

january 24, 2021 third 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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845-279-2021

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INSTALLATION OF THE MONUMENT FOR SACRED HEART CHAPEL

BREWSTER  cares



Because of you
someone won't sleep
outside this winter.

Living without basic shelter during winter is especially dangerous. As part of our mission to serve others, Brewster Cares is providing an Emergency Homeless Shelter this winter. Offering shelter, food, and basic hygiene for those in need.

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the way

LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

Series 4, The Divine Conductor – Promptings



God's Symphony had Mary and Joseph in lead roles, but we all have essential parts that support the other musicians and the complete piece. An Albany woman shared a story that illustrates this perfectly.

About ten years ago, "Maria" began noticing random people coming to mind. Not necessarily family or friends; it was often acquaintances or fellow parishioners. She would say a prayer for the person, and the thought would vanish.

As time passed and promptings continued, in addition to saying a prayer, Maria would drop the person a note. That evolved into

giving them a call or stopping by to visit. I asked if she always found the people in need. She confirmed that every person was troubled in some way and she felt that the Holy Spirit was prompting her to help them.

Maria went on to tell me a story that happened on that very day. After waking, she thought of a fellow parishioner. Maria had just made soup and decided to take her some. It worked perfectly into her schedule: she would be dropping her grandson off at practice near the woman's home. When she arrived, she discovered the woman had fallen. She might have laid there a long time had it not been for Maria responding to the divine invitation.

It is clear that Jesus has been mentoring Maria for many years, giving her greater responsibilities as she proved ready. Had she not responded in the beginning by praying for Jesus' intentions, she would not have grown in confidence and trust and been ready to help in more complex ways.

I love the image of Jesus conducting that scene: Woman falls; He calls Maria. Jesus knows she will respond: it works in her schedule, and she just made soup! Or did He arrange for the timing of the grandson's practice and prompt her to make soup too? In either case, we see God is in control intricately conducting our daily lives, showing us the perfect way to direct our prayers and actions.

Scripture: Read 1 Peter 1:21. What is God saying to you?

Call to Action: Listen for Jesus' quiet promptings and make the choice to respond.



January 24, 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,

Churches can stagnate just like any institution. Way too many do.

We decided to tackle this problem years ago when we started working on our vision and strategic plan for our parishes.

We developed a vision and plan to be parishes that produce disciples of Jesus, rather than just have members who “show up.” We enable people to follow Christ in their daily life and really live according to his teachings. That’s living in a counter-cultural way.

We also want to be a church that mostly pays attention to those outside the church – those who have never fully committed to be Christians and those who have drifted away. We want them back.

Our Senior Leadership Team is always reviewing where we are at with progress... are we getting stronger, better, more focused on priorities? Are we leading people closer to Christ so he can transform them into disciples, are we challenging people with the full message of the Gospel? Or are we growing complacent, doing the same things over again?

On many levels we seem pretty healthy: good worship, perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, increasing numbers coming to confession, a clear discipleship path for those seeking to go deeper, outreach programs, religious education geared to the whole family, the best in adult faith formation, a good sense of stewardship with increasing revenues, healthy pride in our parish...

But one thing God has put on my heart in recent months is our need to do more to serve the poor and homeless. That’s a part of the Gospel we can’t ignore. To that end, we’ve developed a relationship with a sister parish in a poor section of the Bronx – St. Anthony of Padua. We started up a homeless shelter for Brewster. We founded a non-profit called Brewster Cares to serve the homeless, to tutor kids challenged in their learning environment, to develop successful parenting skills in immigrant parents. We’ve run two successful **Giving Help and Hope** food and essential items campaigns...



I have a sense that not only are those things all worthwhile because Jesus commanded it, but they are also a new way to reach out to those away from the Church, who have little relationship with God right now. Often volunteers step up to help who aren’t parishioners... These programs provide a “meeting place” where we can work with those of good will, even if they aren’t attending our church.

