

february 28, 2021 second 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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sacredheartpattersonny.org

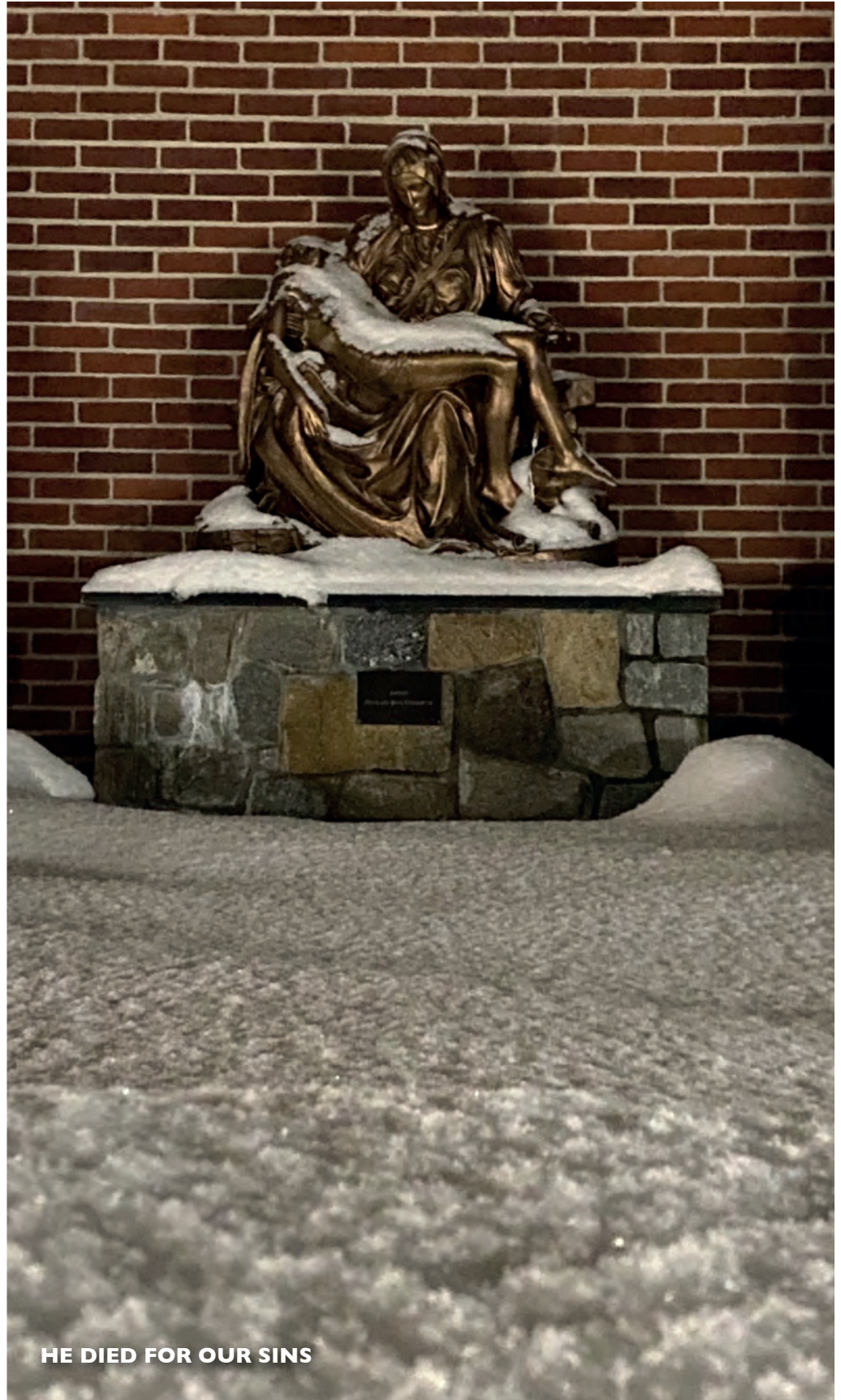
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Sharing God's Gifts

