

january 17, 2021 second sunday in ordinary time

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

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sacredheartpattersonny.org

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YEAR DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH

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the way

LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

Series 4, **The Divine Conductor** – The Nativity



In our Father's magnificent Symphony of Salvation, the Nativity is undoubtedly the greatest movement to date. The incarnation of his only Son, born of a virgin in a cave far from her home, accompanied only by her husband, surrounded by animals, and visited first by angels and shepherds. Unprecedented. And for it to be successful, it was essential that each participant follows the Divine Conductor in perfect obedience and trust.

While pondering the Nativity this Advent, I received additional insight as to why God directed the story the way He did. Mary and

Joseph settled on a cave for shelter, and we can learn from their poverty and humility. Indeed, we do, but I suggest that God chose that cave particularly to honor Mary and Joseph.

Imagine if Mary and Joseph got the last room at a crowded inn. Think of the noise: children running, people singing, yelling, arguing, doors slamming... Not a peaceful atmosphere for young parents to welcome the newborn king.

And think about it: what is the first thing 1st century women would do if another showed up ready to give birth? Of course, the midwives would usher in and Joseph would be ushered out! Not only would that scenario ruin the intimacy that Mary and Joseph ultimately experienced, but it could not support the amazing way Jesus was to be born.

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary did not give birth in the normal way because Mary was born without original sin. The pain of childbirth was a direct result of Eve's disobedience, God shielded her from that. This birth also allowed Mary to maintain her perpetual virginity. God did not want this miraculous birth witnessed by the residents of Bethlehem, so the cave was perfect. Mary and Joseph were alone in the quiet night with angels attending to the birth of their Son. Assuredly not the way that Mary and Joseph had imagined, but a far more awesome way.

Scripture: Read Luke 2:6-7. What is God saying to you.

Call to Action: Read an insightful explanation on the Church's teaching of the virgin birth, at catholic.com and search for "Was Mary Free From Labor Pain."



January 17, 2021

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 don't know about you, but I was hoping 2021 was suddenly going to return to normal. Instead, we've got chaos in the government transition, talk of impeachment, social media giants wielding power to censure, and continued division and polarization this year too. On top of that, the vaccinations can't come fast enough to keep up with the spreading cases. Help!

I guess "return to normal" will take some time. And extra patience on our part.

It's in times like this that the Church and Christianity in general show that it is a force for stability and serenity. We've just returned to "Ordinary Time"... the time in the Church's annual calendar not marked by special seasons like Advent, Christmas or Lent (that comes next month). We settle in to celebrate and thank God for his love that lasts forever, in any situation of chaos or strife.

It can be a reminder to us all that God is in charge and even though the world might be turned upside down, He says to us once again, "Do not be afraid. I am with you all days, even to the end of the world."

Let's face it: the Church has lived through two thousand years of pandemics, revolutions, wars, persecutions, tyrants – and occasionally times of peace and tranquility.

And through it all, Jesus Christ is still there with us. And the Church is still standing. She keeps proclaiming his message: "Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand."

We persevere. We keep the faith. We are confident in the one who is greater than any power on earth.

The 33rd Psalm says it well:

"The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

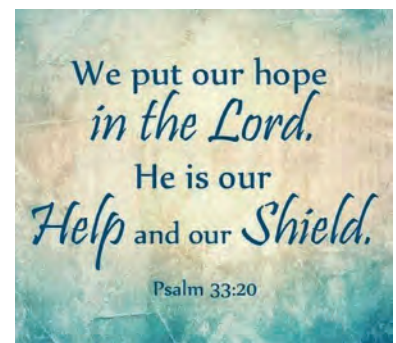
"Our soul is waiting on the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. In him do our hearts find joy. We trust in his holy name.

"May your love be upon us Lord, as we place all our hope in you."

Let's all make sure, that whatever else happens in these troubled times, that each one of us make 2021 a year in which we deepen our trust and our love for God. In the end, that's what matters most – for time, and for eternity.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill





winter faith formation

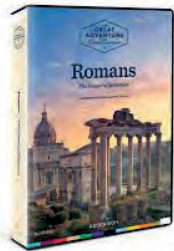


WHY FORGIVE?

WEDNESDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM
Jan 13 — Feb 10
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Join us as we explore the complex and emotional subject of Forgiveness. Deacon Mark will begin by sharing his own personal forgiveness testimony. Participants will read and discuss four of the chapters in WHY FORGIVE?, by Johann Christoph Arnold. The testimonies in the book along with the teachings of the Catholic Church can help you begin the New Year with healing you never thought possible.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/WhyForgive



ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

THURSDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM
Jan 21— April 8
9:30 am – 11:30 am or 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Discover what it means to be saved! Romans will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. Above all, it will help you to enter into a more meaningful relationship with Christ.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/Romans



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

SUNDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM
Jan 17 — Feb 21
9:30 am – 10:30 am
NEW YORK ROOM

In the midst of crisis, confusion, and a world at war with the Church, it's time to come home again to our spiritual father, St. Joseph. In this richly researched and lovingly presented program of consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, brings to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and the Terror of Demons.
REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/StJoseph

MOVIE NIGHT: PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST

FRIDAY
Feb 26
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
GYM



Roma, 67 AD. After the fire that burned a great part of the city, Emperor Nero names Paul, Jesus' apostle, as guilty of the fire, arresting and imprisoning him. Despite the risks, physician and medicine man Luke gets access to the jail and meets Paul, who accepts Luke's request to tell his biography for a new book about Jesus' teachings. Join us for a revealing portrayal of the barbaric conditions the early Christians endured and the great faith that formed the foundation of our Catholic Church. Warning: contains graphic and disturbing scenes.
REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/PaulMovie

PRAYER – SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

SUNDAYS - IN PERSON: & ZOOM
FEB 21 – MAR 28
6:45 pm – 8:15 pm
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



One day we will stand before Jesus and speak face-to-face. We don't have to wait for heaven for intimate communication with our God. A deep prayer life allows us to have a close relationship with Jesus here and now. Our goal in prayer is to deepen our friendship, to pour out our hearts and hear God's merciful and loving guidance in return. Use this Lent to learn to pray following the model of Scripture and the saints. Bring a Bible and a small notebook.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/FaceOfGod



SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

WEDNESDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM

Feb 24 – Apr 14

7:00 pm – 8:45 pm

DINING HALL



If you are a Catholic who loves your faith and wants to know how to share it with those in your life (or even with those you have never met before), join us during Lent for this exciting new program. Sharing our faith can seem daunting or even out of place for Catholics today, but it is our duty and vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This training is designed for beginners. It includes informative videos, small group discussion, and role-playing exercises.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GoodNews

WOMEN'S GIFT

MONDAYS-ZOOM ONLY

Jan 11 – May 3

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



We are continuing the fascinating and engaging study of women saints and holy women that we began last spring. Women from the Old Testament as well as contemporary saints will be included. We'll be pondering the work of the Holy Spirit in building the Body of Christ through these women and discovering some of God's most unlikely helpers. This spring we will study one saint each meeting. Participants are asked to choose from the list of holy women to prepare and present a summary of her life and work. Join us as we meet some amazing women!

REGISTER AT: stlawrenceotoole.org/GIFT_Saints

Men's Ministry

SATURDAYS- IN PERSON & ZOOM

ONGOING

7:00 am-8:30 am

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



The primary duty of a man is to be a good spiritual role model to his family. This has never been more essential than in today's society. Men's Ministry meets each week to learn and discuss topics related to our Catholic faith, spirituality, and issues that impact our lives as men, professionals, husbands, and fathers.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/MensMinistry



FROM MOURNING TO JOY BEREAVEMENT

TUESDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM

ONGOING

7:00 pm -9:00 pm

NEW YORK ROOM



Our bereavement group meets weekly to help people rebuild their lives after the loss of a spouse, child, parent, family member, or friend through group support and applying biblical principles to the healing process. We meet both live in the parish center and on Zoom to accommodate everyone. We have witnessed great healing, as people move from morning to joy.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/Bereavement

SURVIVING DIVORCE

TUESDAYS, EVERY OTHER WEEK

ZOOM ONLY

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



Jesus longs to mend your heart and lead you to a life filled with promise, peace, and joy. We offer support to begin the healing process. Journey of Hope is a program for separated and divorced Catholics. The practical topics addressed in each session are discussed within an intimate, confidential environment and give participants the tools they need to begin a hopeful new life. The program uses the teaching of the Catholic faith, including the teaching on the nature of marriage, annulments, and remarriage.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/SurvivingDivorce

