

July 12, 2020 fifteenth sunday in ordinary time

st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes



Summer Mass schedule

St. Lawrence

Saturday Vigil

5:30, 7:30pm (Spanish)

Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Monday-Friday

8:30am

Tuesday- Thursday

7:00 pm

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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Drawing the WINNERS for the Mega Raffle

mass intentions

Saturday, July 11

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Carol O'Connell & Craig Miller
5:30PM Vernon Welsh
7:30PM Spanish Mass-Intentions of Fr. Ralph DiOrio

Sunday, July 12

8:00AM Eileen D'Imperio
9:30AM Joan Culleton
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson
11:00AM McCluskey & Ebert Families

Monday, July 13

8:30AM Mildred & Patsy Fusco

Tuesday, July 14

8:30AM Shirley Pigat
7:00PM Anthony Radak & Alexander Thomson

Wednesday, July 15

8:30AM Marie Harley-Oaks
7:00PM Myles Tomblin

Thursday, July 16

8:30AM Anthony DiMauro
7:00PM Msgr. Timothy Ryan

Friday, July 17

8:30AM Carolyn Robbins & Teddy Goetze

Saturday, July 18

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Mike McDermott
5:30PM Kasper "Todd" Kristian
7:30PM Theresa McConnell

Sunday, July 19

8:00AM Gregory M. Blank
9:30AM Maiorino & Pellecchia Families
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bill & Joseph Lewis
11:00AM Mary Mitchell

power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

- July 13 Participants in our Faith Formation Classes
- July 14 The healing of our nation
- July 15 Intentions of Fr. Richard Gill
- July 16 For those in our Armed Forces
- July 17 Intentions of the unemployed
- July 18 Intentions of those who are struggling financially
- July 19 For all the souls in Brewster & Patterson

pray for

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

Marilyn Squeo ◦ 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 ◦ J.P. Schlick ◦ Kathy Pellecchia ◦ Cathy Falciglia ◦ Joseph Czeladko ◦ Sue Richards

Names will remain on the Prayer List for 90 days and then will be transferred to the prayer list in the

The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be, holy.

- Cardinal Newman

Keep him company for an hour
stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration

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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 – 24/7 days a week. We invite you to join us or add another hour. Discover the love and peace found only in Jesus Christ. We have Adoration time slots open from **Sunday 12:00 am to Sunday 11:00 pm.**

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.



July 12, 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,

Slowly we are getting back to the (new) normal, whatever that is. Carefully we make sure our churches are sanitized and we're doing masks and keeping safe distances. The Parish Centers in both St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart will open for parish groups to meet, but not outside groups. We do it thoughtfully and carefully making sure it is safe for everyone.

We've started up Summer Offerings in faith formation, both in person and online. There's something for everyone to learn our faith better. So sign up at stlawrenceotoole.com/summerofferings2020 and grow a bit in faith... don't you feel we've all been frozen in place for too long?

And we are running our **Welcome Home Series** – each Sunday at 9:30 am and 11:00 am we will welcome and bless a different group of heroes we are proud of: this Sunday those who have suffered the loss of someone to Covid, or have been ill. Our Catholic community stands by you all in your sorrow. Next Sunday the 19th we'll honor the best people among us, the most selfless: the first responders, health care and essential workers. And each week we'll greet a new group we are proud of in this crisis... see the ad elsewhere in this bulletin or pick up a **Welcome Home** card on your way out.



July 19 was going to be a day we held an **Outdoor Mass** and picnic as part of our Welcome Home series, but there were complications with insurance, so we have decided to move it to August 30 and make it a joint Mass and BBQ on the grounds of Sacred Heart.

We had our **Mega Raffle** drawing July 4 and the big prize went to the brother of a parishioner, and second prize to a newlywed couple – the young man grew up here and is currently in Army boot camp. Thank you to all who bought tickets... proceeds are used to make our **Family Program** even better. This year we will bring this innovative approach to religious education to Sacred Heart Church too!