Maybe the Holy Spirit is trying to tell us something. Give it some thought yourself and let me know how you see things. I’d be happy to hear your take on it all – where we are at as a parish, and where we should be going.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



winter faith formation

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

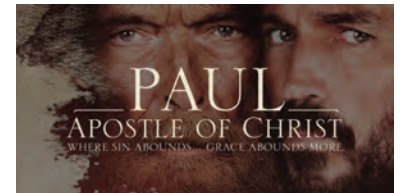


In the midst of crisis, confusion, and a world at war with the Church, it's time to come home again to our spiritual father, St. Joseph. In this richly researched and lovingly presented program of consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, brings to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless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



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

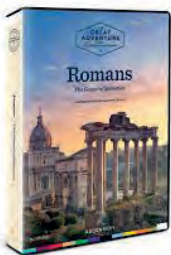
PRAYER – SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

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



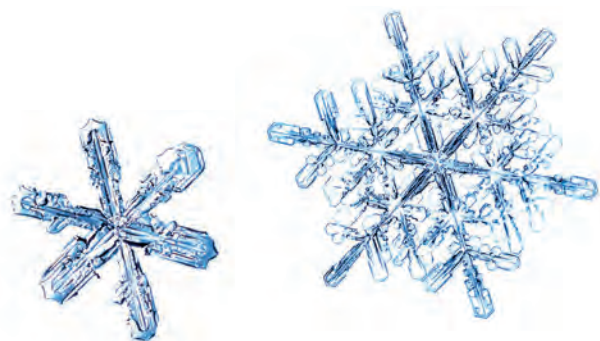
ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

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



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

Financial Peace University

THURSDAYS

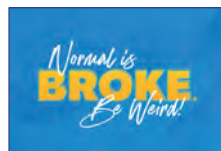
10 Sessions:

Jan 14 – Mar 11

ZOOM ONLY

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REGISTER: fpu.com/113000



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!





surviving the holidays

CATHERINE GEORGES

My father passed away on Christmas Day 2019. That morning I left the hospital knowing that Christmas would never be the same for my family and me. When I returned home, I mustered up the will to put on a brave face for my sons and extended family. I immediately began cooking and baking as we always hosted Christmas Day. Many of the events of that day are a blur, however, I remember the peace and calm I felt in the kitchen and essentially “made it through.” Throughout 2020, my faith, baking and prayer helped me heal.

As this year’s holiday season approached, I chose to focus on the nuances of Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings amidst a global pandemic. In my mind, I had made peace with the death of my father and was going to celebrate Christmas as usual. Then, Lynda contacted me about attending Surviving the Holidays Bereavement. Two thoughts came to mind while she spoke to me. The first, clearly reactionary, was that I did not need a program like this. The second, more reflective, was that I had always been grateful for the many parish programs and support extended to me before my father’s passing. So, filled with that Catholic guilt, I felt obligated to attend.

The days leading up to the workshop were rough for me. Having it on the calendar, forced me to think about the holidays in rela-

tion to grieving. It was difficult because I did not consider myself to still be grieving and thinking bereavement was in the rear-view mirror. I did not believe I would get much out of the program. I was wrong!

Within minutes of entering the conference room in the Parish Center, I recognized the benefits of gathering with others to process loss as well as receive and give compassion. I found comfort sitting in a room with others that had the shared experience of loss. Although everyone was in different stages of grief, there was a familiarity in the potpourri of emotions. There were many strategies discussed on how to cope with the holidays. My greatest takeaway was to plan ahead. I forced myself to think about how I was going to handle feelings of sadness and family questions/comments. COVID-19 gathering restrictions worked in my favor as I was able to be with just my nuclear family. I also spent a good portion of the day in “kitchen therapy” baking a variety of desserts. It was a win-win for all. I gave myself the grace to grieve as well as experience joy without guilt. I truly believe that attending the program positively impacted how I was able to experience the one-year anniversary of my father’s death.

From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Group begins on Feb 2. I highly recommend that if you are suffering from a loss that you consider joining. It may help you manage the myriad of emotions related to loss as it did for me.



