

august 9, 2020 nineteenth 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.

stlawrenceotoole.org

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Saint Lawrence



Welcome Home Series: 2020 Graduates

mass intentions

Saturday, August 8

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Julius Salas
5:30PM John Gress
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, August 9

8:00AM Bill & Peggy Sullivan
9:30AM Joan Culleton
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Thomas Fitzpatrick
11:00AM Mary & Robert Cleary
& Kathleen King

Monday, August 10

8:30AM Patrick Disbrow

Tuesday, August 11

8:30AM John & James Leather
7:00PM Lois Zutell

Wednesday, August 12

8:30AM Colleen Murphy
7:00PM St. Lawrence O'Toole Society

Thursday, August 13

8:30AM Patrick Disbrow
7:00PM Amelia & Cesare Pigat

Friday, August 14

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

Saturday, August 15

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Peter Mark Raspitha
5:30PM Drew Durkin
7:30PM Manuel de Jesus Jacinto Cruz

Sunday, August 16

8:00AM Donato Bianchini & Family
9:30AM The Johnson Family
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson
11:00AM McCluskey & Ebert Families

power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

Aug 10 Intentions of all those traveling for vacation
Aug 11 For all our college students returning to school
Aug 12 Intentions of Fr. Richard Gill
Aug 13 For our children who will participate in VBS
Aug 14 For more adorers to fill our 24/7 adoration
Aug 15 Intercession of our Lady
Aug 16 For all parents

dedications

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for
Walter T. McSpedon
At the request of the Kathleen McBride

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 ◦ 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 ◦ Kaitlyn King ◦ Mary McMahon ◦ Joseph P. Massimo ◦ Michael Brady

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is half my life. The other half consists in loving Jesus and winning souls for Him.

-St. Mary Hermina Grivot

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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 to 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 2:00 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.

call musicians and singers

The choir is looking for those who are natural born singers and musicians. If you feel the Holy Spirit is prompting you to get involved with sharing your gifts please contact Peter Ryan at peterryanmusic@gmail.com





August 9, 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,

One of the many amazing stories at St. Lawrence has been the **Centennial Renovation** we finished just five years ago, commemorating the construction of our stone church in 1915. Instead of moving our church to a new site and starting all over, we opted to renew the traditional church and bring out all its beauty and elegance. We were able to add a wing on to the church for the **Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel**, two new confessionals, a sacristy, handicapped elevator, sacristies and storage areas. We made the church easily accessible from the parish center side where there had been no entrance.

It was also remarkable that we managed to do it all while we were doing a room by room renovation of the old school into a **state-of-the-art Parish Center** and **Early Childhood Learning Center**. Now hundreds of kids and adults are able to use the Center for faith formation, schooling and prayer. Everyone was delighted with the way it turned out and were generous in giving to support the renovation.

The story of that generosity was also amazing. We spent \$3.8 million on just the church renovations, and we pay 5% interest on the money borrowed. But since 2014 we have paid down all but \$600,000 thanks to the generosity of our parishioners! We had many pledges, most of which have been completed over five years. You have all been awesome in your giving and thank you so much.

Many people have also chosen to give once a month through our **Centennial Gold** envelopes or through **WeShare Centennial**. As you can see from the financial report elsewhere in the bulletin, we get about \$4000 a month in these Centennial gifts and that is helping us pay down the balance of our loan.



Our plan is to finish off the loan in the next four years, so we need to keep chipping away at that last \$600,000. If you can help by using the **Centennial Gold** envelopes once a month and give whatever you can, or make a recurring gift on **WeShare**, I would be so grateful. Any amount you can give – large or small – will be a great help. And every dollar goes directly to this loan, with no assessments or taxes by the Archdiocese.

We've come a long way and we are getting close! Thank you for your steady support of our parish.

You're the best parishioners anywhere!

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. Save the date: Sunday August 30 at noon. **Outdoor Mass and picnic at Sacred Heart for both parishes!**



becoming faithfully fit!

LAUREN NOCE



I was blessed during the week of July 20th-24th, to run the brand NEW FaithFully Fit program at St. Lawrence O'Toole. There were seven participants, who are incredible young ladies from 7th-9th grades and two older teens who served as my fearless co-facilitators. During the camp it was incred-

ible to see these young ladies come together and talk openly about topics ranging from: healthy nutrition, fitness and working out, relationships, and seeing themselves as someone created in the image and likeness of God!