Thanks be to God for enabling us to continue **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every day of the week, around the clock, even during a pandemic. Amazing! This is the source of power and grace for us all – people are in that Divine Mercy Chapel in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament praying for our parishioners. If you can take an hour a week, it will be the best experience of your life.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. Thank you for your continuing support of our parishes in these crisis times – you have been terrific with your steady support. Despite the loss of fundraising income in both parishes (no Golf outing or Gala dinners, reduced tuitions in religious education and ECLC), your donations are getting us through it. You're the best parishioners anywhere!

summer offerings

FAITH FORMATION FOR TEENS, YOUNG ADULTS, IN-PERSON AND ZOOM



Our Story YA
Wednesdays
July 29 – Sept 2
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Register by July 26



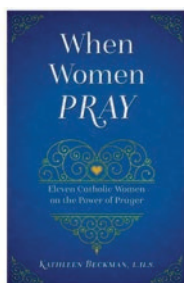
Faithfully Fit for Teens
July 20-24
6:30-8:30 pm



The Search
Fridays
July 10, 17, 24, 31
8:15 pm-9:45 pm



Why Forgive
Wednesdays
July 15- Aug 12
7:00 pm-8:15 pm



Women's GIFT Book Discussion
Monday
July 13
6:30 pm-8:15 pm



From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Ministry Tuesdays
Starts July 21
7:00 pm-9:00 pm



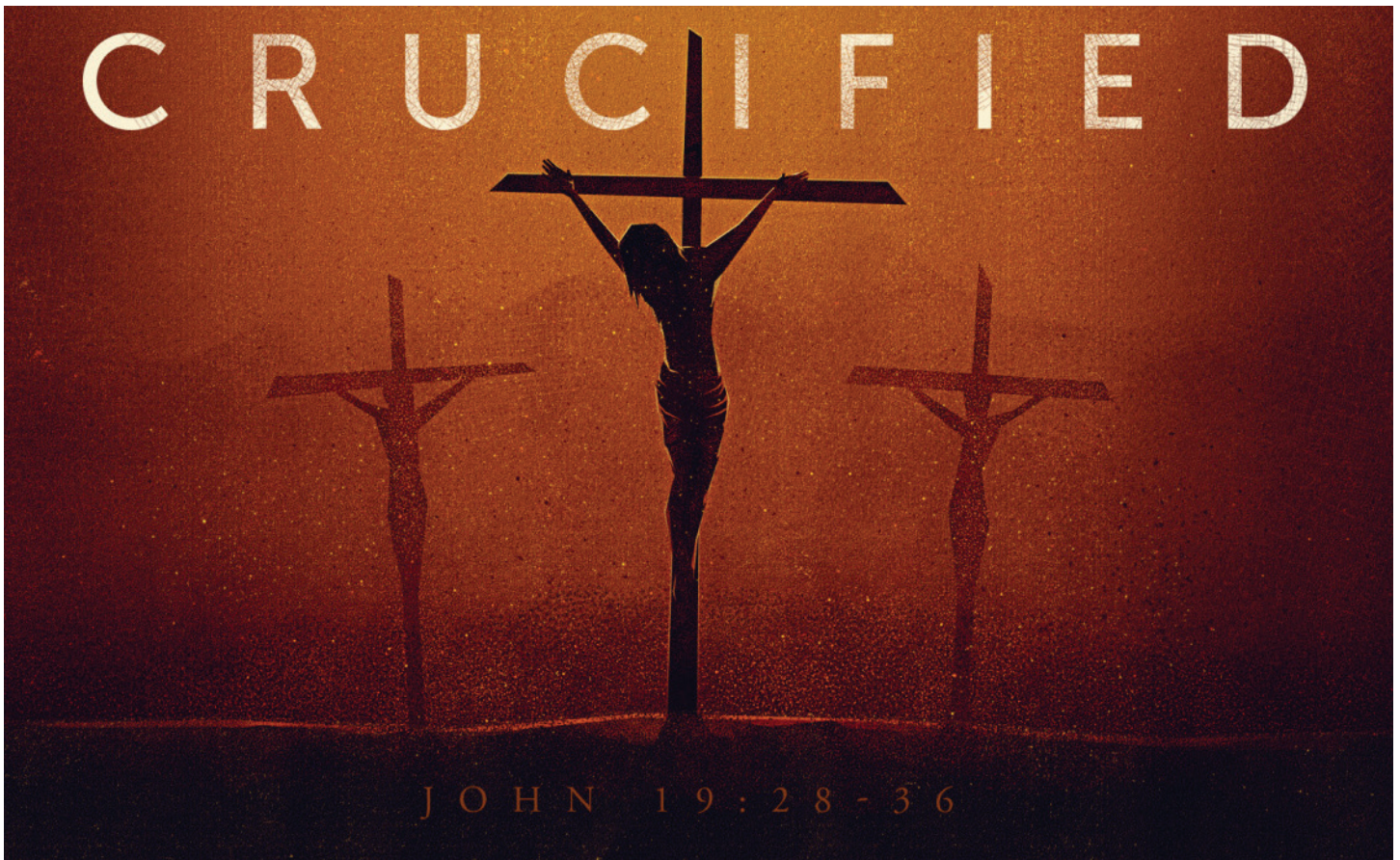
Presence-Zoom
Tuesdays
July 7 – 28
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Men's Ministry Zoom
Saturdays
7:00 am-8:30 am

