

february 7, 2021 fifth 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**

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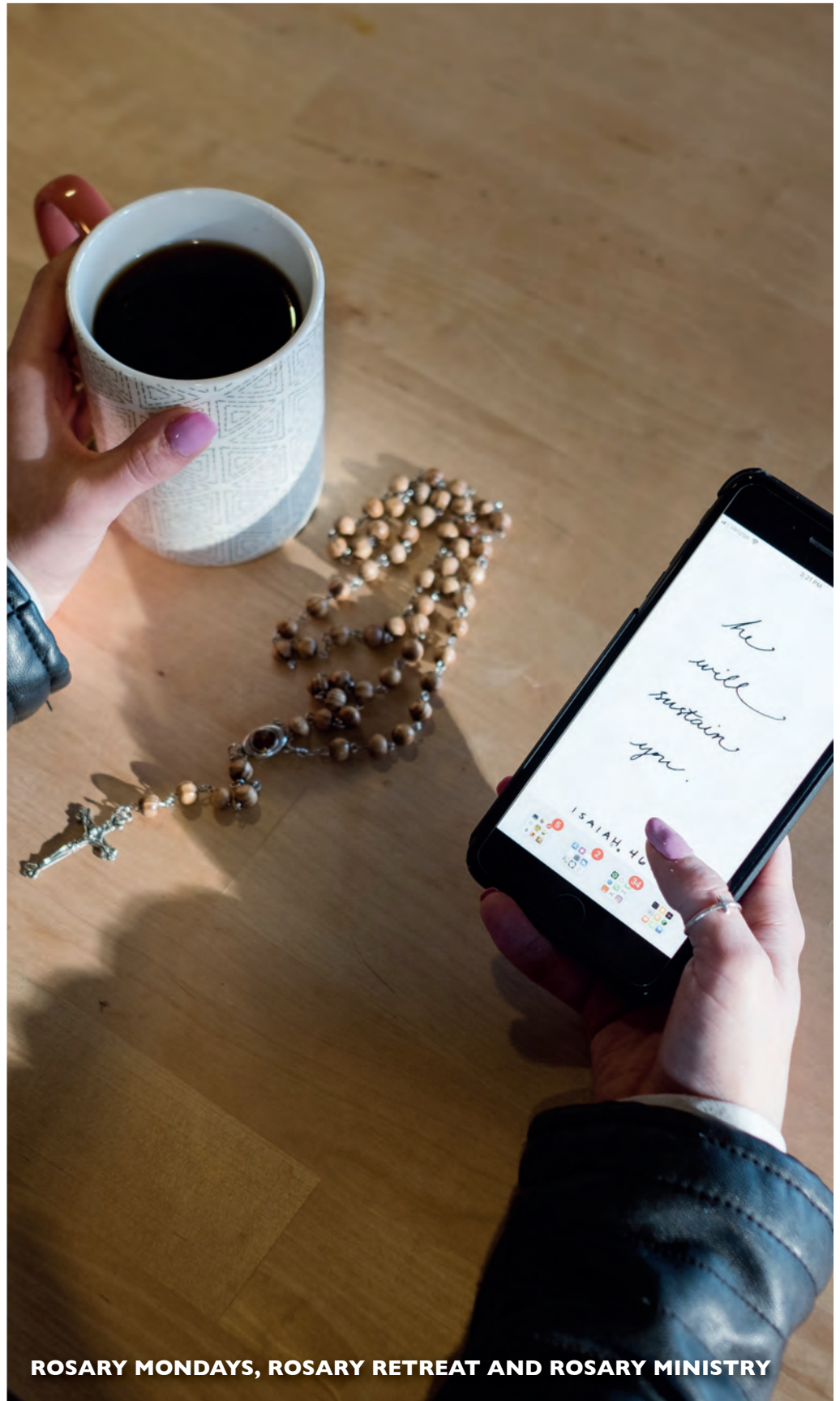
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the way

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### Virtue – Our Flowers



The way to Jesus must always include prayer. That is a rather easy concept for me to accept. Just as we cannot have a close relationship with a human friend if we don't communicate with him or her, we can't expect to come to know Jesus more intimately without a consistent prayer life.

