praying and bringing Jesus to everyone.

We've made some serious cuts in discretionary spending and reduced our budget.

And we'll do everything we can to keep our expenses as low as possible. We still need to pay insurance, heat, electric, salaries and maintenance – so your continued support is essential.

A huge "thank you" to all who have dropped off or mailed in your weekly envelopes in spite of no public Masses. Please continue to do so. You can drop them at the rectory, mail them in, or drop them in the poor box inside the churches and we'll separate them out.

This past weekend (March 22) both Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence parishioners doing that resulted in our taking in approximately 1/3 of the usual collection from the basket.



Baldwin family giving through **WeShare** since 2016. We find it super easy to use, great for keeping records, and allows us to have a plan that is flexible.

Sacred Heart's normal average is about \$2000 weekly and St. Lawrence about \$7500. Your steady help is needed to get our parishes through this crisis and I am so very grateful.

Our **WeShare** donors are due a special thank you. Your support is steady all year and now at St. Lawrence it is about 37% of our weekly collection. At Sacred Heart it is about 15%.

Of all times, this is the best time for everyone who can to consider switching over to **WeShare**. It gives us a predictable source of income every week. Please go on the website and switch over. It's easy and the instructions are simple.

WESHARE 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.

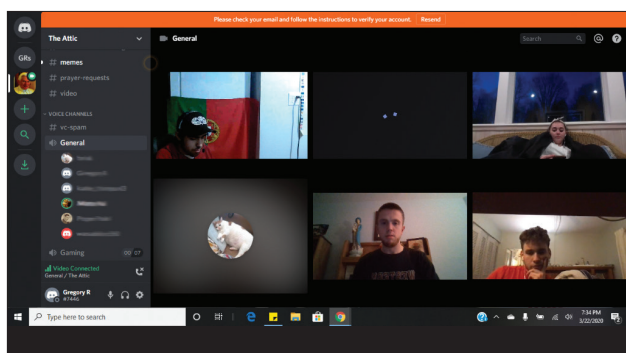
virtual youth ministry

Greg Rabito

I hope everyone is home and safe during this present situation. Please know that we are all going through this together and you are not alone. Jesus and the Blessed Mother are with us and protecting us. Reach out to us at the parish by email if you need anything and we will be sure to help.

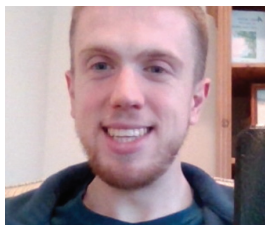
The Caronavirus has only made us more creative and inventive for youth ministry and the **EDGE Program**. Religious Education classes have been moved online and all of the kids meet once a week through a great application called Zoom. These online classes are keeping the kids connected to each other and to their Catholic Faith. It is easy for the teens to feel isolated and alone, but they enjoy coming together once a week to learn about how Jesus is present in these times and to continue their religious education.

The high school **Lifeteen** group will also be meeting virtually through our Discord server and Instagram to keep the teens connected. Through streaming in a Discord the teens can interact by playing online games together and video chatting whenever they desire. They will be connected and never alone in this situation. Our weekly Lifeteen youth nights are continuing each Sunday at 6:30pm with music by our music director Peter Ryan, Scripture with the teens, and fun social media scavenger hunts. Please email me if you would like your teen to join! We are one parish loving Christ and staying connected in Faith. Please reach out to us if you need prayer! All of us are in this together and no one is alone.



Our Youth Minister Greg Rabito online with our LifeTeen group via Discord.

Contact Greg Rabito
YOUTH MINISTER at
brewster.lifeteen@gmail.com
(203) 917-1885



when life gives you lemons...you make lemonade!

Cecilia Britez

For our **Family Program**, we will also make some e-lemonade together! Starting this week, we are hosting our families via Zoom, playing some games, reading scripture and creating some fun and simple projects together. We will catch up on lessons, and make sure we continue our faith formation journey. Our sacramental classes are continuing, and our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will also have interactive lessons where mom and dad can also participate, learn, and have fun.

Both Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence Parishes are standing tall, because it is during darkest times that our light shines the strongest.

And for our All Stars and Kidz Chapel kids we will have Zoom version. Look for sign ups next week in flocknotes. It starts directly after the live stream Mass. Join us to hear the kid-friendly gospel and see some of your friends.



Sacramental Prep Class using Zoom!

Contact Cecilia Britez
Director of the Family Program
at ceciliabritez3@gmail.com



VIRTUAL CHURCH

Go to stlawrenceotoole.org/VirtualChurch for links

We've turned St Lawrence into a "Virtual Church" delivering formation and prayer online throughout the day. Join us in these tough times for some renewed hope that Jesus is with us always.



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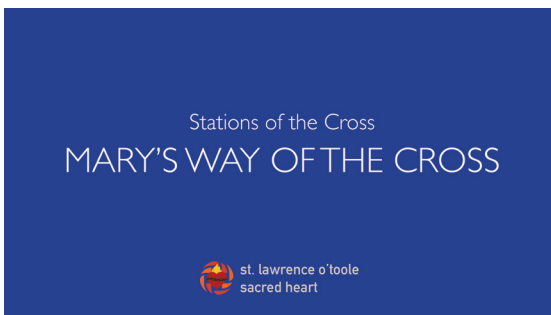
Mass

Sundays 9:30 am



Seasons of Praise

Mondays 7 pm - 8:30 pm



Stations of the Cross

Fridays 6:15 pm

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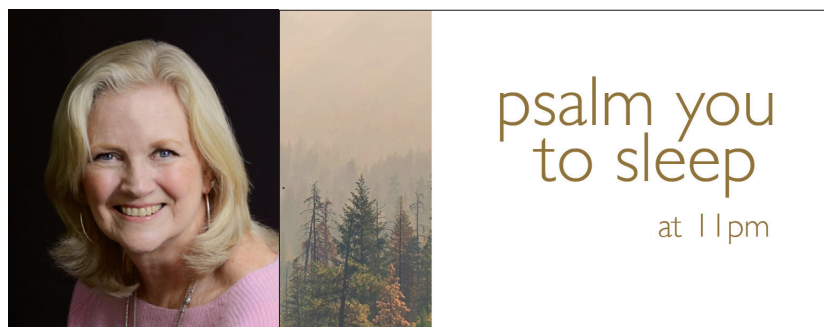
Go to our Facebook page at St. Lawrence O'Toole.