There is something for everyone.

Register at stlawrenceotoole.org/summerofferings2020



redemptive suffering

Michael Brady



One of my first assignments as Eucharistic Minister to the home-bound was to an elderly man three years bed-ridden with cancer. He had little strength but boy his eyes lit up when receiving the Eucharist and Word of God! Next to his bed hung a three foot cross of Christ Crucified. I noticed the wood floor from his bed to the foot of the cross was worn to the sub-floor.

When I asked his full-time nurse what that was from she told me, “every night he prays for two hours and then lowers his medical bed, shimmies onto the floor over to the cross to kiss the feet of Jesus”. When I asked him “Why?” he pulled me close and whispered in my ear, “to console The Sacred Heart of Jesus”. This memory is forever etched in my heart and for the next year and a half, he would teach me what this meant.

You may be wondering what this has to do with redemptive suffering? The answer is everything. Ephesians 5:16 says, “This may be a wicked world but your lives should redeem it”. The word redeem means to rescue, set free, or ransom back to God what has been lost. We often lose sight of the definition to “set free,” and we miss the power of our example as Christians to do exactly that — set our neighbor free. Having been born on the Feast Day of St. Peter and

St. Paul I can attest to this claim. Two saints who after many trials spent a good deal of there ministry to the early Christian Community to embrace suffering as an authentic witness to the fortitude and fidelity of their baptism in Christ Jesus. United with Christ, every trial can be transformed and elevated into Redemptive Suffering. It is Jesus who continues to suffer in the Christian for the good of all mankind.

Don't get me wrong, suffering is hard. I know first hand from the many tragedies in my own life and the health battle I am now facing. And I am keenly aware of the suffering ignited by this pandemic to the likes we have never imagined. The secular world will volley every ill-conceived remedy at you to avoid that suffering. As one of my “Bible-buddies” taught me, “play volleyball with Christ instead”. Serve it back to Him and you will find, He likes to play both sides of the net. Don't wait for the storm to pass by to look for Christ. Look for Him in the midst of the storm instead. Every pain we endure with love, every cross borne with resignation, benefits every man, woman, and child in the Mystical Body of Christ. And yes, by consoling the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our desires begin to be attracted to the things that He is attracted to; our longings begin to long for the things that He longs for, and the hope we bare in the One who is in control will usher in the eternal life paid in full by His precious blood.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
-Romans 8:28



