



november 22, 2020 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes

### Mass schedule

#### St. Lawrence

##### Saturday Vigil

5:30, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

##### Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

5:30 pm

##### Monday-Friday

8:30 am

##### Wednesday

7:00 pm

#### Sacred Heart

##### Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm

##### Sunday

10:30 am

#### St. Lawrence Cemetery

Plots and cremation niches are available for purchase.

Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201  
call to schedule an appointment.

#### [stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

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& Sacred Heart

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## who do you say that i am?

TINA GRANT

On Saturday, November 7, I attended a day retreat at St. Lawrence O'Toole. It revolved around Matthew 16, when Jesus asked his disciples "Who do people say the Son of Man is" and the disciples answer John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Jesus asks "**Who Do you Think That I am?**" Simon Peter responds "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God". Jesus responds, "Blessed are you, Simon Son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven".

In the past, the retreats I have attended include table discussions. I enjoy and benefit hearing how scripture speaks differently to each of us. This retreat was different. It was very personal. You reflected on your personal relationship with Jesus and the importance of holding onto your faith. It was all about Jesus and me that day. I embraced it. The structure of the retreat was such that I felt as though I was walking alongside Jesus during his journey, right to the foot of the cross. I could not help but dig deep and hear what was in Jesus' heart and in mine.

We have had a tough year and there are difficult times ahead. I think this year especially we learned to hold unto our faith a bit tighter and to trust in the Lord a bit deeper. I want to keep that thought and build on that relationship. This retreat reminded me of Who Jesus is and how much I want that personal relationship that will lead me home to him.





November 22, 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,

I'm praying you all have a beautiful Thanksgiving with family and friends, within the limits of what we can do to remain safe this holiday season. In my family for the first time ever everyone is staying apart with immediate family only. For some of course, thanks to the coronavirus, there will be one member of the family no longer with them and we grieve with them all. This is the month of the poor souls, and we pray for all our faithful departed every day.

It's a good time to remember how fortunate we all are despite the inconveniences and even the tragedies that have come recently. We are in general, still prosperous and blessed beyond what most people in other times and other countries can even imagine. We have our faith and our God who walks beside us even in the difficult times and the crises we have to face.

And Thanksgiving is a time for us all to reach out and give to those less fortunate than ourselves. I'm proud that our parishes have a long tradition of being proactive in charity for the poor especially now. You can help too...

1. Elsewhere in the bulletin you can join in our campaign to support **St. Anthony of Padua in the Bronx** with its effort to feed 500 homeless people this Thanksgiving. Register to give or to join us in the Bronx this Thursday at [stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving) !

2. You can also help with **local meals for the needy** in the efforts our Secular Franciscans and Knights are making.

3. You can sign up to help with our **Brewster Cares Emergency Shelter** program that will give our local homeless a safe and warm place to sleep and a warming center during the day.



We always remember that Jesus said "what you do for the least of my brothers, that you do for me". And we know that is what he will ask us about when we meet him after death. This Thanksgiving and Advent season, let's shake off our worries about our daily things and think about those who have so much less than we do. Jesus identifies himself with them and by loving them, we love the Lord.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill





**JOIN US AS OUR  
PARISHIONERS GO  
TO HELP SERVE  
THE HOMELESS  
IN THE BRONX.**

**ST ANTHONY  
OF PADUA**



**st lawrence o'toole  
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**FOUR WAYS TO HELP:**

1. Providing funding to purchase the turkeys, pork, and ground beef for Thanksgiving dinners that these brothers and sisters in Christ otherwise would not have. Maybe you can give...
2. We will provide gift bags with essential cleaning products for each of them. **We'll be packing the bags on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2:00 pm in the gym.** Come and provide some manpower bagging!
3. We'll also **donate non-perishable food goods** to their local area food pantry: items like rice, beans and other canned goods. If you can donate some of these items, drop them off at the church entrance at St. Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart by the end of Masses on Sunday, Nov. 22.
4. We'll also go in person to volunteer and work on Thanksgiving.
  - 7:00 am — Meet in rectory parking lot and car pool to St. Anthony's.
  - 8:00 am — Work in St. Anthony's kitchen packing meals
  - 10:00 am — Mass with St. Anthony parishioners
  - 11:00 am — Finish packing food and delivering to struggling families
  - 1:00 pm — Return to Brewster

To register to help Thanksgiving Day, go to [stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving).

If you can donate, drop something in the poor box or at the rectory, or donate online at [stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving).



## remain thankful to God in all circumstances

PHILIP KOSLOSKI

Keep this Bible verse close at hand when you have difficulty being thankful to God in difficult situations.

