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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

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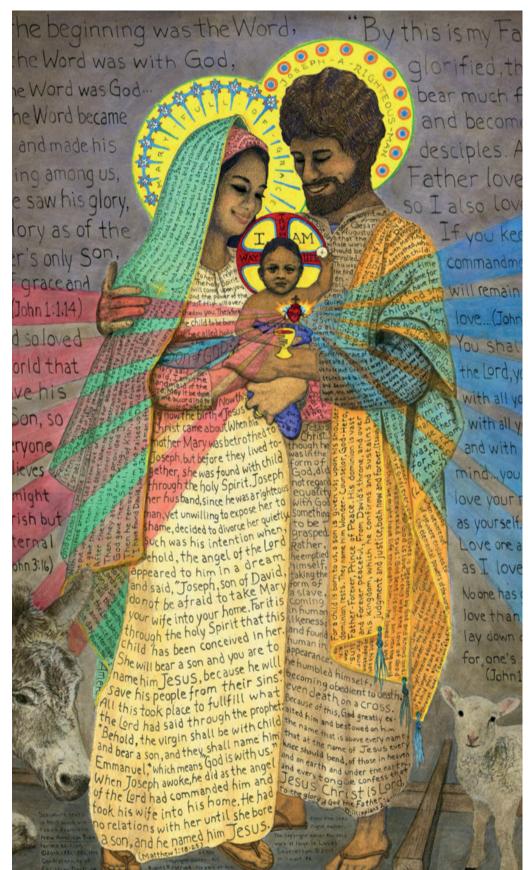
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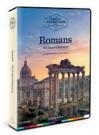
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while we're at it

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,

It's the final Sunday of a very tough year. Everyone is glad to see it go away. We're all exhausted.

But now that we have celebrated the birth of Jesus, we are reminded that evil never has the last word. Jesus does, and those who follow him will renew their hope. We Christians don't put our hope in how things may turn out in the world. We hope in the person of Jesus, who is always in control no matter how bleak things may seem to us.

The new year will likely bring some relief from the danger of the virus, from the economic disruptions we have faced, and perhaps things will get back to something resembling normal. But the chaos we have lived this year reminds us all that this world is not our final home. We look forward to the kingdom of Christ – a kingdom of peace, of justice, of love where there is no more death and no more violence.

The Church starts every new year with the celebration of Mary, the Mother of God – New Years Day is her day. She was the beginning of hope for the world, because she brought us Jesus. She trusted he could bring a new creation, a new way to live, a new start to the world.

Most of us are probably dragging ourselves into the new year limping along, hoping things get a little better, that we have fewer problems. We can just be mediocre, and just get by more or less the same as ever.

Or we can make a decision that it will be a year we grow and get to know Him in whom we put our hope – Jesus.

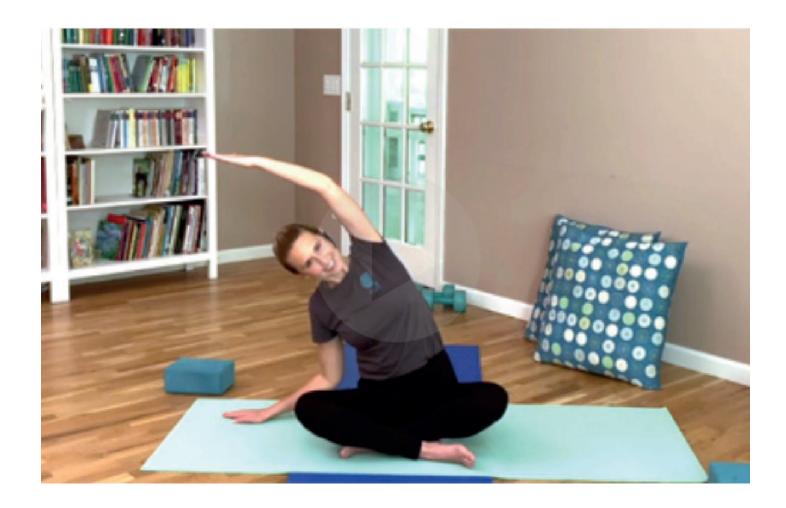
I challenge you to make 2021 the year your relationship with Jesus goes deep. Crack open your bible, Make time to pray. Drop into the Church every day for five minutes. Learn more about our Catholic faith. Start doing some serious service work for less fortunate people.

