

st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes

Mass schedule

St. Lawrence

Saturday Vigil

5:30, 7:30pm (Spanish)

Sunday

8:00, 9:30, | 1:00am, | 2:30,

5:30pm (Youth Mass)

Monday-Friday

8:30am

 ${\sf Saturday}$

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

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









power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

April 20 For those suffering from mental illness

April 21 For all those who are unemployed

April 22 Intentions of Deacon Greg

April 23 For all the health care workers to be kept safe and healthy.

April 24 Souls of our deceased parishioners from the virus

April 25 For parishioners ill from the virus

April 26 For all those quarantined waiting to find out if they have the corona virus

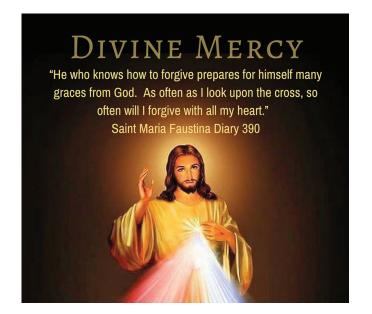
readings for sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading: First Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31



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 · Elaine Steinhardt · Nina Ricciardi · Mary Thompson · Rebecca Harris-Moreira · Marie Amy · Freddy Lyons · Jennifer Grieves · Dotty Lahm · Maria Middleton · Lawrence lazzetti Sr. · Mark Lapham · William Fallon · Walter Garecht · 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

"Yes, I am happy, perfectly happy; and do you wish to know where I find true happiness? At the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,"

- Augustine Maria of the Blessed Sacrament, Herman Cohen

Keep him company for an hour

stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration

Adore him where ever you are **stlawrenceotoolelive.org**





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,

I don't know about all of you but I'm itching to get back to normal. This was the weirdest Easter in our lives! Imagine celebrating the Easter Vigil in an empty church in front of a camera livestreaming the event... let's hope this will all let up soon and we can gather again safely.

Despite our inability to get together and worship and receive the Eucharist, hundreds and hundreds of people are logging in to our Facebook LIVE events each day: **Daily Bread** Gospel of the day reflection by me at noon, the **Divine Mercy** chaplet with Cecilia Britez at 3 pm, and the evening **Psalm You To Sleep** with Lynda Holler. Check in on our Facebook page at those times and pray along with us.

We're also streaming our Masses and something like 1500 people watched our Easter Masses – that was really good. So check in at **stlawrenceotoolelive.org** for the Livestream Mass at 9:30 am every Sunday in English and 11:30 am in Spanish

Soon we will launch a series of adult faith formation programs using Zoom technology – you can interact with others taking the same program on your computer.

God gave us all these great means for connecting with each other even in pandemic times. Connecting with other Catholics is a huge part of our Church life because God calls us to come together to worship him "in spirit and in truth".

At St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, our "virtual church" is alive and well.

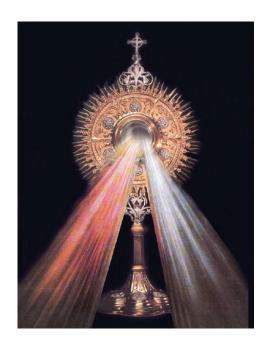
And we are still having our regular hours for confessions Mondays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, as well as Adoration around the clock. During daytime hours the Blessed Sacrament will be in the main Church altar so people can spread out safely.

We miss you all and we pray we can get back together as God's people really soon!

God bless,

Fr Richard Sil

Fr. Richard Gill



P.S. Thank you again for your incredible financial support of our parish in these hard times! So many people are keeping up with their weekly contributions or making special gifts to get us through. May God bless you all.

online faith formation

We have searched out programs that are perfect for this place in time. There are a variety of options to strengthen your body, mind, and soul and grow closer to Jesus.

Some of the programs require books and we will not be able to order them for you.

The registration page will provide a suggested resource to order books directly if necessary.

Also, note shipping times are unreliable, so decide which programs you want to take and order any books immediately.

The program sessions will be run on Zoom, so you will need a computer or phone with a working camera and a mic or headphones to participate. Zoom link will be emailed to participant after registration.