Recently, however, I have been learning that prayer is essential for our lives in another way; St. Teresa of Avila has helped me see prayer from a different perspective. She teaches that just as water is needed to nourish plants in a garden, prayer

is needed to nourish our virtues. Virtues are the foundations of the spiritual life for Catholics and St. Teresa envisions them as beautiful flowers in our interior gardens. So just as with flowers, virtues need the attention and nourishment provided by prayer to flourish.

The goal of every Christian disciple should be to have a vast garden of beautiful, hearty virtues.

The Catholic Church teaches that there are seven virtues: prudence, fortitude, justice, temperance, faith, hope, and charity and they not only prepare us for heaven, but they help us to live more peacefully and joyfully in the here and now.

The first step to growing in virtue is to acknowledge and understand the importance of these essential plants and to commit to give them the attention they need to grow from buds to mature, glorious flowers. In the weeks ahead, I will reflect on each of the virtues and help you to fill your watering can with the prayerful nourishment you need to grow the fruitful and succulent interior garden Jesus has planned for you.

**Scripture:** Read 2 Peter 1:5-8. What is God saying to you?

**Call to Action:** Commit to growing your prayer life and join us on Sunday nights in Lent.

**Prayer – Seeking the Face of God**

6:45 pm – 8:15 pm, In-person and Zoom.

Register at: [stlawrenceotoole.org/FaceOfGod](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/FaceOfGod)



February 7, 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,

All of us are hoping to get back to normal as soon as possible and get our lives back. Hopefully, everyone who can is getting vaccinated as soon as they can. As we mentioned in this bulletin a few weeks back, the Bishops of the United States made a statement that assures us there is no moral issue in taking the vaccine. Some people will have their reservations about safety issues, and that is understandably, etc. but we should not be concerned that taking it is somehow sinful.

Nearly 3000 unborn babies are killed through abortion every day – that's far more than those who die from COVID, but we rarely hear about it. For COVID the government spends trillions of dollars to stop it, and disrupts everything – jobs, education, medical care, travel, the economy, freedom of our citizens. But nothing to defend innocent human life at its most vulnerable stages.

We're all getting a rude awakening that the cause of innocent human life and how fragile the legal protection of the unborn really is. Executive orders from the new President have reinstated funding for Planned Parenthood, the biggest abortion provider in the country. Another executive order committed the US to funding abortion overseas, a practice eliminated four years ago. And the President announced he will support legislation to keep abortion legal no matter what the courts do.

People often comment on the increasing polarization and violence in our society. It's no doubt a fact both are on the rise. But saints have a way of being prophetic voices and seeing things in a way we don't. I often think of what St. Mother Teresa said.

"...I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

I remember the saint was denounced for incendiary language and for exaggerating things at the time. But think about it. If we can kill the innocent when they are a burden on us, who can stop others from killing others especially when they consider them to be a burden or guilty of something? Hasn't that attitude led to us taking the sanctity of all human life much less seriously?

Maybe that is part of the explanation as to why we are so divided.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill





# winter faith formation

**MOVIE NIGHT: PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST**  
FRIDAY  
Feb 26  
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
GYM



**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/PaulMovie](http://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



**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/FaceOfGod](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/FaceOfGod)

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**  
WEDNESDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM  
Feb 24 – Apr 14  
7:00 pm – 8:45 pm  
DINING HALL



**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/GoodNews](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/GoodNews)

**FROM MOURNING TO JOY BEREAVEMENT**  
TUESDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM  
Feb 2--ONGOING  
7:00 pm -9:00 pm  
NEW YORK ROOM



**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/Bereavement](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Bereavement)

**SURVIVING DIVORCE**  
TUESDAYS, EVERY OTHER WEEK  
ZOOM ONLY  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/SurvivingDivorce](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/SurvivingDivorce)



# Share the Love.

Donate part of your stimulus check to help our parishes.

Many people needed the “stimulus check” sent by the government to fight off a recession. Last year it was for \$1200, recently for \$600, and Washington is discussing sending even more. But many people are doing well, despite the pandemic. I prayed and decided I had enough, so I gave it to the parish, my favorite charity. So, I make an invitation to those who can:

At St. Lawrence we will use your donation to reduce the \$524,000 balance on our Centennial loan. We're due to pay it off by 2024, but paying it down saves us interest.

