

march 7, 2021 third 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**

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**LESSONS FROM ST. JOSEPH**



**the** CARDINAL'S  
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## COVID-19

Few organizations were as well-equipped to respond to the needs of the community at the peak of the pandemic as the Catholic Church, but the work is far from over. The geographic reach of the archdiocese coupled with the existing network of parishes and charitable organizations meant that we had a presence in most neighborhoods in three of the boroughs of New York, and all the way from Staten Island to Dutchess, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. We are able to serve not only the faithful, but our neighbors and all who approach our church doors in their time of need with spiritual, physical, and medical support.

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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.

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for the generations to come

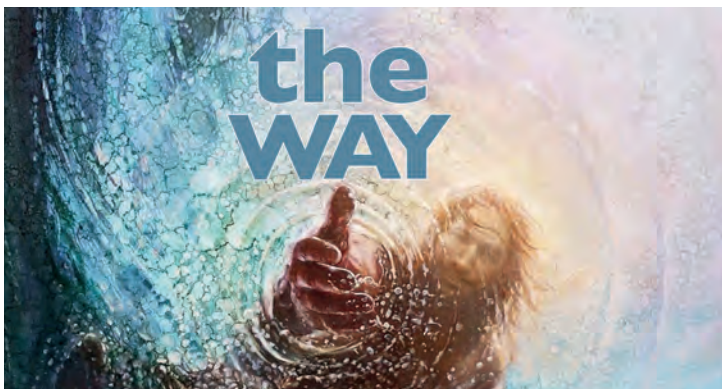


It is important to have a will in order to be sure your assets are directed according to your intentions and that everything is clear when you go back to God. Many distribute what they have to loved ones and also leave a portion of their assets to the parish.

You can leave a gift to build up the future of your parish (St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart) with a bequest in your will.

Previous generations of Catholics built up the church we inherited... leave your legacy for the Catholics to come after us.

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LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR  
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Virtue— Justice: Our Feathers

St. Philip Neri, a wise confessor, is credited for clearly exemplifying the importance of our acting with Commutative (reciprocal) Justice – the rights and duties of individuals towards one another:

A woman confessed that she had gossiped, so as penance, St. Neri told her to go home, collect a feather pillow, and take it to the top of the church belltower. Then she was to rip it open, scatter the feathers to the four winds, and come back to him. When she returned, she confirmed that she had done all he had asked. He told her that the penance didn't end there; now, she needed to go out and collect all the feathers.

Of course, she was unable to do that, just as she was unable to take back the words she had spread with her gossip. Philip Neri was astutely underscoring the destructive nature of gossip and all acts of injustice to our fellow man. Individual justice requires that we protect the good name of persons, avoid rash judgements, interpret the actions of others in the best possible light, avoid slander and making known the secret defects of others. If these occur, we have an obligation to clear the good name of the other.

When we expose someone's faults, we dishonor that person. Even if it is true, it doesn't mean we should say it. Our words will stay in the listeners' minds and overshadow the reputation of the person, causing people to dwell more on their faults and failings than their good.

In the words of Pope Francis, "I tell you the truth; I am convinced that if each one of us would purposely avoid gossip, in the end, we would become a saint! It's a beautiful path." So, as we continue on the way of Jesus and strive to grow in the virtue of Justice, let us also keep watch for our feathers, opportunities to repair any harm we may have caused.

**Scripture:** Read James 3:5-12. What is it saying to you?

**Call to Action:** Confess all acts of injustice and start fresh this Lent to respect the honor and reputation of all persons.

**Confession Times at St. Lawrence:**  
Mondays — 4:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Fridays — 4:00 pm-7:00 pm





March 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,

**October 23 this year will mark 150 years since the first Mass in the Church of St. Lawrence O'Toole!** I've invited Cardinal Dolan to come for the occasion to celebrate Mass, and he has graciously accepted. Stay tuned for some great plans to celebrate our history.

