

may 10, 2020 fifth sunday of easter

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

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Twitter: St. Lawrence O'Toole Church



Mother's Day

power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

- May 11 Intentions of Pope Francis
- May 12 Intentions Deacon Greg
- May 13 For all our religious education students
- May 14 For those suffering depression and loneliness
- May 15 Intentions of those suffering from COVID 19
- May 16 For the most vulnerable in our parish
- May 17 Intentions of all our parishioners

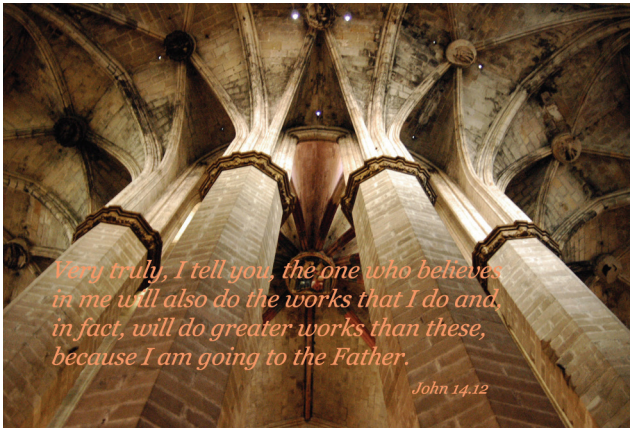
readings for sunday

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Second Reading: First Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12



Happy Mother's Day

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 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 ◦ Maria Middleton ◦ Lawrence Iazzetti Sr. ◦ Mark Lapham ◦ William Fallon ◦ Walter Garecht ◦ Roseanne Barker ◦ Marianne Gallacher

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

...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood.

-Francis of Assisi

Keep him company for an hour
stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration

Adore him where ever you are
stlawrenceotoolelive.org



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.

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.



May 10, 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,

Happy Mother's Day!

A few days ago, I buried the mother of a parishioner. We can't do funeral Masses or big wakes, so we did all the prayers in the cemetery by the casket with a small group of family only. The daughter wept quietly. It brought back memories of my own mom's passing several years ago. I remember my mom, now with growing gratitude and love. All the moments when I was sick with chicken pox or mumps as a kid, she took care of me. I remember her as the first to encourage my vocation back when I was an altar boy. I remember her sticking up from me when my friend's mom blamed me for something instead of her own kid. I remember how proud she was when I went off to the seminary, even though it was so hard for her because I would be overseas studying in Rome for years, and then assigned in another state as a priest. I remember how she joined an organization called "Mothers of Priests" and was delighted to be part of what she considered an "elite group" of moms with sons God had called. I remember how as she was declining in health and I couldn't get home much because of parish responsibilities, she waited. And one day when I got home for a visit for a few days... we had a great chat and reminisced and caught up on things. And that night in her sleep she passed away peacefully. I think she was just waiting for me to get home one last time.



To all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers – maybe day by day you don't realize the impact you have on us. You make so many sacrifices without even thinking. You have no idea how much good you do and how much love you sow in our hearts and how you leave an indelible impression.

And a word of thanks also to everyone who gave so generously to our Giving Help and Hope Campaign donating gift cards, essential items, non-perishables... we were able to give assistance to 214 families in need and out of work. It really showed our parishes are wonderful, giving places. One thing we know from the Scripture for sure: when we stand before the Lord on Judgement Day, he will definitely ask us what we did "for the least of our brothers". We want to be able to say we did everything we could. Thank you for loving Jesus in our brothers and sisters.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

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P.S. Thank you once again to all who have kept up their weekly donations to our parish by using the mailing envelopes, dropping them off, or by switching to WeShare electronic giving. It has made it possible for us to keep the parish and all our activities going in spite of the shutdowns. Hopefully we can get back to normal before too long! God bless you.

safety squad delivers

Sylvia Riolo

As a Eucharist Minister, I'm used to giving out the body of Christ in church during Mass, which fills my heart with joy. Today as a Safety Squad member, it's a bit different since I'm giving out bags of food from the back of a yellow school bus.

Handing out the bags, I imagine Jesus, front and center, in line with the people. The same feeling overcomes me and fills my heart...gratitude. How grateful I am and I thank Jesus that I can give to Him what He gives to me every day — love for others.