The girls were able to connect with one another and myself throughout the week-long camp, each day we learned something different about ourselves, each other, and our faith journeys. It was great to see each one interact and push each other out of their comfort zones as we made smoothie bowls, played basketball and brainstormed the ideal qualities of our potential future husbands!

Some of the girls said that the FaithFully Fit Program:
“helped me to know that other girls my age may be struggling with the same things that I am going through”
“was a place where I felt free to express my thoughts and feelings”
“inspired me to do things I never would have thought about doing.”



Today more than ever our society is giving our young girls an unrealistic expectation of what they are supposed to look, think, act and feel like. Through our talks, we learned how social media has hurt many young women's self-esteem and confidence. It is so easy to believe the lie that we're not good enough, we don't have enough friends, money, nice clothes, maybe that we don't look a certain way, or drive the nicest car, or have the best house.

My hope for our next Faithfully Fit Camp is for the ladies to learn that earthly things afford us nothing if we don't have a relationship with Jesus. I want to see more young women (and all people) desiring to practice healthy eating, fitness, and most importantly: seeing themselves the way that God sees them. This is how they can stay close to the Lord, grow in virtue, and weather the storms that are surrounding us in the world today.

Please join us for our next **Faithfully Fit** on **AUGUST 17-21** at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Gym. For all **LADIES** going into 8th & 9th grades. Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/FaithfullyFit Contact **Lauren Noce** for more information: (845) 656-2185.



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SAVANNAH DEFELICE

We just finished the Presence class on Zoom. We had 22 participants, some from Saint Lawrence O'Toole and some from Scared Heart, we even had a few people from different states! We had a great group of people who love the Lord and wanted to understand in more depth the power of the Eucharist. The class is so informative, exploring Sacred Scripture and how it all relates to now. Everyone in the class learned something new or had an "aha" moment! I highly recommend anyone to watch the Presence videos on Formed.org for a deeper understanding of the Eucharist and it's origins.

This was such a powerful class, that it is not enough to take it just once. This is my second time participating in this class and it is just as awe-inspiring as it was the first time around. We learn from the Old Testament that Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the Tree of Life and lost favor with God. Jesus was crucified and the cross becomes the new Tree of Life and the Eucharist is the fruit. When we eat this fruit, we will live forever.
-Kathy Friedlander

This class was particularly meaningful during this time we were deprived of receiving the Eucharist because of the Pandemic. The references to the Eucharist in the Bible were discussed and it made us explore how much we didn't know existed about the Eucharist In the Bible. The questions presented in each class gave us more insight into how the Eucharist was found in the Bible.

-Vivian and John

I was raised a Catholic but had stopped going to church ages ago. My wife, was raised Baptist and only recently showed interest because of Savannah's conversion to Catholicism. She has many questions and these videos have helped her come to a better understanding of many of the traditions and beliefs of the Catholic faith. It has been a blessing to be able to

participate in these online classes, Thank you Saint Lawrence O'Toole for reaching beyond your parish and for strengthening and nurturing our faith in God.

-Mark Ceja

The **Presence** sessions have done an excellent job in reinforcing our belief in the Eucharist being the source of our Catholic faith. That at Mass the Holy Eucharist is transformed into the body and blood of Our Lord, son of God, when the celebrant, reenacting the Last Supper, raises the host and says:

"This is my Body"; and when he raises the chalice and says: "This is my Blood." The sessions cite numerous biblical passages including the words of Jesus: "I am the bread of life. Unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood you have no life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day." The Presence sessions drive home the point that, for us Catholics, transubstantiation does, indeed, mean the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. That's a very powerful reminder when we attend Mass. Thank you Savannah and Ellen for organizing these sessions and for allowing us to participate. Well done.

-Tish

Thank you Savannah for stepping forward to facilitate this beautiful course, **Presence**. You both did an excellent job in presenting to the group. This is my second time taking this course, and I learned more about this sacrament of love, than I did the first time around. Tim Gray cites many biblical passages, including from "The Bread of Life Discourse", which reinforces, by Jesus' own words, that we are consuming the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, through transubstantiation. Tim Gray also pointed out the objections that Jews, Protestants, pagans and the secular society have in regards to this mystery, which was very interesting. This course was truly informative and worthwhile taking.

-Joyce Carozza

ADORATION



god's plans for me cannot be altered



CARMEN CONSTANTINO

God had been calling me to Eucharistic Adoration for a while. I felt that daily life demands kept me from committing to an hour weekly for adoration. God always offers a way for you to become close to Him; mine came in the recommenda-

tion by a parishioner to become a substitute adorer. When I started adoration I filled the hour with reading, prayers and singing hymns in my head.