BREWSTER  cares

Go to brewstercaresny.org to sign up to help or give.

brewster cares emergency shelter

JUDY CALLAHAN



Brewster Cares is now almost 2 months into the operation of the homeless shelter. To date, 13 unique individuals have accessed the shelter, and we anticipate that the bitter cold winter weather (that we have yet to see) may bring even more people to our doors. Creating and staffing an organization that could meet the urgent need of shelter for our brothers and sisters,

has been a big undertaking, but God has a way of leading us and providing for us in our need. On our part, the recipe was prayer, trust in God and a willingness to roll up our sleeves and do whatever He called us to do.

An organizational structure was established: a board of directors was assembled, an operations manager and overnight and warming center supervisors were hired, and lastly a site was secured and renovated to allow for the opening of a daytime warming center. The warming center also serves as a meeting location for our homeless guests to speak with professional counselors from the Department of Social Services. To date, Brewster Cares has been able to connect some guests with housing services, SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps) and most importantly to begin a dialogue that is the critical first step in connecting them with resources they need.

An outstanding crew of coordinators stepped up to ensure the smooth nightly operation of the shelter, with all that entails including (but not limited to) organizing the cooking and serving of meals, kitchen clean-up, ensuring supplies are adequate and on-the-job volunteer training. These amazing people give of themselves through their corporal works of mercy. I had the opportunity to speak with three women who are this year's coordinators: Cathy Quaranta, Jo-Ann Adorno and Deb Lawlor. They were genuinely enthusiastic and spoke of the importance of respect for all God's children, being a helping hand extension of Jesus. They would definitely 'do it again', and loved the cooperation and collaboration with other churches including the sharing of responsibilities with Christians outside our parish which unites us as children of God. Their comments were inspiring: "the guests are so appreciative and humble, the experience is humbling and lets you see the good in people, the operations manager stops by every day and encourages us, all the supervisors are great, it's smoother than I envisioned, when Father Gill first spoke about it something in my heart said I could...". Is everything perfect? No, but they are dedicated and work to address the challenges. It's all a part of life's journey toward eternal life.

I'd like to invite you to pick up the phone and offer your help as a host. You might feel intimidated, even frightened at the prospect of working at a homeless shelter, but I can tell you that once you take that first step, your feelings will change. Listen and let the Holy Spirit work through you. Take the first step and just say yes.

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

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 Becktold ◦ Brianna Martinez ◦ Orlando Serran ◦ Aurora Koontz ◦ Diane LaMoureux ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Justin Lyons ◦ Filiberta Gutierrez ◦ Mances "Mary" Kuczma ◦ Phil Kuczma ◦ Jim McGuire ◦ Denise Merkel ◦ Jennifer Lipari ◦ Janice Labatte

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 sausage 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.



Gutters, Monument for the Sacred Heart Chapel and Headstone for the Hance's grave is now complete.

Thank you to all the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their generous contributions to make this a reality.

In the spring our other improvement projects will commence:

- Church Entrance:
- Beautification of the Church Interior
- Outdoor Stations of the Cross

mass intentions

Saturday, January 23

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Don Parfitt
5:30PM Fredrick, Olga & Susan Lyons
7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, January 24

8:00AM Michael Fabrizi
9:30AM Norm Whitbeck
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Nancy Caporale
11:00AM Mary Cioccolanti
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30 PM Joseph Czeladko

Monday, January 25

8:30AM Jean Giadorno

Tuesday, January 26

8:30AM Gloria DeGennaro

Wednesday, January 27

8:30AM Lorraine Keefe
7:00 PM Theresa Cafiero

Thursday, January 28

8:30AM Joao Cardoso

Friday, January 29

8:30AM Ralph Sangiorgio

Saturday, January 30

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Eleanor Bell
5:30PM Intentions of Adalia Rosamilia
7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, January 31

8:00AM Christopher Falgiano
9:30AM Kay & Bill Sullivan
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Silvio Marin
11:00AM Thomas Patrick Reidy
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30 PM Josephine Russell

dedications

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Kathleen Civetta** requested by friends





VISIT THE CEMETERY AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS.

