

february 21, 2021 first sunday in lent

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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Goal:	\$77,000.00
Average Gift:	\$ 359.00
Total:	\$ 19,750.00
No. of gifts	55
Percentage of goal	25.0 %

Sacred Heart

Goal:	\$ 11,500.00
Average Gift:	\$ 293.00
Total:	\$ 4,985.00
No. of gifts	17
Percentage of goal	43.3 %

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the Cardinal's Appeal in these hard times.
This appeal provides the funds for the Cardinal to
support poor parishes around the Archdiocese.



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Virtue— Fortitude: Deep Roots

I am very fond of a Hallmark poem entitled,
The Oak. It is a beautiful analogy of Fortitude.

A mighty wind blew night and day.
It stole the Oak Tree's leaves away.
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark
until the Oak was tired and stark.
But still the Oak Tree held its ground
while other trees fell all around.
The weary wind gave up and spoke,
How can you still be standing Oak?"
The Oak Tree said, I know that you
can break each branch of mine in two,
carry every leaf away,

shake my limbs and make me sway.
But I have roots stretched in the earth,
growing stronger since my birth.
You'll never touch them, for you see
they are the deepest part of me.
Until today, I wasn't sure
of just how much I could endure.
But now I've found with thanks to you,
I'm stronger than I ever knew.

Like Prudence, Fortitude is a Cardinal virtue that can be acquired by education and life experience and is multiplied by supernatural means. It strengthens the soul in the pursuit of a moral good, without allowing it to be deterred by fear, even fear of death. It enables us to endure difficult things in the moral or spiritual life; to overcome obstacles and to undertake and bring difficult endeavors to completion.

When the mighty Covid 19 wind swept in last year, I noticed distinctly different responses from the faithful St. Lawrence disciples and others who do not confidently trust in Jesus. It was unprecedented for everyone, but the Christians who manifested their fortitude, exuded peace and acceptance.

They relied on their deep Catholic roots: Scripture, Sacraments, and prayer. They accepted that despite feeling tired and stark God was with them, holding them steady, showing them the way to grow in virtue and trust.

Scripture: Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. What stands out to you?

Call to Action: Identify three fears you have in living your faith with integrity when it costs you suffering. Pray for fortitude.



February 21, 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.

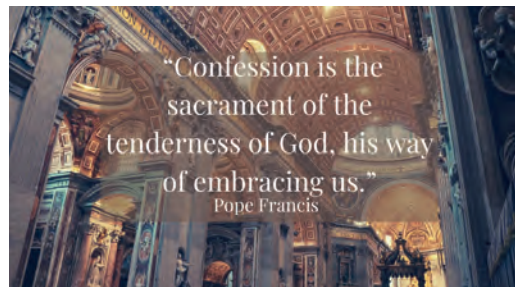
Dear Friends,

We're in Lent of a terrible year of suffering – it feels Lent started last year and never ended. Too many of us have lost friends and loved ones. Just this week we lost yet another local pastor to COVID. There is sorrow all over the country. Our lives are completely disrupted.

Maybe we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, at least we can begin to feel it – and we keep praying as vaccinations increase and the death toll, now nearly half a million Americans, begins to slow. I'm going to offer my prayers and sacrifices for all those souls who died before their time and have gone on to eternal life. No doubt many will remain in Purgatory for a time. I encourage you all to pray for them every day.

While we're dragging ourselves along, let's remember our sufferings and inconveniences can also purify us and help us to do penance for our sins. That penance and change of heart are what Lent is all about – conversion and reparation. We can change them from mere suffering to hope and renewal if we offer them lovingly and humbly.

I'd like to invite you once again: be reconciled to God this Lent. Don't let these forty days go by without changing your life. We've made more hours of **Confession** available. For Lent we have **every Monday from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm and every Friday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. All of us have things we have to answer for, and we can experience God's loving forgiveness and mercy if we go to him.



Also, a great resolution for Lent is to attend our **Seasons of Praise Holy Hour every Monday night from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Different priests will offer reflections this week, and we will zone in on the center of our Catholic Faith: Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

And remember that every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence – no meat allowed. This obliges everyone from age 14 through age 59.

If we live our Lent fully, looking ahead to Holy Week, we'll be prepared to celebrate the great day of the Resurrection.