Our first Church was a converted wooden house renovated several times. Priests from St. Joseph's in Croton Falls during the 1870s would come to celebrate Mass for the small band of Catholics in Brewster. Only in 1915 would our current stone church be built on the same site.

Brewster had begun to take shape when Walter Brewster bought up the land and arranged for the newly developing Harlem Line of the railroad to pass through **Brewster Station** in the late 1840s. The Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches would dominate the early days of Brewster but by 1871 the Catholic population was growing.

Catholics had the foresight to buy up land for a cemetery on Turk Hill Road, and then the land on Prospect Street that has been the site where we have worshipped ever since. Here the generations have celebrated the Eucharist, baptized our children, had our sins forgiven, married our young people, and buried our faithfully departed loved ones.

The world has changed a lot in these 150 years. World Wars, the invention of cars and planes, science and medical technology, space flight, television and computers have transformed life on Earth in ways those first Brewster Catholics could never have imagined.

But our faith in Jesus Christ as the **Way, the Truth, and the Life** remains the same as ever. I often think of the faith and the wisdom those people had so long ago, to provide for the future generations. I'm grateful to them because they took care to leave a legacy of faith in God to us. They knew that life is short, and that what matters in the end is that we know, love, and serve Him in this life and save our souls to enjoy eternity. That never changes.

People say our generation has lost the faith. Maybe there is something to that. We live in times in which it is easy to give in and give up.

But I'm confident that 150 years from now our parish church will still be thriving because like the Catholics who came before us, we will pass the torch on to the next generations. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful parish.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill





On Sunday, February 21, several candidates to become Catholic are blessed at the “Rite of Election”



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

# THE APPEALS OF OUR LADY

## APPARITIONS AND MARIAN SHRINES IN THE WORLD

**IN THE GYM — APPARITIONS OF MARY EXHIBIT  
MARCH 7 — MARIAN EXPERT TONY BELLIZZI — 2 PM**





## consecrated to st. joseph

LAUREN NOCE



I would highly recommend the St. Joseph Consecration Program to any parishioner that wants to learn more about this incredible saint who did not speak one recorded word throughout all of the Gospels!

Growing up I would say I never knew that much about Mary's chaste spouse, the humble earthly father of our Lord. I attended Franciscan University where I was

able to grow in my faith and knowledge of many great saints, but unfortunately I can't say that I learned much about St. Joseph! I always knew that I wanted to marry a man like St. Joseph, and my Nana (Toni Akanewich) knew that as well! Everytime I came home from college Nana would ask, "Do you have a boyfriend?" and I would say, "No Nana, I guess you need to keep praying to St. Joseph!" Nana was a huge fan of this quiet saint, maybe it's because his silence balanced out her love of talking!

I am incredibly grateful for my nana's devotion to St. Joseph and her fidelity to praying for my future husband. My fiance proposed on the Feast of the Holy Family, in front of a statue of St. Joseph. We are going to re-consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph beginning March 30th and ending on our wedding day, The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1, 2021. The St. Joseph Consecration class allowed me to reflect on the many ways that Saint Joseph has influenced my life. I was able to learn the many titles of St. Joseph and



explore their meanings with my fellow "Josephites." Two of my favorite titles were, **Head of the Holy Family** and **Protector of the Holy Church**. Again, I would encourage all of our parishioners to join this consecration program in the future, it has been incredible to reflect on the many ways Saint Joseph has impacted my life!

**JO-ANN ADORNO** — I encourage fathers, mothers and teenagers to discover the virtues of St. Joseph. His quiet strength, his true devotion to his wife, our Blessed Mother and his foster son, our Savior. The many distinguished titles St. Joseph is known for are many, but my favorite is **Terror of Demons**. What's most important is that St. Joseph's virtues are what is lacking in the world we live in today and it is those very virtues that society needs most of all today. The Consecration itself is a commitment to the Lord that we will strive to emulate St. Joseph in our lives.