St. Lawrence O'Toole

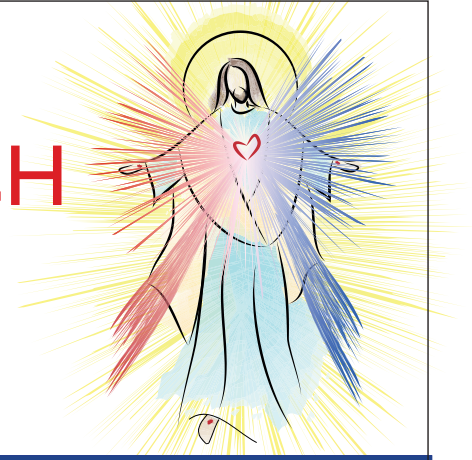
Goal:	\$77,000.00
Average Gift:	\$ 359.00
Total:	\$ 23,985.00
No. of gifts	60
Percentage of goal	31%

Sacred Heart

Goal:	\$11,500.00
Average Gift:	\$ 280.00
Total:	\$ 5,035.00
No. of gifts	18
Percentage of goal	44%

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

MARCH
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DIVINE
MERCY
FIRST FRIDAYS

4:00 pm-7:00 pm—Confessions
7:00 pm—Mass
7:45 pm—Adoration



LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

Virtue— Justice: Social Justice

2020 was a year that screamed for justice. Deceit, lies, brutality, intolerance, manipulation seemed to suffocate us, leaving us no escape. Politics, media, healthcare, government leadership all became suspect so that conspiracies, even crazy, nonsensical ones seemed plausible. What is the truth? If we could only vaccinate hundreds of millions of people with the elixir of justice, then we could truly reform to a new normal and begin to live our lives the way that God intended as communities of loving, giving disciples.

The moral virtue of justice is the constant and firm will to give what is due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion." Justice toward men disposes us to respect

the rights of others both in one-on-one relationships and to society through social justice. There is a lot to consider, so this week I want to spotlight social justice.

Social justice demands honesty in human affairs, protects the rights of the helpless, and establishes social order. Without it we would have anarchy and the oppression of the weak by the strong.

"You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor." This verse from Leviticus is as true today as when it was written. Human nature remains the same. There always has been the rich and poor, powerful and weak, advantaged and disadvantaged, and people in authority need to act with the virtue of justice to ensure impartiality.

Through Brewster Cares, the residents of Brewster and the surrounding area have the opportunity to grow in this virtue by physically helping the disadvantaged of our communities. The homeless who encompass the poor and mentally ill, the low income, who are unemployed and underemployed, and young children who are struggling in their education are finding services, and compassion. The way to Jesus can be found on both sides of the justice equation, for both those who give and those who receive.

Scripture: Read Leviticus 19:13-16. What stands out to you?

Call to Action: Contact Brewster Cares to see how you can help. BrewsterCaresNY.org



February 28, 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,

A pandemic, an endless winter, political polarization, economic uncertainty... it seems like the worst year ever especially when we're the ones suffering. I don't know about you but I felt a certain peace in starting out this Lent because it points us to Easter and the hope we have in Christ who overcomes everything the world could throw at him – sin, rejection, hate, torture, death – and rise again.

Amid the penances we have to look ahead to the joy, and the hope Easter will bring. Let's all make this a great Lent. Some things you can do:

1. Make sure you get to **Confession this Lent**. We've added hours. Now we have every **Monday 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm** and every **Friday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**.
2. Get your prayer life in gear. One of the best ways is to join in our **Seasons of Praise Holy Hours** every **Monday from 7:00 pm to 8:30pm**. Great priests will be speaking each week and focusing on what is essential.
3. **First Friday Mass and Benediction at 7:00 pm** this coming **Friday, March 5**. And every day take some time to reflect on what interior attitudes you have that make you resist the invitation of Jesus: "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Remember also, we have Mass **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm**. These are especially good for those who are still hesitant to attend Mass on Sundays. The crowds are small at a weeknight or weekday Mass.

Don't miss the awesome exhibit in the gym through March 7 of the **Marian Apparitions!** These are amazing visits and messages from Our Lady and she reminds us of the love and mercy of her Son.

A final word of thanks to all who wrote evaluation letters for me. Some of you shared them and they were so kind and so touching. I don't know when I'll be told, but I very much hope to stay for another term to serve you all.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. MEGA RAFFLE is here. You know what that means. You need to get your ticket fast – they will all sell out.