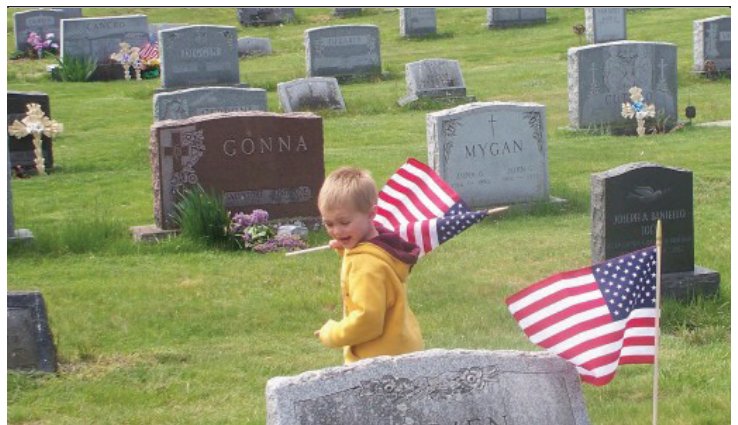
as of may 8, 2020

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Palumbo, Peg Romano, Maureen Costa, Fiona Lundy, Josephine Pucherelli, Maureen Dooner, Joan Haegle, Louise Palmer, Fr. John Bida, Catarino Galindo, Ann Garamore, Dorothy Lahm

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, Nels Soderquist
- U.S. Marines Sam Kaplan, Michael Monti, Alex Aliaj,
Michael Liguori
- U.S. Air Force James Friedlander, Christopher Pragoff,
Michael DeSandra



PLAN NOW FOR YOUR ETERNAL RESTING PLACE

Single or double plots or columbarium for interment of ashes are available.

Contact the Cemetery Office at 845-279-2021 x201 for more information

ST. LAWRENCE CEMETERY 20 Turk Hill Road, Brewster, NY 10509

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.



pentecost eucharistic procession

May 31 starts at 12:15 pm.

Sign up your neighborhood at stlawrenceotoole.org/PentecostProcession

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.



stlawrenceotoolelive.org



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



Livestream Mass

Sundays 9:30 am
Spanish Mass 11:30 am

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



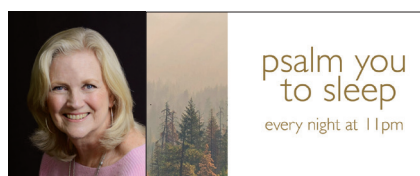
Daily Bread

Fr. Richard Gill
Mondays -Saturdays 12 pm



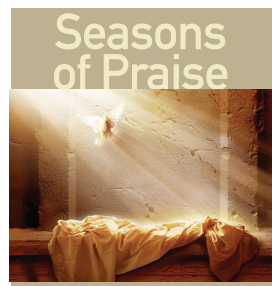
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Cecilia Britez
Monday-Saturday 3 pm



Psalm you to Sleep

Lynda Holler
Mondays-Saturdays 11 pm



Livestream Seasons of Praise

Mondays 7 pm



giving help & hope distribution day

Tom and Ruth McGoldrick

With the idle time some of us are experiencing and many with idle hands, you'd think it a sure bet for the devil. Not here at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart. And definitely not on May 4th in the gym. By the time we arrived to volunteer for a few hours of helping to distribute much needed groceries to our neighbors in need, there was a full army of volunteers who had already contributed, shopped, sorted, and stacked the donations. Gift cards and a fully stocked grocery store was available to help fill the cupboards of those who have been hurt financially by this virus.

In the many years we've been part of St. Lawrence, we've seen our parish consistently step up to help. Some give their time and talents, those who can, give money, and with it all comes the faith and prayers for each other and for those in need. What a wonderful combination. It was a joy to see so many masked faces smiling and encouraging each other in our difficult times. It felt wonderful to be able to help. It also reaffirmed our faith and love for our parish and neighbors. The call was put out to help those in need. As always, St Lawrence and Sacred Heart parishioners answered with love.

GIVING HELP & HOPE BY THE NUMBERS

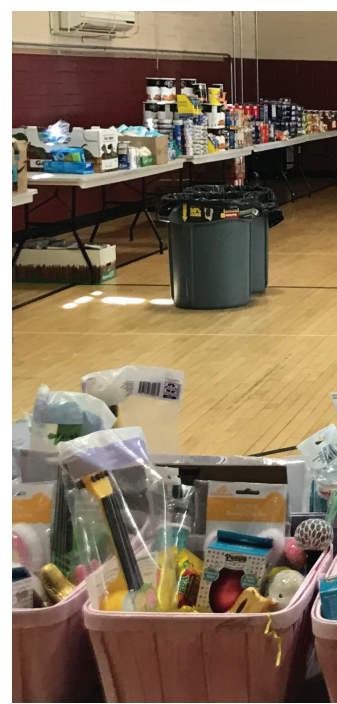
215 families received help!