It is relatively easy to be thankful to God for positive blessings that we receive. Whether it is an enjoyable job, comfortable house, or loving family, we are naturally grateful for the good things in life.

However, are we thankful to God for everything, even when situations look dire? This can be a more difficult disposition to have, but it is a necessary one for the Christian. We are challenged to be a people of hope, seeing God's handiwork in all circumstances, even the difficult ones.

Here is a short Bible verse that can help orient our spiritual life in the right direction. Keep it close at hand for those times when we are not naturally thankful to God. It is a reminder that God's will is in every event, even when we don't understand it.

**Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.** (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)



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**PROGRAM**  
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**OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS \$20,000**

Many of our parishioners don't realize Sacred Heart has an additional ten acres of wooded area just past the parish center. This year we started a cleanup of downed trees from the last hurricanes and tornado. This gave us the opportunity to clear land for a path in a park-like setting and create a new, beautiful outdoor Way of the Cross for our parishioners to visit in a quiet and prayerful way.



**GIVING LEVELS**      **MONTHLY GIFT**

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| \$10,000 | \$166 |
| \$ 5,000 | \$83  |
| \$ 2,500 | \$42  |
| \$ 1,000 | \$16  |

**COMMITMENTS**

Gifts: 17  
 Total Committed: \$97,000  
 Average pledge: \$5,700  
 Remainder to reach our goal: \$38,000

Give your pledge today to keep Sacred Heart Strong! If we go over our goal, the remainder will be saved and dedicated to eventually resurfacing the parking lot (a \$100,000 project!)

You can choose to give by **WeShare** or by **check** each month. Fill out the commitment card and we will send a reminder each month. Your gift is your commitment to keep **Sacred Heart Strong** for years to come. Gifts can be made over a period of 60 months. Any additional funds raised will be added to a savings account for the eventual repaving of our church parking lot.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Improvements to the Church Entrance:                                | \$40,000 |
| Beautification of the Church Interior:                              | \$30,000 |
| Replace Parish Center Gutters:                                      | \$25,000 |
| Outdoor Stations of the Cross:                                      | \$20,000 |
| Commemorative Shrine of First Chapel and Burial Site of the Hances: | \$20,000 |

**Total**      **\$135,000**

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# OUR PARISH LEADS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Every day on Facebook, Flocknotes, & YouTube, we put out great material for growing in faith.

## tuesdays



## wednesdays



## thursdays



## fridays



## saturdays



## the way

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Series 2: Obedience #1 – Good is Not Good Enough

You may be surprised to hear that Jesus never told us to be good. He instructs us to be obedient. That is a consistent message over and over in the Gospels, and the Epistles, as well as the Old Testament. Interesting, considering that today's culture has shed obedience in exchange for personal independence and the "right" to do whatever we want.

Let's consider the word "good." What is your definition?

In Luke 18:18-19: Jesus responds to an official's question by saying: "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God

alone." Then in Matthew 5:48 He teaches: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Seems to me that God has a much higher bar on the definition of "good" than we do, right? We throw that word around so freely that it has become meaningless. We all defend people by claiming that they are "good people" even though they may not go to Church regularly or follow Christ's teachings or even believe in God at all, because they are perhaps kind to others or generous with their time or money. But are they good like our Heavenly Father is good? How is that possible if they don't know Him and haven't chosen to be obedient to his teachings? We are fooling ourselves if we accept that our mundane and inconsistent definition of good is a standard to live by.

Obedience is mistakenly viewed as a position of weakness, when in reality it is empowering. If we follow God's ordinances, we know we will ultimately be happy in this world and obedience may be God's biggest factor for determining who wants to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

So, if we are going to follow The Way to Jesus and become his disciple, we have to accept that obedience is essential and good is not good enough.

**Scripture:** Read Matthew 5:43-48. What is it saying to you?

**Call to Action:** Pray asking Jesus to reveal one way that you can be more like the Father and to give you the grace to make the change.

## order your crèche

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## thanksgiving meals for homebound

The San Damiano Fraternity of Secular Franciscans and the St. Lawrence Council #1495 Knights of Columbus will deliver a hot turkey dinner to anyone in Brewster, Carmel, Mahopac, Patterson or Putnam Lake who is ill, homebound or alone on Thanksgiving.