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

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

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



REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GoodNews

ROSARY RETREAT
SATURDAY
March 6, 2021
9:00 am - 1:30 pm
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TUESDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM
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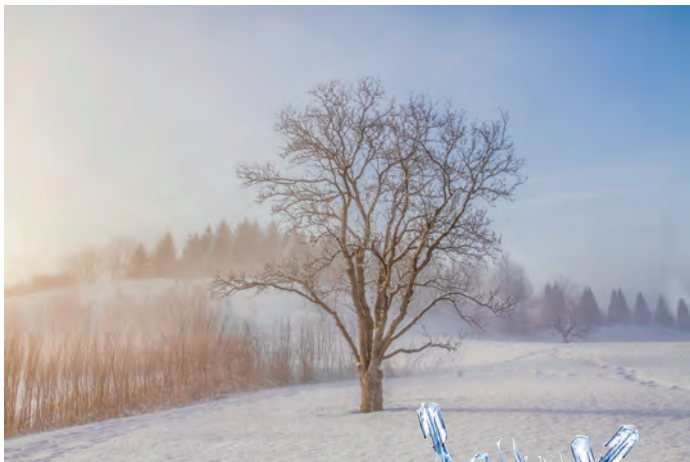


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SURVIVING DIVORCE
TUESDAYS, EVERY OTHER WEEK
ZOOM ONLY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



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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.


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Tears of Christ — During Lent, we are given a reprieve on Sundays as a “mini-Easter,” allowing us to break our temptation. Again, though, this is not designed to allow or condone taking part in any inappropriate behavior, such as beating up a sibling or driving a vehicle while under the influence.

lent 101: what every catholic should know

MATT CHARBONNEAU

What Do We Do during Lent? Lent is a time when we can carry out a three-fold mission, with the key pillars being fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Certainly, these components are not new within our Catholic teachings nor are they reserved only for Lent, as we are encouraged to practice them regularly throughout the year. However, a special and renewed focus on each of them during Lent can foster growth and appreciation within our collective faith and respective spiritual journeys.

Fasting As Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, we, too, are called to forgo something for the same period when observing Lent. It is during this time we can deepen our awareness of his sacrifice on the Cross, as well as Jesus’ daily forgiveness of our sins and unconditional love for us. It should be noted, however, this personal sacrifice should be difficult but healthy, while respecting responsibilities.

For instance, giving up coffee for Lent takes little to no effort if one rarely or never drinks it. Along the same lines, going without something you enjoy regularly—like Netflix, if you watch it often—may seem like an impossible task, but is a small price to pay for a step closer to eternal salvation. A student electing not to do any homework for the Lenten weeks ignores his or her academic obligations and can suffer harmful ramifications. The decision not to use any illicit drugs only during Lent, and then resume the practice afterwards, contradicts our moral duty to obey civil laws and not participate in criminal activities.

Despite the challenge of fasting, we can take solace in knowing Jesus protects us during our struggle, as St. John Henry Newman reminds us: **“Even in our penitential exercises, Christ has gone before us to sanctify them to us. He has blessed fasting as a means of grace, in that He fasted.”**

Almsgiving Stressing the importance of recognizing those in need while demonstrating the model of selflessness that Jesus embodied on earth, Lent offers us an opportunity to further concentrate on displaying acts of charity within our communities. Whether it be through the giving of time, money, clothing or food, volunteer service provides us a perfect occasion to improve society by living out Jesus’ teaching of helping him through helping his people. For example **volunteering at or making a donation to Brewster Cares Tutoring or Emergency Homeless Shelter**. Such offerings remind us of the valuable need to remain disciplined and prudent regarding our own desires in life, as well as the standard set in order to be welcomed into God’s Kingdom.

Prayer Another avenue for self-growth during Lent that can lead to closer relationship with God is prayer. While talking with God is a practice we should conduct regularly no matter what point in the year, Lent presents us with an especially meaningful time to connect with our Lord and nurture our bond. We can strengthen our relationship with God through deeper and more frequent prayer activity, such as Scripture readings before beginning our daily morning routine, or praying at mealtimes, commuting to work or school, or during nature walks and other such exercises or **taking on an hour of Adoration in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel during Lent**.

Lent can also provide us a chance to pray in ways beyond simply asking things from God for ourselves. Praising him for his glory and wonder, acknowledging and thanking him for our many blessings and calling on God to intercede and aid in the lives of others are all examples of how we can appreciate God’s presence and works.