deepening faith in prayer



Nelva Zambrano

We have a church community that understands our spiritual needs. I had the honor of participating in some groups with our wonderful church volunteers and our beloved pastor Father Gill. They dedicated their time to prepare for

us these groups so that we could unite in worship, prayer, and study. One group was facilitated by Peter Ryan, our devoted Musical Director, and Jack Kristensen, a parishioner who is a Seminarian. PRAYER WITH PETER has been a blessing and an inspiration as well as a source of light in a time of darkness and confusion. In Prayer with Peter, I learned to calm my thoughts, allow God to enter my mind and heart through the Word as I reflected during Lectio Divina. I learned to wait on the Lord by keeping quiet and

listening to the music and words as they spoke and hearing what Jesus wants to tell me.

We learned about a meditation called the pirate prayer (ARRR). This prayer is a means to develop a relationship with Jesus. Each letter of "ARRR" represents an action (Acknowledge, Relate, Receive, Respond) and together lead into a connection with Jesus on an individual level. He meets us where we are at.

I learned how scripture is more than a source of knowledge but rather a powerful source of connection and understanding. I often focus on Jesus being crowned and I focus on his pain. He was obedient to fulfill his mission. The fact that I can offer up my pain to be transformed to help someone is amazing.

It was a wonderful experience of how each of us shared our understanding of what we read and understood from the Word in the Gospel. Everyone shared something that God revealed to them. This made me feel that God loves us each individually. He loves us as we are.

Peter and Jack have a wealth of knowledge to share about our faith and encouraged us to ask questions we might have. They were so helpful clearing up some of our concerns. This openness allowed us to let go of fear. I appreciated this so much. I loved the music that Peter played because it flowed with his words every time and led us into prayer mode. From the beginning, I felt this group was heaven sent. If singing in church is praying twice, Peter's music must sound like an Angelic orchestra in heaven!

I look forward to the next Prayer with Peter in the fall. Thank you so much. God keeps blessing all of us.

At Mass, we will recognize everyone in these groups and offer them a special blessing.

welcome
HOME series



- 7/12 – Families who lost loved ones or were otherwise impacted by COVID-19
- 7/19 – Heroes: First Responders (Police/Fire/EMS), Health Care and Essential Workers
- 7/26 – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- 8/2 – 2020 Graduates
- 8/9 – First Communion Candidates & Confirmandi
- 8/16 – Moms & Dads who home schooled during Covid
- 8/23 – Expectant Moms, Engaged Couples, New Babies

FREE donuts and coffee, plus juice packs for kids after the 9:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses.



update on st. lawrence centennial renovation campaign

Last month, we made another \$150,000 payment off the principal balance of our loan. This brings our remaining balance down from \$750,000 to \$600,000. We hope to pay this off completely over the next five years, and that will mark ten years (2015) since we did the great renovation of the Church for our 100th anniversary of the stone church. At present our interest payments amount to \$30,000 per year so we want to pay it off as soon as possible.

The overall cost of the renovation was \$3.8 million. We've come a long way, paying approximately \$3.2 million plus about \$400,000 interest in five years. We borrowed from the Archdiocese at 5% annual interest and we have been paying it down steadily with your



generous help. We also used \$900,000 from the sale of the land we had acquired back in 2003 for a possible new church.

Many people made pledges for five years, others gave gifts as they were able, others made longer term pledges and still others are continuing to help with the Centennial Gold envelopes or through **WeShare**. Every dollar we receive from Centennial Gold goes straight to eliminating our debt. None of it is taxed or assessed in any way by the Archdiocese.