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Contact the Cemetery Office at 845-279-2021 x201 for more information

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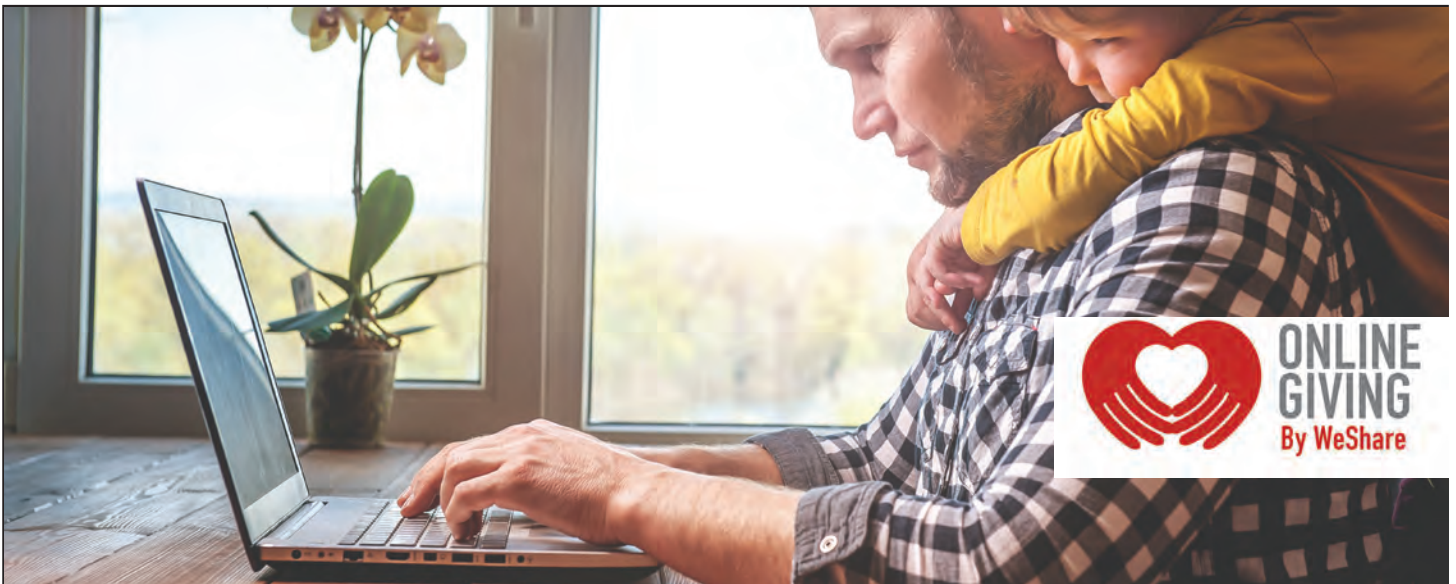


It is important for everyone to have a will in order to insure your assets are directed according to your intentions and that everything is clear when you go back to God. Many people distribute what they have among loved ones and also generously leave a portion of their assets to the parish.

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



Many parishioners in both parishes have switched over to this easy way to give. It has helped us tremendously in keeping our churches going in spite of the pandemic.

Please consider switching over to electronic giving - it's safe, easy, flexible and you don't have to think about it every week. At the same time, you can change and update your giving anytime you want with a few clicks.

give online stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com or sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of January 17

In Pew Collection	\$ 5,723.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 6,306.55
Total	\$ 12,029.55

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of January 17

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,909.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 506.87
Total	\$ 2,415.87

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.



COMMITMENTS

Gifts: 42
 Total Committed: \$151,000
 Average pledge: \$3,595
 Over goal: \$16,000
12% over goal!

WeShare: sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com

parish staff

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
- Rev. Thomas Berg.....Weekend Associate
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- Julie Noce.....Pastoral Assistant
- Maureen Herbstritt.....Business Manager
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- Sally Silvestro.....Director of Communication
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