Looking Ahead So while Lent may seem demanding and perhaps uncomfortable, its purpose is definitely not to cause us pain. During this important season, we are given an opportunity for self-examination in order to better discover both our identity as children of God and the beautiful relationship with the Lord that can flow from that. As we embark now on this annual adventure in our faith, may we embrace each day Lent brings as an occasion to advance spiritually and better connect with Jesus and our neighbors.

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 ◦ Ilya Becktold ◦ Brianna Martinez ◦ Orlando Serran ◦ Aurora Koontz ◦ Diane LaMoureux ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Justin Lyons ◦ Filiberta Gutierrez ◦ Denise Merkel ◦ Jennifer Lipari ◦ Janice Labatte ◦ Donald LaMere ◦ Jackie Pasquale ◦ Patsy Schmidt ◦ Addyson Ashley Anello

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

dedications

The **Tabernacle Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Toni Akanewich** at the request of Irene

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is for the intentions of **Michael Brady**

commemorative bricks

Memorial opportunities available. Purchase a brick paver at the base of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, which is on East-view Avenue, or at Sacred Heart in the prayer garden. Each brick can be permanently engraved to honor a loved one who has passed away. Offering is \$200 for a large 8"x8" six-line memorial (at SLOT only) and \$100 for a small 4"x8" three-line memorial. **St. Lawrence:** Call the rectory - 845-279-2021 or **Sacred Heart:** Contact Deb Lawlor- 845-278-4271 or them1@comcast.net (Indicate in the Subject line: Buy a Brick)

adoration resolution for lent

There are few available adoration slots that need an adorer. Consider taking an hour for Lent. Grow closer to Jesus by spending one-on-one time with Him. **Sunday: 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 11:00 pm, Monday: 12:00 am, 1:00 am, 10:00 am, Wednesday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, Thursday: 11:00 am, 10:00 pm.** Contact: Paul Lavelle: lavelleslot@comcast.net, 914-318-8523

formation of new parish priests

The **Cardinal's Appeal** prepares the way for the pastors of tomorrow. In a rapidly changing world, our future priests require exceptional preparation to minister to diverse communities in a digital world. Our seminarians are receiving the theological, liturgical, technological, and administrative skills required to lead the next generation of Catholics. Your gift to the Appeal makes that possible!

mass intentions

Saturday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 21

8:00AM Kathleen Civetta
9:30AM Marie Palumbo
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Joseph J. Tierney
11:00AM Dorothy & Reino Huttunen
12:30 PM Spanish -Kathy Cooper
5:30 PM Frank Matushaj

Monday, February 22

8:30AM Mary & Anthony Rosamila

Tuesday, February 23

8:30AM Blanca Gomez

Wednesday, February 24

8:30AM Pam Carroll
7:30 PM Michael Canarozzi

Thursday, February 25

8:30AM Marija Puskaric

Friday, February 26

8:30AM Helen Rock

Saturday, February 27

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Grace Licari
5:30PM Patrick Joyce
7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, February 28

8:00AM Anthony Rossini
9:30AM Fran Fusco
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Nancy Caporale
11:00AM Tom & Louisa Bisogno
12:30 PM Spanish -Kathy Cooper
5:30 PM Zef Shkreli



“Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation.”

-Catherine Doherty

LENT

In Lent walk alongside of Jesus to the cross

Fast and abstinence 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

CONFESSIONS:

Mondays 4:00 pm - 8:30 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



seasons of
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LENTEN SERIES

**TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?**



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Feb 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22,

March 29-RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confession available from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm



February 22
**Jesus' Forgiveness
& Mercy as the
Source of Hope**

Fr. Paul Waddell
St. Augustine Church
Larchmont, NY



March 1
**Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament
as our Hope**

Fr. Art Mollenhauer
Pastor
St. James Church
Stratford, CT



March 8
**Saints as Men and
Women of Hope**

Fr. Tom Lutz
Pastor
Our Lady
of Loretto
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March 15
**Hope and the
Reading of Sacred
Scripture**

Fr. Tom Berg
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Theology
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March 22
**The Holy Spirit and
the Hope to the
Faithful**

Fr. Joe Espalliat
Pastor
St. Anthony of Padua
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March 29
**Hope When all
Seems Lost**

Dcn. Mark Shkreli
St. Lawrence O'Toole/
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parish support

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Weekend of February 7

In Pew Collection	\$ 7,256.00
January <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,158.38
Total	\$ 13,414.38

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of February 7

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,197.00
January <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 521.64
Total	\$ 2,718.64

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

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