You have been tremendous in your support for this renovation and your ongoing support of this campaign. If you haven't yet and if you possibly can, use the Centennial Gold envelopes each month or give to Centennial on **WeShare**. Whatever you can give each month, be it \$10 or \$50 or \$100, helps make us debt free. This chart shows what came in during June, for example.



centennial renovations

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| June | |
| Gold Envelopes | \$ 2,344 |
| Other Centennial II Gifts | \$ 1,350 |
| WeShare | \$ 1,002 |
| TOTAL | \$ 4,696 |

welcome HOME

PEG SMITH



In my lifetime, I've traveled on journeys both physical and spiritual. Many of them have had a starting point from a home base like St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. In the last several months, the pandemic plague has kept me from many Christ centered activities at St. Law-

rence including bible study, Secular Franciscan gatherings, being a lector, and discipleship meetings. I have not been able to share physical space with my brothers and sisters in Christ. The isolation has been hard.

From afar, Fr. Gill and the wonderful staff provided so many options including the Daily Bread at noon, the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm and Psalm You to Sleep at 9pm. I was able to join Zoom meetings, but I missed the personal interaction with my fellow parishioners. Although I've watched the LIVESTREAM Mass, I was not able to receive the Eucharist. I was grateful for the prayer of Spiritual Communion but yearned for receiving Jesus sacramentally.

This past week as I approached the entry to St. Lawrence O'Toole and saw the "Welcome Home" banner, my heart grew lighter. Home, I was home! So many feelings came upon me ... joy, gratitude, wonder, awe, and peace. The church was alive again after a time of slumber. It was alive again with peo-

ple like myself seeking each other. It was alive again with human hearts anticipating with gratitude participating in the Mass.

As I sat in the pew, people who offered a wave or nod of peace again surrounded me. As they nodded their greetings my spirit relaxed as I felt enveloped by Our Lady and Christ who welcomed me home. Then add to that anticipation the excited feeling that I would be receiving The Eucharist was indescribable. After receiving back in the pew, I heard the still small voice in my heart say, "*Be still and know I am your God*". Peace, home, joy. No words needed. Just be still.

I was home again! My physical and spiritual hiatus was over. I sat and let the peace that only God can give fill my inner core. I smiled as quiet tears rolled down my face hidden under my mask. Christ who suffered and died for me was waiting. He had been waiting all along for my return. He was preparing the best home cooked meal any weary traveler could ask for.. Himself.



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for the future generations
of our parishes



It is important for everyone to have a will in order to insure your assets are directed according to your intentions and that everything is clear when you go back to God. Many people distribute what they have among loved ones and also generously leave a portion of their assets to the parish.

You can leave a gift to build up the future of your parish (St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart) with a bequest in your will. Some people leave a percentage such as 10% of their estate to the church, and others leave a fixed amount.

Previous generations of Catholics built up the church we inherited... leave your legacy for the Catholics to come after us.

Call the rectory to find out more information:
845-279-2021

CONGRATULATIONS mega raffle WINNERS

- Grand Prize: \$25,000 German Britez**
sold by Sally Silvestro
- 2nd Prize: \$2,500 Johnny and Ginny Noce**
sold by Fr. Richard Gill
- 3rd Prize: \$1,000 Maureen Lerner**
sold by Judy McDermott
- 4th Prize: \$1,000 Marie Daly**
sold by Maureen Herbstritt



Crucifix by Timothy Schmalz

This beautiful Crucifix reminds everyone of the love and the mercy of God who sent Jesus to save us.

We're trying to raise \$25,000 to cover the cost of the sculpture and installation.

Anyone who can contribute something is welcome to send a check to the rectory or contact Maureen, the business manager at 845-279-2021. Thank you.
-Fr. Richard Gill



parish support st. lawrence parish support

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Weekend of July 5 | |
| In Pew Collection | \$ 6,035.00 |
| June WeShare weekly | \$ 6,939.21 |
| Total | \$ 12,974.21 |

sacred heart parish support

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Weekend of July 5 | |
| In Pew Collection | \$ 2,730.00 |
| June WeShare weekly | \$ 658.49 |
| Total | \$ 3,388.49 |

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.



parish staff

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
- Rev. Thomas Berg.....Weekend Associate
- Mark Shkreli.....Deacon
- Julie Noce.....Pastoral Assistant
- Maureen Herbstritt.....Business Manager
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- 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
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