Our Story -- Mark Hart and Kevin Saunders walk you through an overview of the Story of Salvation recommending the chapters that will best illuminate for you God's love story with his children. Weekly Zoom sessions will include a 6-minute video and group discussion. Tuesdays, April 28 – June 23, 7:00 pm – 7:40 pm on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/OurStory

Prayer with Peter-- Join Music Director Peter Ryan and Seminarian Jack Kristensen for this beautiful opportunity to tune into God's voice through Scripture, music, and our daily lives. Thursdays, April 23 – May 14, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Zoom Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/PrayerWithPeter

Freedom to Love -- A powerful five-part study for single and married young adults. Presented by Christopher West, this series lays out a convincing and refreshing road map to living a life of authentic freedom. The Theology of the Body concepts presented in this study will impact your view of yourself, love, and your relationships.

Wednesdays, May 6 - June 10, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/FreedomToLove

Consoling the Heart of Jesus -- by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley. We'll discover how suffering can actually help us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the same self-guided retreat format of 33 Days to Morning Glory, participants will read the daily meditations in the book and meet once a week for group discussion on Zoom. Perfect for people that have already done 33 Days, but it isn't necessary. **Wednesdays, May 13 – July 15, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Zoom**

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/HeartOfJesus

Pietra Fitness -- A retreat for body, mind, and soul. Works through breathing, stretching, and strengthening exercises to tone the body while refreshing the soul with prayer. Join us for a series of four *Gentle Introduction* classes through Zoom. You will feel calmer, stronger, refreshed and renewed! Saturdays, April 25 – May 16, 9:00 am – 9:40 am on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/PietraFitness

Living our faith in a Pandemic -- the Catholic Church has had 2000 years of experience dealing with plagues, isolation, and uncertain times. Some of our top Catholic speakers share strategies we can use to keep us focused on loving God, our neighbor, and growing in joy and peace. This 4-week Zoom program includes a short video and group discussion on relevant topics impacting all of us in the Covid19 crisis. **Sundays, April 26 – May 24, 11:00 – 11:45 AM on Zoom**Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/Pandemic

Women's GIFT -- As women in the Church today, we are called to share our faith and be the inspiration for the renewal of our Church and the spread of the Gospel. "Our Relationship with the Saints," we will learn about individual women saints by studying, and drawing inspiration from them for our own lives. Saturdays, April 25 – May 30, 1:00 pm –2:00 pm on Zoom Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/WGift_Saints

Men's Ministry -- Discuss topics related to our Catholic faith, spirituality, and issues that impact our lives as men: professionals, husbands, and fathers. We have transformed our meetings into virtual ones through Zoom, so we can continue to grow in our faith and support one another. Open to men of all ages. Saturdays ongoing, 7:00 am - 8:30 am on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/MensMinistry

From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Ministry -- This ministry helps people rebuild their lives after the loss of a spouse, child, parent, family member or friend through group support and applying Biblical principles to the healing process.

Tuesdays ongoing 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/GriefShare

33 Days to Morning Glory -- Fr. Michael Gaitley teaches us that its spirituality, ending with your Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, is the "quickest and easiest" way to become a saint! Parishioners that have done this retreat admit that it transformed their prayer life. **Starts April 28 – Consecration May 31, The Visitation** or **Starts May 18 - Consecration June 20, Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4 Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/33DaysToMorningGlory

VIRTUAL CHURCH

Go to stlawrenceotoole.org for links

We've turned St Lawrence and Sacred Heart 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.



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





Daily BreadFr. Richard Gill
Mondays -Saturdays 12 pm



Divine Mercy Chaplet Cecilia Britez Monday-Saturday 3 pm



psalm you to sleep every night at 11pm

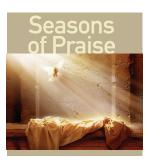
Psalm you to Sleep Lynda Holler Mondays-Saturdays 11 pm



stlawrenceotoolelive.org



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



Livestream Seasons of PraiseMondays 7 pm

Livestream Mass Sundays 9:30 am Spanish Mass 11:30 am



being there for those in need, safety squad

Lauren Noce

One ministry I have been blessed to be a part of is the St. Lawrence O'Toole Safety Squad. Father Gill initiated this ministry to check-in on our neighbors and friends who may need help during this time of crisis. My job is to make sure the people I call are "safe, emotionally stable, and spiritually fed." What I have found is that my safety squad buddies have been the highlight of MY WEEK!!