Marian Apparition Exhibit In the GYM until March 7



winter faith formation

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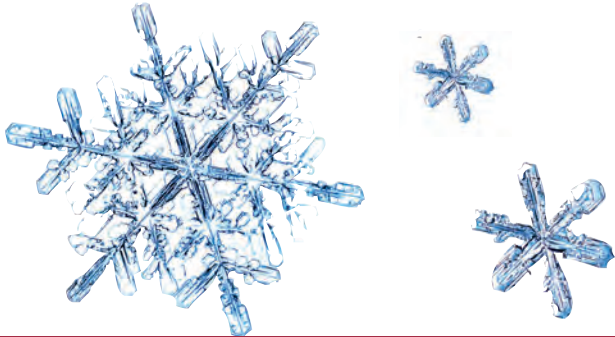
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The Blessed Virgin is the only woman in my life.
-St. Carlo Acutis

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AND
MARIAN SHRINES
IN THE WORLD

IN THE GYM — APPARITIONS OF MARY EXHIBIT
FEB 20-MARCH 7 — MARIAN EXPERT TONY BELLIZZI — MARCH 7, 2 PM

forgiveness



freedom in forgiveness

SUE ANELLO

I recently participated in a program led by Deacon Mark called "Why Forgive." The class was based on the book **Why Forgive** by Johann Chistoph Arnold. It intrigued me because I have found in my own life, that forgiveness, deep true forgiveness, is a very difficult process. This program challenged me personally to look at the aspects of my own life that are calling me to forgive, and areas of my life that are encouraging me to seek forgiveness. Wow! Those are some tough feelings to feel!

Deacon Mark created an environment of openness and acceptance which allowed many of the participants to discuss very sensitive issues related to forgiveness in a supportive and empathetic environment.

I haven't progressed on my road to forgiveness yet, but I have been given some new tools through this course that I hope will enable me to be courageous enough to make a few moves towards forgiveness, a process that I know will lead to the peace that our Lord wants for all of us (But it is still very scary!).

PAT RUSSELL

Deacon Mark's guidance provided me with an opportunity to examine my life and take a good hard look at who I need to ask for forgiveness. I also learned that I needed to forgive myself for a past sin that I deeply regret and have had much difficulty in moving past. I pray that with God's guidance and love I may be able to achieve those two goals.

TINA PENNACCHIA

I realize now that forgiveness is a decision; it doesn't excuse the harm but it gives us a peace that helps us to move forward in life in a healthier way.

JANICE NASTASI

If Jesus forgave on the cross, who am I not to forgive. Forgiving allows me to be set free.

PEG SMITH

Forgiveness is a gift we give ourselves. God cannot give us His peace and grace if our fist is closed holding onto hurts and resentments. Deacon Mark helped guide us through the process of letting go so God could take our open hands and lead us.

JOHN SCHLICK

I was able to use real examples of how forgiveness impacted my life. Visualizing what I went through made it easier for me to find the strength required to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive others.

I am looking to share this book with others I know that can also benefit from the impact of forgiveness.

CATHERINE VAN BUSKIRK

One of the takeaways for me from this series is the pathway to peace in my soul is through forgiveness. Jesus wants me to be free.

I have work to do in my personal journey of forgiveness. I know from Deacon Mark's example, that forgiveness is something I want in my life. What better gift can I give myself? By not forgiving, the only person I hurt is myself. When I hurt, I don't open my heart to Jesus.

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reflecting on the lenten season

LOYOLA PRESS

People often don't look forward to Lent. Childhood memories of giving up candy or sitting through weekly Stations of the Cross come immediately to mind. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth.

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."

We're highlighting Lenten practices and memories of people who have shared their stories with us. All of them represent attempts to make the season of Lent a meaningful time of prayer, fasting, and alms-giving for themselves, their loved ones, and their communities. Invite family members to share their thoughts, hopes, and desires for Lent. Decide to support one another in whatever you choose to do. As you journey through this annual second chance, remember that each step brings you closer to the welcoming arms of our loving God.