Daily Bread
Fr. Richard Gill
Mondays -Saturdays 12 pm



Divine Mercy Chaplet
Cecilia Britez
Monday-Saturday 3 pm



Psalm you to Sleep
Lynda Holler
Mondays-Saturdays 11 pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ST. LAWRENCE

6:15 pm EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

LIVE STREAM at

stlawrenceotoolelive.org

ONLY 750 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

 st. lawrence o'toole

mega raffle

DRAWING at 7:30 pm

postponed till

sat, july 4th


\$100 EACH OR 3 FOR \$250

WIN

\$25,000

cash

PROCEEDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ST. LAWRENCE FAMILY PROGRAM

 st. lawrence o'toole

We are going dancing
once again after
Coronavirus is defeated!

Gala

SAVE THE DATE • OCTOBER 17, 2020 • AMBER ROOM, DANBURY, CT



CONFESSIONS

ST. LAWRENCE

EVERY MONDAY

4:00 pm -8:30 pm



virtual narthex

In an effort to connect in this new reality of social distancing and livestream Mass, we came up with the Virtual Narthex. This past Sunday, about 15 parishioners joined us via ZOOM. If you want to be part of this new reality, join us every Sunday. Here is the link to Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/744648957>

Meeting ID: 744 648 957



Julie and Fr. Rich talking on Zoom to parishioners in Virtual Narthex.

“After viewing Mass online then moving to the Virtual Narthex, it was almost like being there.

It was awesome to see and talk to everyone.!”

-Kathy Frielander

“I am so glad I switched over to the Virtual Narthex after Virtual Mass on Sunday. For those 10 minutes seeing and hearing my friends was such a welcome relief from the anxiety we are all living through. I’m definitely adding this stream to my Sunday activities, a little taste of normalcy during these crazy times.”

Joe Massimo

meeting his flock where they are

Barbara Brangan



Confession in Kobackers parking lot

What a breath of fresh air, literally and figuratively! On Saturday and Sunday, March 21st and 22nd from 11 am - 2 pm, the residents of Brewster attended “Church in a Whole New Way”. Since no Masses can be said, in addition to not experiencing the Consecration and reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the absence of social interaction of parishioners

has been sorely missed. It is not just with Parishioners of St. Lawrence O’Toole but family and friends of mine in Florida, Massachusetts, Connecticut, South Carolina, have expressed the same sadness. People miss their Catholic connections.

Father Gill found a wonderful solution to this problem. A station was set up in front of Kobacker’s Grocery Store with handouts, bibles, prayer cards, etc. For any one who wanted to go to Confession, Father and the person walked to a quiet spot away in the parking lot. For people who just wanted to chat, he was there for them.

I had such a good time on Saturday with a joyful, happy gathering of people on a beautiful, sunny day, that I came back again on Sunday. Oh, by the way, no rules were broken. People can leave their homes to buy food and Kobacker’s is where you can buy food!



Parishioners talking to each other





How the La Russo family watched Mass on the big screen.

mass on the the big screen

With over 200 people last Sunday watching our Livestream Mass and over 500 people as the week went on, there is an excitement on how our parishioners are observing Mass.

Move over laptops, our parishioners are sharing how they are watching the live stream Mass. Here's what they are saying:

"We also watched it on the big tv through the gaming system. We sat in straight back chairs and stood, sat, and kneled as usual."

-Holler Family

"This morning I woke the family up for 9:30 Mass. I had Mass all set on the livingroom PC for us to watch and started moving chairs so we could all see the "small" screen. Our oldest son walked into the room and said to his brother, "put this through STEAM". In 2 minutes, my 17 year-old had Mass piped through some gaming app and onto our big TV in the family room. It was awesome - the next best thing to being there!"

-Herbstritt Family

Every Sunday LIVESTREAM MASS at 9:30 am.

If you over sleep, watch it when you wake up and make it the most important part of your Sunday.

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parish support

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Weekend of March 22

In Pew Collection \$ 3,725.00

February *WeShare* weekly \$ 4,686.35

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of March 22

In Pew Collection \$ 1,016.00

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.

We are cutting non-essential spending in order to be good stewards at St. Lawrence O’Toole and Sacred Heart Churches.

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 RyanDirector 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

Irene Westin.....Adult Sacramental Administrator

Eileen Stokes.....Cemetery Administrator



No one should be without someone to check on them.
SEND SAFETY SQUAD.

St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart will call the elderly and those with health issues. **Safety Squad** members will keep in touch to make sure the most prone to illness are looked after properly to prevent infection, offer prayer, encourage them and help them obtain any needed supplies.

Sign up your loved one
stlawrenceotoole.org/SafetySquad

CALL A PRIEST

If you need to speak with a priest, Fr. Tom Berg, Fr. Joe Heim and I will be “on-call” and available during the following hours if you have questions, issues or need some guidance in these hard times or just some prayers.

FR. JOE HEIM

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Mondays-Fridays

Phone: 914-941-7636 x2792



FR. TOM BERG

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Mondays - Thursdays

Cellphone: 914-261-9639



FR. RICH GILL

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesdays - Fridays

Cellphone: 301-873-8418