I think they might be helping me more than I'm helping them!! Some of my conversations have been longer ones where I've gotten to learn more about the lives of my buddies, their families, and we've been able to pray with one another over the phone. Then, some calls have been short "check-ins" to ask for prayer intentions and tell my buddies all that is happening at our church lately, like all the live-streams and how Father is "bringing Jesus to our neighborhoods."

It really feels incredible to be able to connect with people you normally wouldn't have the opportunity to, and my favorite part is hearing the joy in my safety squad buddies' voices when they say, "Ohhhh, Hiiiii Laurenn!!" I love talking with all my buddies, please keep them in your prayers. One buddy is turning 94 in June, then there are my buddies who always joke, laugh, and brighten my spirit each time I call.

Today if you want to do something for the Lord and to brighten your day call a neighbor, friend, or family member that you haven't spoken to in a while; and then you will see for yourself how beautiful the Safety Squad ministry is and how we are able to spread God's love through a simple call.

"Thank you for reaching out to me." This was the response I heard many times when I called parishioners. They complimented Saint Lawrence/Sacred Heart for caring and offering many online spiritual opportunities. This was one small act I could do while staying home during this difficult time to serve and spread God's love.

Janice Nastasi

"I've found that the parishioners I've called have been very appreciative. In some cases, the person had a real need that our parish team and Father Rich were able to provide for. Even those people doing OK enjoyed a few minutes of human interaction during these anxious and solitary times. Making the calls lifted my spirits as well."

-Joe Massimo

One Day of Service:

After weeks of being locked inside, the truth can become clearer. Despite our selfishness, we are social beings and have a deep desire to help others. A tremendous amount of joy can come from assisting a person with one simple action. On this Good Friday, we had the to opportunity to cook a few dozen meals at the soup kitchen and pickup groceries for a nice elderly lady. These simple tasks made Good Friday feel a bit more like normal during these challenging times. This Easter may not be as standard as the ones prior, but I think we can take advantage of our tiny opportunities in order to make it as joyful as possible!

-Johnny Noce



lenten and holy week reflection

Michael Brady

Saint John Paul II once said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are Easter people and hallelujah is our song." I know in my heart he would say the same today. Yet, some would guestion did Lent and Easter even happen this year? Granted these are unprecedented times and we are navigating through some rough waters. Much of the media is treating this as a temporary measure before getting back to "normal". The world is in a virtual lock-down and the uncertainty of how or when we come out of this is a huge unknown. There is no shortage of advice on how to spend our time, what movies to watch, how to deal with lost jobs, mental health, family deaths, relationships, minimize any sufferings we may encounter and the list goes on. It all seems so surreal! Or is it? Is God on another radical mission of love to save our souls? Has he miraculously summoned the world to take pause and once again, contemplate Him as Our Sovereign King?

For me personally, it has been a Lent and Easter I will never forget. Despite the thunderous noise of the times we live in and a daunting work schedule, the luxury of being home allowed me the good fortune of re-arranging my day around my desire to grow closer to Christ. That meant denying myself some of the comforts of home and resting instead in His Word and in His Presence. The post-its all over my home office are filled with scripture quotes. I would start my day with prayers of gratitude and surrender. Whenever you give God control there is a beautiful promise that he will never leave you or forsake you. He wants you to be overwhelmed with how much he loves you, not the fear and anxiety of this world. Worrying has always been my Achilles Heal and has robbed me of precious time in my relationships and love of God. There were no excuses this time. By the time Easter Sunday was here, I wanted to be able to answer St. John Paul's question. Is Easter just a story? Or is Easter my story? Did I do my best to walk in that desert with Jesus? Have I encountered the resurrected Christ? Is God's greatest gift of Divine Mercy, really mine to open?