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGES

Travel virtually with your fellow parishioners this winter and spring to the destinations of some of the world's great pilgrimage sites. With expert tour guides and great photography, Covid travel limitations will not stop us from growing in faith as we witness our loving God responding to the needs of his people all around the world. Stay tuned for the upcoming itinerary!





church grants plenary indulgence for year of st. joseph

The Apostolic Penitentiary issues a Decree granting plenary indulgences for the year of St. Joseph proclaimed by Pope Francis. The special year will last from Dec 8, 2020 to Dec 8, 2021. The Pope announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary and “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus.”

During this period, the faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves “with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today.”

Devotion to St. Joseph — The decree notes that devotion to St. Joseph has grown extensively throughout the history of the Church, “which not only attributes to him high reverence after that of the Mother of God his spouse but has also given him multiple patronages.”

At the same time, the Magisterium of the Church continues to discover “old and new greatness in this treasure which is St. Joseph, like the master in the Gospel of Matthew who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

Conditions for the plenary indulgence —The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

- The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. “St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us”, the decree reads, “to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God’s will.”

- The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph’s example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. St. Joseph “encourages us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in carrying out our duties,” the decree notes.

- The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences, in order that “all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family.”

- Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work can also obtain the plenary indulgence.

- The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution. Because, the decree notes, “the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt shows us that God is there where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he runs away, where he experiences rejection and abandonment.”

A universal saint—In addition to these, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, “To you, O blessed Joseph” especially on “19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph’s Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition) on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition.”

The decree recalls the universality of St. Joseph’s patronage of the Church, noting that St. Teresa of Ávila recognized him as “a protector for all the circumstances of life”. Pope St. John Paul II also said that St. Joseph has “a renewed relevance for the Church of our time, in relation to the new Christian millennium.”



Rejoice! Mary Meditations

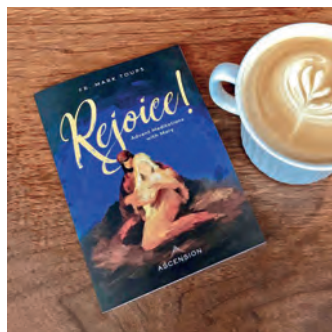
PURA MENDENEZ



Rejoice! Advent Meditation with Mary helped me travel with Mary as she awaited Jesus's birth. Mary is a young, devout girl who has not yet lived life. What is she feeling, thinking? What are her fears? We speculate, we don't really know. There isn't much written about her or for that matter not much is written about women in the bible. Remember women were thought of

as chattel in those times so our accomplishments were not considered important enough. We can identify with Mary because our feelings, thoughts, fears are pretty much all the same, aren't they? No matter of status, culture, ethnicity we all go through the same thing. This also includes men.

Just like Mary we have to fully trust in God's plan for us, without question. We have plans, God has other plans. Mary quietly accepts all the trials and changes in her life she did not expect. She gets her strength from God and prayer. She depends on God entirely and of course, Joseph who never leaves her side. The strength of heart that must have taken to just trust. Can we do that today? In these days of "I



can do what I want when I want, and I don't need anyone, I can do it all by myself." This could not have been easy, we forget that though God put her on this earth for this special birth, she was still a creature like us. Thank you, Mary for being our Advocate as a good mother should be and for showing us what quiet strength and love can accomplish.

For me, it was more of a reminder. I was raised by a mother who was devoted to Our Mother Mary and had a quiet strength like Mary. My mother who buried four of her children and quietly after a while accepted God's will and gave me a lesson in love, endurance, and faith. My Mom didn't give in to her anxieties, she prayed, didn't give in to her fears, she prayed. As I gave her grief in my youth she'd close her eyes and say a little prayer before she spoke to me. This class just made me realize that all I am I owe it to Our Mother in heaven who taught my mother in heaven.

"Waiting is the key word for me in these troubled times we are living in. Just like Mother Mary is helping me embrace the waiting because Mary waited with God. I need to do the same."

- Sylvia Riolo

"Besides hearing wonderful personal stories from the ladies who shared so willingly each week, I found myself drawing closer to our Lady and being more mindful of her in a daily presence kind of way. This class also makes me truly aware of the emotional and physical struggles She and Joseph endured Therefore reminding me to offer my daily struggles and problems up to Jesus."