Each family received over \$125 in items and a gift card
\$35,000 in donations towards this event.

10,769 items out on tables for families.

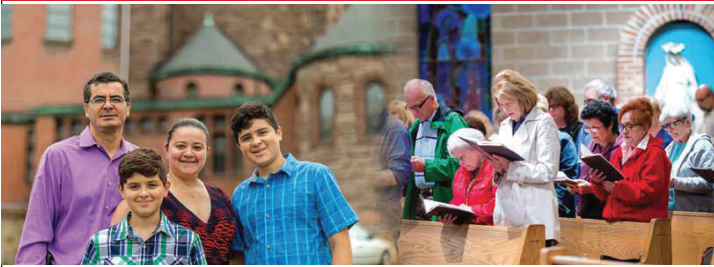
57 volunteers who helped shop, sort, man tables, pack boxes, deliver, and organize





TEACH • SERVE • SANCTIFY

The Cardinal's Appeal provides assistance to parishes in need.



"Charity is the root of all good works." - St. Augustine



St. Lawrence

Goal: \$73,500.00
Pledged: \$41,157.00
Gifts: 99
Average: \$416
% of goal: 56%

Sacred Heart

Goal: \$12,500.00
Pledged: \$ 7,555.00
Gifts: 26
Average: \$343
% of goal: 60%

Thanks for continuing to support the Cardinal's Appeal in these hard times.
This appeal provides the funds for the Cardinal to support poor parishes around the Archdiocese.

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



ONLINE GIVING By WeShare

Thank you for continuing to give to our parishes in this time of crisis.
Many donations in ordinary times come in cash and now none of that comes in.
Would you consider switching from cash or checks to easy to do online giving through WeShare?
It saves us administrative work and costs and time, and is more steady income.

give online stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com or
sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com

good bye, you will be missed!



I moved to Brewster in October 2000. Less than a year later, 9/11 happened. I was between jobs and as I walked out to my car to drive to daily Mass, I couldn't help but notice what a beautiful day it was. While in church, when we came to the prayer of the faithful, I wanted to pray for the first responders from the pew, but being somewhat new, I did not feel comfortable saying it out loud. I felt a foreboding need for these brave men and women who were rushing to the scene.

Like so many other people throughout New York, the nation and the world, I felt helpless, but wanted to do something. I began to search.

I decided to join the Knights of Columbus, a group of Catholic men who exercise their religion by focusing on charity. I found this to be a good way for me to enter more actively into my faith as a Catholic man.

After several years, in 2008, I became the Grand Knight. I focused on getting more young men to join. With the help of two good friends, who worked hard and diligently, and with the help of our pastor, Fr. McKeon, our numbers grew and the average age of the membership of our council dropped significantly. I was also lucky enough to be Grand Knight for our 100th anniversary! When I completed my tenure as Grand Knight, I was encouraged to move up the ranks within the Knights of Columbus organization, but I was feeling as if I were being called in a different direction by God. I consulted with Fr. McKeon who suggested I look into the diaconate. I did, and the rest, as they say, is history.

In 2017 a few months before ordination I was the lay director for our last Men's Cornerstone retreat. I have led Bible Study Courses including 'The Bible Time Line', 'Acts of the Apostles', and 'The Wisdom Books'. Recently, I led 'Return' and 'No Greater Love'. For the past year or so I have been the spiritual director for Men's Ministry.

The parish showed me tremendous support for which I am truly grateful. With my early retirement, I found myself having to reevaluate everything. My daughter had been hoping for years that I would be near her and the grandchildren. I pray that I am following in God's footsteps and that I am going where he wants me to be. I ask you all to pray for me and know that you will always be in my prayers.

This weekend I say good bye to all of you. Always remember parishioners of St. Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart, you have become an important part of my life. I wouldn't be surprised if we find ourselves working together in the future to help bring about God's Kingdom on earth.

God bless,
Deacon Greg



St. Lawrence O'Toole was live.

Published by Richard Gill



daily bread *LIVE* with fr. richard gill

Natalie Casale

During these past couple months, there's been so much in our lives that I'd taken for granted, our health and security, the morning rush to school, a busy day at work, and celebrating Mass with my family. The only constant in our lives has been and will always be the love of Jesus Christ. Our parish community is an awesome reminder to me that His love can be found everywhere, not just in a church.