Around the breakfast table One of my best Lenten practices was begun when my children were in elementary school and I was a working parent. It seemed as though we were struggling to find time to eat dinner as a family and this was greatly disturbing me. I decided that if we were unable to hold the dinner hour sacred due to work schedules and after school activities, I would instead hold the breakfast hour sacred. I made sure to get up each morning during Lent just a little earlier so that I could not only provide breakfast for my family but actually sit together, pray our meal prayer and begin each day on a happy note. It began in Lent and didn't end until my children went off to college many years later. I learned that Lenten habits could carry far off into the

future with my family. The impact was dramatic in that each day was started with a prayer and positive attitudes. Breakfast became and remains one of our favorite rituals of the day. -Roberta, IL

Drawing a prayer I took time every day to draw in a sketchbook. I called the time my "God Time." I wanted to make each day of Lent special by taking time to reflect on God and my relationship to God. -Barbara, OH

My Lenten jar At the beginning of Lent, I write down 40 plus tasks, one per little slip of paper, and toss them in a jar. Then, each morning of Lent, I pull one out and do the task written there. It teaches me that I like surprise and variety in my Lenten practices. For me, this is a simple way to concentrate on the disciplines of giving alms and doing good for others. -Mark G., KS



Dialing into God Instead of listening to music or talk radio in my car, I decided to take that time for prayer and to listen to God. At first, it was a difficult transition; the silence was deafening. But soon, I began to enjoy the quiet time. I prayed for people who I knew needed my prayers. I prayed for my family and myself. I also thanked God for my many blessings. I found that I became much more calm and peaceful during this time. This reflective time grounded and centered me to do my best. -Donna, NC

A note a day Each day of Lent, through prayer, a name surfaces of a person who has had an impact on my life in some way. I then take the time to write a handwritten note to that person. I have been amazed at the people that have surfaced: from my 3rd grade teacher; to a cousin; to a priest; to a high school student who had written me a note after a presentation I gave at her school. I send the notes without the expectation of a response. Yet, I have received several emails and notes stating how much it meant to the person. Life is too short—we see that with Jesus—but, we have the opportunity to share our thoughts with those who have made an impact (some don't even know it, until they receive the note). This embodies the idea of Lent: prayer—praying for a specific person each day; fasting—fasting from negative thoughts; and almsgiving—sending a note with affirmations is a great gift to give. --Suzanne, NY

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 Bechtold ◦ 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 Blessed Mother Candle at St. Lawrence is dedicated to Kathleen & Patrick Stokes at the request of Eileen Stokes

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

care for retired parish priests

\$1M of the Cardinal's Appeal supports the Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence, which is a comfortable and safe home for fifty-seven retired priests who have devoted their lives to serving the Church. Help us care for those who cared for us with a gift to the Cardinal's Appeal at cardinalsappeal.org.

mass intentions

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
12:30PM Spanish
5:30PM Zef Shkreli

Monday, March 1

8:30AM Mary & John Cardoso

Tuesday, March 2

8:30AM Fred Merkel

Wednesday, March 3

8:30AM The Cleveland & McEntee Families
7:30PM Toni Akanewich

Thursday, March 4

8:30AM St. Lawrence O'Toole Society

Friday, March 5

8:30AM Msgr. McCabe Scholarship Fund
7:00PM Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

Saturday, March 6

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Marjorie & Walter Walsh
5:30PM Intentions of Arlete Turturro
7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, March 7

8:00AM Filomena Cassone
9:30AM Sadie Durante
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Joseph & Marie Velardi
11:00AM Victor Sanchez, Sr.
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Glenn Bisogno



“As Lent is the time for greater love,
listen to Jesus’ thirst...
He knows your weakness.
He wants only your love,
wants only the chance to love you.”

– St. Teresa of Calcutta-



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-FRIDAYS

St. Lawrence: 6:15 pm, Spanish 8:15pm

Sacred Heart: 7:30 pm

seasons of
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**TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?**



EVERY MONDAY IN LENT

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Confession available from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March
29-RECONCILIATION MONDAY

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



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
Cold Spring, NY



March 15
**Hope and the
Reading of Sacred
Scripture**

Fr. Tom Berg
Professor of Moral
Theology
Yonkers, NY



March 22
**The Holy Spirit and
the Hope to the
Faithful**

Fr. Joe Espalliat
Pastor
St. Anthony of Padua
Bronx, NY



March 29
**Hope When all
Seems Lost**

Dcn. Mark Shkreli
St. Lawrence O'Toole/
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Brewster, NY

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Ash Wednesday February 17	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,878.00
Weekend of February 21	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,800.00
January WeShare weekly	\$ 6,158.38
Total	\$ 12,958.38

sacred heart parish support

Ash Wednesday February 17	
In Pew Collection	\$ 487.00
Weekend of February 21	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,283.00
January WeShare weekly	\$ 521.64
Total	\$ 2,804.64

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.



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