Oh yes, my walk with Christ this Holy Season was accompanied by those I love. And that is you. The radical efforts of our pastor, Fr. Gill, was matched by the grace filled efforts of his administration to keep us united and challenged online and in prayer. What an Emmaus Walk! Are not our hearts burning? We can sing with the saints ... We are Easter people and hallelujah is our song!

as of april 15, 2020

We thank God for those who have recovered: Ed Lestrange, Loretta Lestrange, Suzanne Walsh, Eileen Fallon, Catherine vanBuskirk, Mackenzie Feehan, Dan Mulvihill, Jilian Rummo, Vivian Taylor

We pray for those still sick, we ask God to heal them: Bill Fallon, Theresa Dolak, Mike Quatrocchi, Ernest Rummo, Patricia Casso, Colleen Burkowski, Anne Lundy, Louise Palmer

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Palumbo & Peg Romano

the best time you will spend on earth

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the source of the vast blessings we are witnessing here at St. Lawrence O'Toole. We have 24/6, (24-hours a day/6 days a week) Adoration in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel.

Over 150 parishioners spend 140 hours weekly communicating with our Lord Jesus Christ in His Presence, praying for their own intentions and the needs of our parish. The impact is recognizable to all who have witnessed the transformation of St. Lawrence O'Toole over the last few years. And the transformation of the adorers. They hunger for their special, intimate time with Jesus each week; they are growing more peaceful and confident in God's love for them. It is that faith and confidence that helps them weather the storms and crises of their lives, whether it be an international pandemic or their normal life challenges.

We need your help to expand perpetual Adoration – 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week - and we invite you to join us or add another hour. Discover the love and peace found only in Jesus Christ it will be the best time spent on earth..

We have Adoration time slots open from **Saturday 7:00 pm** to **Sunday 11:00 pm**, as well as a few others.

Contact Paul Lavelle to discuss the best options for you. Email Lavelleslot@comcast.net, Sign up for an hour at stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration or Phone 914-318-8523.













god always promises a rainbow!

Kim Santerre

Even though the Coronavirus has everyone at home to stay well and be safe, the Staff of ECLC is still communicating with our Students and their families. We have been keeping in touch with everyone using technology-emails, text messages, FaceTime videos, Facebook and Instagram, YouTube videos and Zoom conferences. Staff have been participating in weekly Zoom meetings to keep in touch. We have been working together to come up with fun and stress-free ways to keep everyone connected during this time. Teachers are engaging their own classes through emails inviting their students to participate in activities at home that would mirror some of the things we would be doing in school. They are also publishing YouTube videos with lessons including activities such as circle times, read alouds and prayer. They are even doing Zoom conferences with the little ones. As a whole school, we have been encouraging everyone to participate in fun and uplifting activities. One activity we have done is having each child draw a rainbow and send a picture to us to share on social media. We wanted children to remember that God always promises a rainbow at the end of a storm. So we all created a rainbow. and prayed to God to send us His rainbow soon!



As a whole school, we designed an "An Activity A Day".

Here is a list of what we have been doing:

3/30-Favorite Toy Day

3/31-Crayon Day

4/1-Breakfast Buddy Day

4/2-Popcorn and a Movie Day

4/3-Show Us Your Pet or Favorite Stuffed Animal Day

4/6-Pajama Day

4/7-Get Dressed Up in a Costume Day

4/8-Health and Fitness Day

4/9-Show Us How You Lunch Bunch Day

4/10-ECLC Zoom Conference Day at 10:30 am

Check out our Facebook page **St Lawrence Early Childhood Learning Center** to see all of the smiling faces! Let's all of us continue to pray to God to send us His rainbow soon.



zooming for holy communion

Tina Pennacchia

Across the nation schools were closed because of the coronavirus pandemic and that included religious education. That tugged on my heart because I knew how excited the second graders were about making their First Holy Communion. This was their exciting sacramental year—a day that they would remember forever! This would be a day filled with new outfits, smiling relatives, photography and celebrations but mostly it would be the anticipation of walking down the aisle, facing your priest and finally receiving your First Holy Communion.