In March, I was temporarily laid off because of COVID-19 closings. A frustrating week followed thanks to my unemployment claim becoming a seemingly insurmountable problem.

Since "at risk" people were staying home, I was called to substitute for adoration more frequently. Perhaps, it was God giving me the opportunity to go to him with my concerns and find peace in his holy presence. My time off from work allowed me to cover more adoration hours and it became a great source of joy. Especially, since I felt lost without the weekly Mass. I missed being in church, my fellow parishioners and receiving communion. I began my adoration hour with some form of prayer and then just enjoyed God's presence. I laid my unemployment concerns in His capable hands. I was never afraid of infection nor death by COVID-19. I know that God's plans for me cannot be altered.

Without adoration, I would not have felt so much peace while everyone else seemed to be in despair and living in fear. Those extra hours of adoration taught me that, just being in God's presence, is enough. I gave up filling the hour with noise and allowed myself to just be comforted by Jesus present in the Eucharist. I learned that silence is an essential part of my prayer experience. You need time to hear God speak to your soul. What I feel in God's presence is ineffable. I am grateful that our church offers Eucharistic Adoration.

welcome
HOME series



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

- 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 Sunday Masses.

The 2021 Mass Intentions Book for St Lawrence and Sacred Heart will open at **9:00 am on Friday September 11** at the St Lawrence O'Toole rectory. Please limit your Mass Intentions to 6 Masses. Offering is \$20 announced, \$10 unannounced. **Kindly wear a mask.**



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AGES
5-10



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A special blessing will be given at this Mass to all those making their Communion and Confirmation in September.

welcome HOME

JEANINE MURPHY



The Corona Virus has affected so many lives across the globe in so many different ways. Many people have been devastated by the effects through loss of family members and others by way of job loss, financial stress, loneliness, isolation and for many of us, a separation from the Lord in a way we never imagined, not being able to meet Him in the Eucharist. My quarantine

experience had many blessings that I would like to share but it also held some unexpected sorrow.

Even in these difficult times, he gives us gifts. I never realized what a gift it was to attend Mass until it was taken away. We watched Mass on TV for the first few weeks but it didn't take long for me to start to feel a real void, a sorrow and sadness that I didn't realize was associated with being separated from God's Presence. I longed to be in His presence and felt so grateful that we were able to receive Him in the Eucharist again. When a church opened up with outdoor Mass in nearby CT, we immediately signed up. We realized how much we had been taking the Presence of Our Lord for granted. TV Mass was just not the same. Sometimes I'm not on the ball as much I should be and one week I failed to register in time, and the Mass was "sold out". Crazy to even think that you could be shut out of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass but here we are, if you don't get to the website by noon on Thursday, you can't be one of the lucky 85 people who get to be in the

Presence of the Lord on Sunday. The sorrow is something I never imagined I would experience. As former parishioners of St. Lawrence O'Toole I have always received the emails sent out and was following closely the events and amazing efforts Fr. Richard was hosting. I was impressed and inspired.

When we were unable to attend Mass because we hadn't signed up in time, I looked to see if St. Lawrence O'Toole required a sign up. Another blessing, no registration required to go to Mass! We came home a few weeks ago and haven't looked back once. We feel so welcome here and love seeing old friends and familiar faces. The sense of community here is unlike any around and in our time of need, we feel the love of God all around us.



Thank you to Fr. Rich and all of the hospitality committee members for making us feel so comfortable returning to a parish we moved away from 7 years ago.

Leave your mark 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:
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Christ Crucified.

The new Crucifix outside St. Lawrence has been erected as a witness to the love and mercy of Jesus who died for us all. It reminds us of our value in the eyes of God the Father who sent his only Son to die for us, that we might live.

Those who can make a partial contribution to help cover the \$25,000 cost of the sculpture, the woodwork and installation are invited to do so. Please contact Maureen Herbstritt our business manager at 845-279-2021.



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Weekend of August 2	
In Pew Collection	\$ 5,591.00
July WeShare weekly	\$ 6,641.12
Total	\$ 12,232.12

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of August 2	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,609.00
July WeShare weekly	\$ 563.30
Total	\$ 3,172.30

centennial renovations

July	
Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,556
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 350
WeShare	\$ 1,002
TOTAL	\$ 3,908

parish staff

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