**BARBARA BRANGAN** — All Catholics know who St. Joseph is but very few really know HIM! I never really prayed to St. Joseph. When I saw the notice of the class, I thought "Where will they get enough material about St. Joseph to fill a six week, hour and half session?" WOW, what an eye-opener! At the conclusion of this class and being formally Consecrated to St. Joseph, I now pray to St. Joseph every day and just last Monday, soon after praying for a special, important favor, my prayer was answered... to be honest, I couldn't believe it! The text book we use is excellent and the interaction and input of our leader and participants was stimulating. The Act of Consecration is in the text book and I frequently say it. I highly recommend this class...you will not be disappointed.

**JULIE WACLAWSKI** — One of the many things I learned about St. Joseph is that he is called **The Increaser**. By participating in the consecration to St. Joseph, I have increased my prayer life and knowledge of our Catholic faith. I continue to pray to St. Joseph daily as his silent strength and intercession bring me closer to his son, Jesus Christ.

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## 5 carpentry rules that apply to faith

THERESA CIVANTOS BARBER/ ALETEIA

St. Joseph is one of the most beloved saints of all time, and he's the patron of 2021, as Pope Francis calls us to learn from his example of quiet holiness in the heart of the home. Yet it's easy to feel that we don't know much about St. Joseph because in all of Scripture, he is mentioned only briefly, and does not speak even once.

One way to grow closer to St. Joseph this year, is through learning about his profession. Scripture mentions that he was a "carpenter," or skilled artisan. He worked with his hands, not all that differently from craftspeople today. In *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis writes, *Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labor.*

In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron.

To learn more about St. Joseph's work, Aleteia spoke to Frank Barber, a full-time carpenter for the past 34 years. "I knew when I was 15 years old that I wanted to be a carpenter," Barber said. He considered studying architecture, but realized that he wanted to do the hands-on work of building himself, instead of designing things for others to build. Like many workers, he feels that God called him to this profession and he tries to honor God through his work. He said, "My business is a mission field for me. I try to show the love of Christ when I work with people, to be honest and caring, and keep my word to my clients. It's a chance to be a light to people. I do what I do to glorify God. Barber sees a deep con-

nection between his faith and his professional work. Indeed, many Christian theologians have considered manual labor to be an opportunity for prayer and holiness. St. Benedict wrote in his Rule, "*When they live by the labor of their hands, as our fathers and the apostles did, then they are really monks*" (Chapter 48).

In his decades as a carpenter, Barber has had ample occasion to reflect on the connections between carpentry and faith. He shared 5 ways that basic rules of carpentry can also apply to a life of prayer and devotion to God.

- 1. Secure construction** When something is built, it must be sturdy and secure. In the same way, prayer and a life of faith keeps our minds and hearts securely fastened on what's most important.
- 2. Straight lines** It's important that whatever is built has straight lines and is not crooked. Christ spoke of the narrow way and "strait gate" (Matthew 7:13-14), a reminder to follow the path He set forth in Scripture.
- 3. A strong foundation** "In building, the foundation is everything," Barber said. He compared this to the parable of the wise man who built his house on the rock of God's word (Matthew 7:24-27). In faith, we can build on a sure and trustworthy foundation in Christ.
- 4. Think things through** Barber explained that foresight and planning are key to successful projects. Carpenters must ask themselves, "Does this fit? Will it work in the area?" In the same way, we must never forget that God has a plan for our lives. He recalled a biblical reference to God's "plumb line" (in Amos 7:7-8) and said, "That's how God is when He builds. His word is the perfect plumb line."
- 5. Common sense** Barber said that carpenters say, "Don't bring a level to an old house;" in a crooked house, what's actually level appears to be crooked. Carpenters must use good judgment so that the project fits the situation. Similarly, prayer helps us make prudent and wise decisions that make the most sense for our circumstances.