At Sacred Heart you can give it to the Parish Improvement Program, and we'll use it toward the \$100,000 cost of repaving the parking lot.

Take it to prayer... maybe you can help!



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## zoom rosary

### ELAINE JOINER

My husband and I eat dinner around 6 pm, so I have often found it difficult to get to the weekly Monday night Rosary in the church. But when the pandemic struck and the church was closed, Lynda Holler began offering a Monday night Zoom Rosary. What a blessing! Now I can join others who want to participate from their homes and cars, within and far beyond the borders of Brewster and Patterson. Zooming the rosary has meant we can open our doors to people from out of town! I love to see them all and join their fervent responses.

On Zoom, our voices are often out of sync, but that doesn't matter. It has inspired us to imagine how God hears prayer from people all over the world at the same time; they can't be in sync either! What matters to us is being joyfully united with fellow sisters and brothers in Christ in public prayer to our Blessed Mother.

We have been dedicating our prayers to the needs of our parishes, communities, country, and world. We are praying for an end to the pandemic, for health for the sick, the souls who have died, and peace from social and political unrest. We are sure that our prayers are making a difference. Currently we are praying a nine-week novena using the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows for an end to abortion and healing for the women and men who have been impacted by it. That is a beautiful chaplet that many of us are just learning.

If anyone asks me if I have found anything good coming out of the pandemic, I can point to this wonderful opportunity to pray the Rosary in community, drawing me closer to our Blessed Mother and doing my part to bring peace to the world.

Join us on Monday nights. I'd love to see you!  
To get the Zoom link, email [slotlynda@gmail.com](mailto:slotlynda@gmail.com).

If you want to learn the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows, go to <https://www.marian.org/mary/prayers/sorrows.php>

**The First Sorrow**  
The Prophecy of Simeon

**The Second Sorrow**  
The flight into Egypt

**The Third Sorrow**  
The Child Jesus Lost in the Temple

**The Fourth Sorrow**  
Mary meets Jesus carrying the cross

**The Fifth Sorrow**  
Mary at the foot of the cross

**The Sixth Sorrow**  
Mary receives the body of Jesus

**The Seventh Sorrow**  
Mary witnesses the burial of Jesus



## more than beads and prayer— praying the rosary

LYNDA HOLLER

Some people make promises that are too good to be true, but not our Blessed Mother! When she makes a promise, it is absolutely true and worthy of belief. She has made 15 promises to Christians who faithfully pray the rosary. Join us and learn how to claim these promises as your own!

### **Rosary Retreat – March 6, 2021**

On Saturday, March 6, we will be launching the St. Lawrence O'Toole/Sacred Heart Missionary Rosary Ministry. We will come together to pray, strengthen our own love of the Rosary, and learn how to make rosaries.

The retreat goes from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm in the St. Lawrence Parish Center. This special event includes:

- **Multilingual Community Rosary** – people of all languages are invited to come and lead a decade in their native tongue.
- **A talk on the 15 Promises of the Blessed Virgin** for those who faithfully pray the Rosary
- **Adoration**

### • **Rosary Making**

2 hours will be dedicated to learning how to make rosaries. Take yours home to give to children or grandchildren, other family members or friends.

### • **Blessing of the rosaries**

### • **Lunch**

FEE: \$25

REGISTER: [stlawrenceotoole.org/RosaryRetreat](https://stlawrenceotoole.org/RosaryRetreat)

Mark your calendar now and join us for a beautiful opportunity to come to love the Rosary more than ever before and help launch this important ministry.

### **Missionary Rosary Ministry**

Every first Saturday following the retreat, the Missionary Rosary Ministry members will meet at 9 am – 11 am in the St. Lawrence Parish Center to pray the Rosary and learn more about this important devotion while they make rosaries to be sent to groups all over the world. Groups are reaching out asking for rosaries, and we need your help to fill their needs and help them draw more people closer to our Blessed Mother and her divine Son Jesus. Using our hands to make rosaries is more than arts and crafts, it is a therapeutic and prayerful experience that will draw you deeper into the mysteries of our faith.