Make a decision today: that by the end of 2021, you will be more faith-filled, more committed to your Christian life. You will be a person that does Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, that frequents the sacrament of Confession, that loves the Mass and the Eucharist.

If you do, you'll find that no matter what chaos or crises comes, you'll have peace of soul and a deep joy the world cannot take away.

God bless.

Fr. Richard Gill



fitness through surrender

JESSICA NATALO

Growing up, there were three important aspects of life that were emphasized: God, education and sports/fitness. My father believed that the body was a temple and we should take care of it. My faith life has always been a part of me, ebbing and flowing at different points. As a special education teacher, education has also remained close at hand. Fitness has been similar to my faith life: ebbing and flowing. Recently, these areas have flourished as my children have gotten older and I have more time to concentrate on what was put to the side.

I always steered clear of yoga remembering that someone had said it didn't align with our Catholic faith. However, the stretching and balancing positions were something that my life lacked. So, every once in a while, I would go to a yoga class. When it came time for the mediation or the "ommmmm", I would just

insert Jesus' name. So when the rest of the class said "ommmmmm", I would say "Jesuuuuuuuuus". No one had any idea that I had my own way of centering!

Fast forward to **Pietra Fitness**. I saw the notice in the bulletin and was intrigued by it. Could this be something that I had been searching for? I remember the first session, Jessica, (yes, the teacher and I had the same name), explained to us the history of Pietra and the difference between it and Yoga. I was hooked after the first time. Jessica showed us how to use this form of exercise as a prayer and "surrender" to Jesus. Believe me, we were sweating for Jesus too. It was something that I had never experienced before with my fitness. Throughout the exercise positions, Jessica led us in prayer and meditations. I recommend this class to anyone who is looking for a fitness challenge through their surrender to Christ.



national night of prayer



Throughout the night-time hours of December 8 -9, St. Lawrence O'Toole parishioners gathered in devoted solidarity on the National Night of Prayer for Life, praying to end abortion, euthanasia, and all offenses against the dignity of the human person, to make reparation for those sins, and healing of those who are suffering.

Following the 6:30 pm Mass

for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Father Gill moved the Blessed Sacrament from the Adoration Chapel to the main altar where it remained until 8:30 am Wednesday. All through the night, people quietly arrived and prayed to Our Blessed Mother with those from parishes throughout our nation.

"The people spread out in the pews praying silently had an intensity I've not seen before in more typical Holy Hours. It was beautiful to see, and wonderful to participate in as brothers and sisters - this night of single petition to God." ~ Joe Massimo

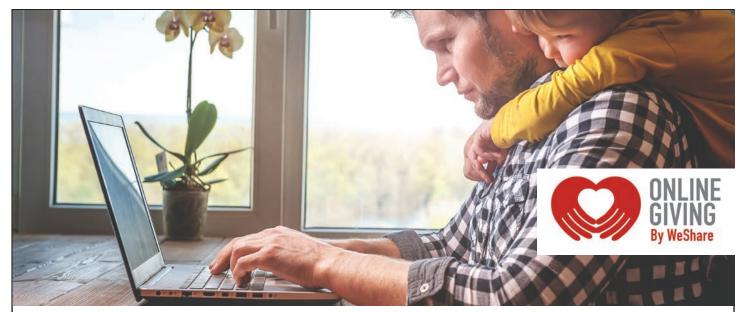
"In our longing for greater reverence for Life in every stage, we gathered in our quiet church to pray to Our Savior for all whose lives are threatened. We came in the dark of night to pray, entrusting our hopes to God. Some were cocooned in prayer. What a sign of hope this is!" ~ Jean Anthony

"In some ways, time is the greatest sacrifice we can offer; and the genocide of our brothers and sisters is likewise the greatest cause we can offer sacrifice for, alongside the conversion of the world that has allowed for it to happen." ~ Peter Ryan

"I realized during Adoration on the night of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the importance of life. Jesus was a baby too and was sought out to be killed. My heart broke and I realized immediately that I was there for all those that were destined to be saints but never got a chance." ~ Juliana Cecera

"Walking into the church in the evening and seeing so many people adoring our Lord and praying for Life was overwhelming. Then to return before dawn and to once again see so many people. It was very powerful." ~ Betsy Hansbury