All plans came to a stop! The children and their parents had questions—how long will they have to wait? Would they have to take their class all over again? What are we doing to help? It was top priority to support the children of both parishes!

Cecilia Britez, Director of Family Planning, came up with an online program to keep these students' faith formation active and also made it interesting. Julie Noce, Lauren Noce, Clara Segreti and I came together and quickly learned the lesson and how to use the Zoom Web Conferencing tool to teach the First and Second Graders online. In separate online rooms, we each taught classes of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and the Story of Easter, and the children enjoyed a brief five-minute cartoon video. Our First Sacramental Prep Class was on Wednesday, April 1st; and the children enjoyed it so much. These lessons will continue every Wednesday from 4:30 pm to 5:10 pm through May 6th.

Also, we taught the Virtual Family Program Weekend which meets once a month. The families from both churches were invited during the weekend. As a family they learned online about Palm Sunday, Holy Week and even created a fun craft with branches. No one had to buy anything, families just used cereal boxes to make a cross which was decorated with ribbon and green branches. The students proudly displayed their crafts on their front doors.

In addition, there's a Sunday Virtual Kids Chapel. Every Sunday until May 31st from 10:15 am to 10:55 am. They will read the gospel from the children's bible and have a short reflection afterwards.

First Communion may have been postponed until further notice but these wonderful children will get the ceremony that they deserve.

distributing food

A group of our parishioners is helping distribute food to the poor and needy to assist **Putnam Community Action Program** which is quarantined due to exposure to the virus.



"With all the chaos that's going on with the COVID-19 virus, today was a welcomed relief being able to serve others. Even in the pouring rain, I felt blessed to assist in distributing

food to those in need. Thank you to the volunteers from the Brewster schools who donated and packaged the food for distribution today. Working alongside Julie Noce and Cathleen Georges was a gift in itself. It was very humbling to see the gratitude on the people's faces when they received five days worth of breakfast and lunch for their children. God is good."

-Barbara Pember



may she rest in peace

Tina Grant

Sr. Marie Murphy a/k/a Sr. DeChantal has passed away on Monday, April 13. She was a pillar of St. Lawrence O'Toole School in Brewster for many years teaching math to the upper grades. Sr. Marie was disciplined, focused and received great respect from the many whom she taught. She was dedicated, very proud of her faith, her Irish heritage and her purpose as a teacher.

We all learned from her, not only math, but living every moment as a Catholic and strength to grow as an individual. After graduation when I would see her, those days at St Lawrence would quickly come to mind.

Today, every time I work out a problem in my head versus a calculator, I owe that to Sr. Marie. Others will certainly remember her and echo my sentiments. She made a difference in the lives of her students. May she rest In peace, leaving behind many memories to those who had the privilege to know her and gratitude to those who had her as a teacher.

parish support st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of April 12

In Pew Collection \$ 4,885.00 March *WeShare* weekly \$ 4,086.60

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of April 12

In Pew Collection \$ 1,034.00

March WeShare weekly \$ 204.13

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.

NEXT WEEK THE EASTER GIFT TOTALS WILL BE INCLUDED

We are cutting nonessential 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 BritezDirector of Evangelization and Family Program	
Peter Ryan	Director of Music
Theresa Scorca	Coord. of Religious Education
Clara Segreti	Family Program Assistant
Gregory Rabito	Youth Ministry
Kim SanterreDirector 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

EALLA 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

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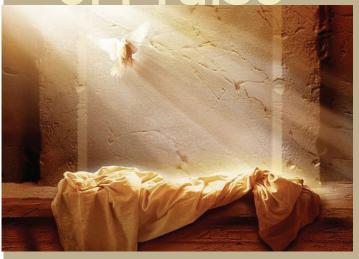
It's simple and easy and takes about a minute. You can back in at any time and change your amounts.

- I. **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.

EVERY MONDAY IN EASTER

Seasons of Praise



Confessions 4 pm-7 pm

April 20, 7pm

LIVE STREAMED stlawrenceotoolelive.org

APRIL 20