REGISTER at: [stlawrenceotoole.org/RosaryMinistry](https://stlawrenceotoole.org/RosaryMinistry)



## 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 ◦ Jim McGuire ◦ Denise Merkel ◦ Jennifer Lipari ◦ Janice Labatte ◦ Donald LaMere ◦ Jackie Pasquale

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)

## parish evaluations

This year Fr. Richard Gill will be completing his first six-year term as Pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart Churches. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun. Parishioners and staff who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish. Please address your letters to: **The Office of Priest Personnel**, Archdiocese of New York, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Letters should be received no later than **February 28, 2021**. Any correspondence received after the deadline will NOT be included in the evaluation process.

## magnificat lenten companion

Lent begins Wednesday, February 17. The **Catholic Daughters at St. Lawrence** will be selling the **Magnificat Lenten Companion** for \$4 per copy after the morning Masses on Sunday, February 7. Contact Donna Iazzetti at **845-803-6367** or [diazetti@gmail.com](mailto:diazetti@gmail.com) for more information.

## children's stations of the cross activity during lent

Each Friday during Lent we will have a **Kids Prayer & Pizza Stations of the Cross Activity** in the Dining Hall.

There will be a craft and teaching about the Stations of the Cross so the kids understand the meaning behind each station. At the end of Lent they will have made their own set of stations to use in their home. After Prayer and Pizza, families can bring home pizza to eat later.

- Spanish: 5:00pm -5:40 pm  
- English: 6:00 pm-6:40 pm



## mass intentions

### Saturday, February 6

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Nancy Distefano  
5:30PM Rosina & Pasquale Ruggiero  
7:30 PM Spanish

### Sunday, February 7

8:00AM Armand Giglio  
9:30AM Luisa & Andrew Maiorino  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Sacred Heart Deceased  
CDA Members  
11:00AM Alfonso Pilla  
12:30 PM Kathy Cooper  
5:30 PM Stephen Zagami

### Monday, February 8

8:30AM Intentions of Catholic Daughters  
Spiritual Bouquet

### Tuesday, February 9

8:30AM Deolinda Alves

### Wednesday, February 10

8:30AM Teresa Marie Sullivan  
7:00 PM Patrick Allman

### Thursday, February 11

8:30AM Colleen Murphy

### Friday, February 12

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

### Saturday, February 13

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Paul Shisler  
5:30PM Kristen Marcello  
7:30 PM Spanish

### Sunday, February 14

8:00AM Patrick & Kathleen Stokes  
9:30AM Mary Bonatto  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson  
11:00AM Helen & Jim Ryan  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30 PM Myles Tomblin

## dedications

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Caitlin Giamundo** requested by her family.







# LENT

is a journey that moves us toward the cross

Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence from meat and penance on Fridays. Every Catholic is obligated to receive Holy Communion yearly between the First Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday. Be sure to get to Confession during that time to be worthy to receive Holy Communion

**SEASONS OF PRAISE**  
Every Monday in Lent  
Feb. 22, March 1, March 8,  
March 15, March 22,  
March 29  
Talk at 7:00 pm  
Adoration/Benediction

**CONFESSIONS:**  
Mondays 4:00 pm -7:00 pm  
Fridays 4:00 pm -7:00 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
St. Lawrence: 6:15 pm, Spanish 8:15pm  
Sacred Heart: 7:30 pm

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## FEBRUARY 17

### ST. LAWRENCE

7:30 am Mass  
8:30 am Mass  
12:00 pm Liturgy of Word  
5:00 pm Liturgy of Word  
6:30 pm Mass  
7:30 pm Spanish Mass

### SACRED HEART

6:30 pm Liturgy of Word



# parish support

## st. lawrence parish support

**Weekend of January 31**

In Pew Collection	\$ 6,178.00
January WeShare weekly	\$ 6,158.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,316.38</b>

## sacred heart parish support

**Weekend of January 31**

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,654.00
January WeShare weekly	\$ 521.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,175.64</b>

**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.



# parish staff

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
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