"Adoration always brings me a feeling of peace and it was inspiring to see so many people participating in the National Night of Prayer. When I walked outside, got into my car, and looked to my left, I saw a beautiful sunrise over the church. I felt like the peace was outside too, not just in the church." ~ Judy Callahan



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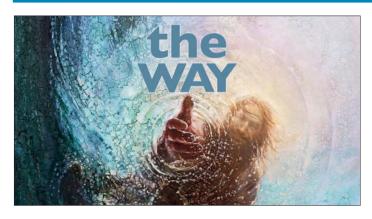
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The Lord of the Rings, The Narnia Chronicles, and Star Wars. The heroes arrive at crossroads, make what they think is the best decision, then continue on and deal with the ramifications. We do the same and as years pass and we reflect on our choices, it can be clear that it matters less which road we take versus how we respond to each road's obstacles.

I have reached an understanding with myself that I will not look back with regret or guilt on past decisions. I accept that I made the best decision I could based on what I knew at the time. To think that I could have known the future is to think that I am God. That is what the devil wants us to do – to pridefully think we should never make mistakes. He also wants us to hold ourselves and others forever responsible for disappointing outcomes.

It is liberating to recognize that unexpected outcomes germinate from both wise and unwise decisions and to quote St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

God who created both lemons and lemonade longs to show us his glory in both the sour and the sweet. Therefore, let's remember that The Way of a disciple travels both the obvious and unlikely paths. And both the loving and the challenging relationships that develop along the way can draw us deeper into union with Jesus, if we let them.

Scripture: Romans 8:28. What is God saying to you?

Call to Action: Make a resolution to forgive yourself and someone else for the New Year and join Deacon Mark in his 5-week series, *Why Forgive?* beginning January 13. Register at **stlawrenceotoole.org/WhyForgive**

pray for

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

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italian take out dinner 1/29

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mass intentions

Saturday, December 26 4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Mike McDermott

5:30PM Intentions of Msgr. McCabe

Scholarship Fund

7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, December 27

8:00AM 9:30AM

10:30AM Sacred Heart

11:00AM

12:30 PM

5:30 PM

Franco Lamorte & Family

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Francis Joseph Hogan

Michael John Keegan

Vincent Stefano

Bridget Higgins

Monday, December 28

8:30AM

Rosemarie Disbrow

Tuesday, December 29

8:30AM

Antonio Lamorte & Family

Wednesday, December 30

8:30AM Franco Pigat Joseph Herbstritt 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 31

8:30AM Giuseppe Guglielmo 6:30 PM Ray Baldwin III 7:30 PM Spanish

Friday, January 1

8:30AM

Msgr. McCabe Scholarship Fund

10:00AM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

10:30 AM Sacred Heart Kathleen Civetta

Saturday, January 2

4:00PM Sacred Heart Anne Gardiner

5:30PM 7:30 PM Quinlan & Calise Family

Spanish

Sunday, January 3

8:00AM 9:30AM

10:30AM Sacred Heart

11:00AM

12:30 PM 5:30 PM

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Spanish — Katie Cooper

Sr. Corita Clarke



dedications

The Blessed Mother Candle at St. Lawrence is dedicated to Emilia Zamboli requested by her daughter Theresa



celebrating Jesus's birthday

KIM SANTERRE

Christmas time at the **Early Childhood Learning Center** was a bit different this year, and while much of what we would normally be doing has been halted due to COVID-19 restrictions and mandates, we are still salvaging all that we can to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We have been busy learning about the Holy Family and the night Jesus was born. Plus, we have been enjoying music and dancing. In addition, we have been crafting fun and festive activities and decor that are adorning the hallways and classrooms, and now our windows, so that parents and families can have an outdoor glimpse of what's taking place inside of our facility. We also counted down to Christmas Day. Unfortunately, we were not able to perform our annual Christmas show for the families.

While we have been doing our best to make sure our children and staff remain isolated in their individual static groups, we haven't lost our creativity. So instead of a live Christmas show, we have been busy working on filming a special video, with the help of one of our dads who is going to be editing and compiling the footage together, to share with our families, in an effort to commemorate the 2020 Christmas season. While nothing these days is ideal, we have been blessed by God because our beloved **Early Childhood Learning Center** has reopened successfully and all within our facility have remained healthy and happy!!! Merry Christmas and looking forward to a much better New Year!!





parish support

At the time of print the collection numbers were not available

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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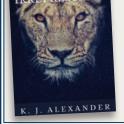
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