- Pat Russell

pray for

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

Kaitlyn King ◦ Mary McMahon ◦ 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 Laura ◦ Patricia Lichtenberger ◦ Judy Bruen ◦ Henry Joyce ◦ Kayla Pinzur ◦ Clifford Gale ◦ Brian Seibert ◦ Ed Dolan ◦ Baby Noah Martinez ◦ Jodee Koontz ◦ Jason Morales ◦ Illya Beckett ◦ Brianna Martinez ◦ Orlando Serran ◦ Aurora Koontz ◦ Diane LaMoureux ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Justin Lyons ◦ Filiberta Gutierrez ◦ Mances "Mary" Kuczma ◦ Phil Kuczma

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

italian take out dinner 1/29

This year the Italian Dinner Take Out run by the Knights of Columbus will give proceeds to benefit Michael Brady-portion of the net plus any additional donations. **Friday, Jan 29 pick up your dinner from 5 pm to 7 pm.** Includes bread, salad, Rigatoni with sauce, Cavatelli with broccoli and oil, meatballs and susage and Tiramisu. Gluten free pasta available. Pre-paid price: Adults \$20 and Family \$50. **RSVP by Jan. 27** Contact Vinny LaRusso at 845-278-0239 or James Tiffany at 845-671-0184. **To pay go to paypal@kofc1495.org**

brewster community food pantry

If you need to stretch your dollars, sign up at the Food Pantry at 10 Park St. We have fresh produce, meat and canned goods. If it's your first time to the Food Pantry, bring a form of ID. Hours: Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon; Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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Classes run through to April 2021

Reception of sacraments on the Easter Vigil April 3, 2021

For more information
Contact Irene Westin at 845-279-2021
or irenewestwin18@gmail.com

mass intentions

Saturday, January 16

4:00PM *Sacred Heart*

Deceased Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Tim Hanrahan
Spanish

5:30PM

7:30 PM

Sunday, January 17

8:00AM

9:30AM

10:30AM *Sacred Heart*

11:00AM

12:30 PM

5:30 PM

Lucy Mancuso
Caitlin Giamundo
Tom, Betty & Mary Hughes
Maria Libera Viola
Spanish
Marina Ricci

Monday, January 18

8:30AM

Patrick Martin, Jr.

Tuesday, January 19

8:30AM

Intentions of Maureen
Herbstritt & Family

Wednesday, January 20

8:30AM

7:00 PM

John Handy
Intentions of Jean Anthony

Thursday, January 21

8:30AM

Patrick Disbrow

Friday, January 22

8:30AM

Bridget & Thomas Duff

Saturday, January 23

4:00PM *Sacred Heart*

5:30PM

7:30 PM

Don Parfitt
Fredrick, Olga & Susan Lyons
Spanish

Sunday, January 24

8:00AM

9:30AM

10:30AM *Sacred Heart*

11:00AM

12:30 PM

5:30 PM

Michael Fabrizi
Norm Whitbeck
Nancy Caporale
Mary Cioccolanti
Spanish
Joseph Czeladko

dedications

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Mary Welsh** requested by the Gloria Rutledge

centennial campaign report

The balance on our loan is now down to \$525,026, from \$3.8 million when we began seven years ago. At this rate, we should have it paid off in 2025!

Thank you for your continued giving as you can in our Centennial Gold envelopes each month, or by **WeShare** Centennial.

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Be Weird!

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THURSDAYS

10 Sessions: Jan 14 – Mar 11

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8:15 pm

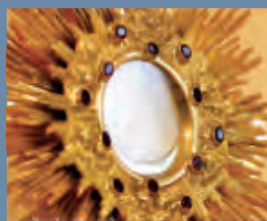
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ORDINARY TIME

Seasons of Praise



Confessions
4 pm-8:30 pm



JANUARY 18, 7pm

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Weekend of January 10

In Pew Collection	\$ 7,651.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 6,306.55
Total	\$ 13,957.55

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of January 10

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,129.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 506.87
Total	\$ 2,635.87

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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 Gifts: 40
 Total Committed: \$148,500
 Average pledge: \$3,712
 Over goal: \$13,500
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