While I miss going to Mass every week and seeing our friends, I am grateful for all of the online ministries that St. Lawrence O'Toole has to offer. They have helped me set aside time to pray and reflect on what's truly important, which has helped me gain some much needed perspective when I start to feel scared or confused. One of my favorite ministries has been The **Daily Bread** with Father Gill. It's been nice to still hear him read the gospel to us everyday, and even better, think about it in a new way.

A couple weeks ago, Father read one of my favorite passages in the gospel; John 20:10-18. Mary Magdalene was the first witness to see Jesus after he resurrected and didn't even recognize Him. I've spent a lot of time thinking about this. How many times has God shown up in my life and I didn't see Him at first? How could Mary look right at Jesus and think he's a gardener? Father said that obviously something was different about Jesus that Mary and others didn't recognize at first. I

Check it out every Monday through Saturday at 12 pm Daily Bread LIVE on Facebook.

think of how often I saw Jesus stand in front of me and didn't know it yet, now I feel I'm able to see Him clearly.

I see how the Holy Spirit is working in our parish, how many people in the community have been helped by St. Lawrence, and how these new online platforms are touching the lives of so many people. Sometimes on Sundays I get a little sad we can't celebrate Mass the way we used to, but I remember we are all praying together, maybe more than we ever have.

"It has been a very difficult time for all of us and not being able to attend Mass in our Church has been the hardest part of this quarantine. No one is more aware of this than Father Gill. I am sure he misses seeing us all too. He has amazed me with his caring and working so hard in setting up all these incredible programs to bring the parish to us.

It has helped me so much through this isolation. I depend on being able to be a part of our virtual church. I know everyday at noon, the *Daily Bread* will be there. It is so important to me to be able not only see but most importantly, to hear his voice. It is so comforting. Father Gill spiritually lifts me up and lets me know our faith and love for Jesus. I know I will not only make it through, but I will be a better servant for God. I look forward to serving our parish again when we are able to be together. I know we will love each other more than ever. "

-Kathleen Casale Berkley

parish support st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of May 3

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| In Pew Collection | \$ 8,410.00 |
| April WeShare weekly | \$ 6,589.79 |

Total \$ 14,999.79

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of May 3

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| In Pew Collection | \$ 1,461.00 |
| April WeShare weekly | \$ 880.00 |

Total \$ 2,341.00

The amount we receive from WeShare has increased from 37% to 44% at St. Lawrence and from 15% to 38% at Sacred Heart. Thank you for your generosity!

centennial renovations

APRIL

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Gold Envelopes | \$ 2,083 |
| Other Centennial II Gifts | \$ 15,500 |
| WeShare | \$ 1,132 |

TOTAL \$ 18,715

We are paying 5% interest on our loan, and we expect to make another \$100,000 principal payment next month, lowering our balance to \$650,000 from \$3.8 million in just six years.

parish staff

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|-------------------------|---|
| 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 Ryan | Director 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

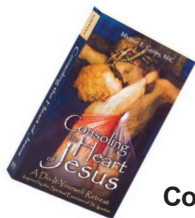
SPRING 2020 ONLINE FAITH formation



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 -- Tuesdays, April 28 – June 23, 7:00 pm – 7:40 pm on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/OurStory

Freedom to Love -- Wednesdays, May 6 – June 10, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/FreedomToLove

Consoling the Heart of Jesus -- Wednesdays, May 13 – July 15, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/HeartOfJesus

Women's GIFT -- *Our Relationship with the Saints*, Saturdays, April 25 – May 30, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/WGift_Saints

Men's Ministry -- Saturdays ongoing, 7:00 am – 8:30 am on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/MensMinistry

From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Ministry -- Tuesdays ongoing 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Zoom

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/GriefShare

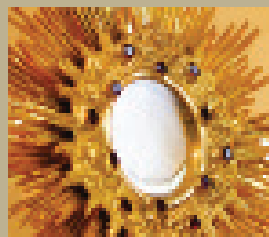
33 Days to Morning Glory -- Starts The Visitation or Starts May 18 - Consecration June 20, Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/33DaysToMorningGlory



EVERY MONDAY IN EASTER

Seasons of Praise



**Confessions
4 pm-7 pm**

May 11, 7pm

**LIVE STREAMED
stlawrenceotoolelive.org**

 **st lawrence o'toole**