**Dinner Referrals** come from parishioners, family, friends, neighbors and social service agencies. Please call **Cathy Quaranta at 845-661-6783**. **Contributions** will buy the food in quantities. Make checks out to SAN DAMIANO FRATERNITY and mailed to **Judy Bruen, 1041 Drewville Road, Brewster NY 10509**. **Volunteers** to deliver the meals are appreciated. Please call **Cathy Quaranta 845-661-6783**

## a night out on the knights

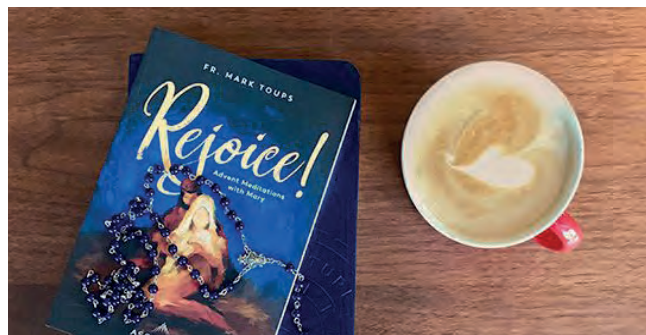
Tickets for the new '20-'21 program are now on sale. Contact Tom Radak at 845-279-7934 or any Knight of Columbus.

## ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Nov. 29 | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Dining Hall

Come start a family tradition of making your own Advent wreath! Fun for the whole family.

Register: [stlawrenceotoole.org/AdventWreath](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/AdventWreath)



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## Silent Bazaar Raffle

# Nov. 26



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your list



## mass intentions

### Saturday, November 21

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Don Parfitt  
5:30PM Michael Carleton  
7:30 PM Spanish

### Sunday, November 22

8:00AM Patrick Durkin  
9:30AM Raymond Pellecchia  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson  
11:00AM Joseph & Edna Allen  
12:30 PM Ellen Galgano  
Spanish  
5:30 PM Ann Thomson

### Monday, November 23

8:30AM John "Jack" Gress

### Tuesday, November 24

8:30AM The Deceased Members of  
the Johnson Family

### Wednesday, November 25

8:30AM William Bergen  
7:00 PM CDA Spiritual Bouquet Donors

### Thursday, November 26

8:30AM Myles Tomblin

### Friday, November 27

8:30AM John & Mary Calise

### Saturday, November 28

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Mike McDermott  
5:30PM Intentions of Msgr McCabe  
Scholarship Fund  
7:30 PM Spanish

### Sunday, November 29

8:00AM Westin Family  
9:30AM Mary Welsh  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Esther Gaspar &  
Elizabeth Turnyanski  
Joseph Gleason  
11:00AM Ellen Galgano  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30 PM Andrew & Marilyn Clarke

## pray for

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

Kaitlyn King ◦ Mary McMahan ◦ Joseph P. Massimo ◦ Michael Brady ◦ Betty Lou Lawlor ◦ Maryann & Jackie Civita ◦ Carol Garcia ◦ Laura Faul ◦ John Donovan ◦ Hailey ◦ Bonnie Grant ◦ Andy Morehead ◦ Robert Sarlo ◦ Larry Tobin ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ John Curra ◦ Angie Salas ◦ Patrick Joyce ◦ Dawn Sarlo ◦ Amy Lauro ◦ Mary Kay Newman ◦ Patricia Lichtenberger

**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](mailto:SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com)



*Devotion to the Eucharist is the noblest of devotions, because it has God as its object. It is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace.*

*-St Pope Pius X*

## adoration of the blessed sacrament

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is the source of the many blessings we are witnessing at St. Lawrence O'Toole. We have 24/7, (24-hours a day/7 days a week) Adoration in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel.

There are Adoration time slots that need a partner. Contact Paul Lavelle [Lavelleslot@comcast.net](mailto:Lavelleslot@comcast.net) or call 914-318-8523

Keep Him company for an hour  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration)

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# parish support st. lawrence parish support

## Weekend of November 15

|                        |    |                  |
|------------------------|----|------------------|
| In Pew Collection      | \$ | 6,687.00         |
| October WeShare weekly | \$ | 6,437.82         |
| <b>Total</b>           | \$ | <b>13,124.82</b> |

# sacred heart parish support

## Weekend of November 15

|                        |    |                 |
|------------------------|----|-----------------|
| In Pew Collection      | \$ | 1,500.00        |
| October WeShare weekly | \$ | 556.50          |
| <b>Total</b>           | \$ | <b>2,056.50</b> |

# centennial

## Centennial loan amount is \$554,498.30

Your contributions in the Centennial Gold envelopes, or on WeShare Centennial, go directly to pay down our balance. We are making great progress and hope to pay it all off by 2025, just ten years after our amazing renovation.

**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.

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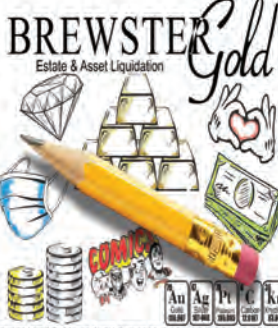
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