## 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 ◦ 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 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 ◦ Addyson Ashley Anello ◦ Roy Delanoy ◦ Alfred Schuster ◦ Ted Rozzi ◦ Marianne Gallacher ◦ Bridget Kenny

**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)

## dedications

The **Tabernacle Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Salvadore de Jesus** at the request of Pura Meledez

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Caitlin Giamundo** at the request of her family.

## k of c st. patrick's "to-go" dinners



Make your reservations for the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Sunday March 14. Dinners include: Corned beef and cabbage, Carrots and potatoes, Rye bread, Irish soda bread & cookies.

**Priced for individuals: \$15 per dinner.**

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## couples celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage

The Catholic Daughters Our Lady of the Lake Court #2585 of Sacred Heart Parish will be honoring couples from Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence O'Toole who have celebrated or will be celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2020 or 2021 at the **4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, June 5th**. To sign up for this event or for more information, please contact Meg Cairney 279-5214.

## mass intentions

### 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

### Monday, March 8

8:30AM Intentions of CDA  
Spiritual Bouquet

### Tuesday, March 9

8:30AM JoAnn Durkin Lundy

### Wednesday, March 10

8:30AM Jack Moran  
7:00PM Toni Akanewich

### Thursday, March 11

8:30AM Patsy Fusco

### Friday, March 12

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

### Saturday, March 13

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Nancy Distefano  
5:30PM Quinlan & Dinardi Family  
7:30PM Spanish

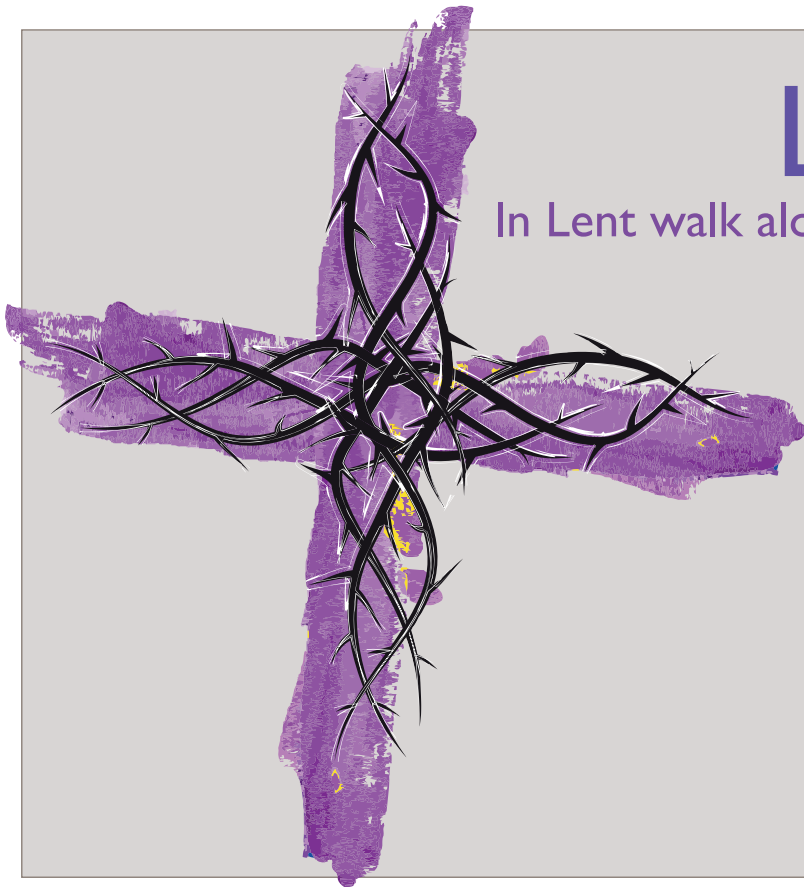
### Sunday, March 14

8:00AM John Murowski  
9:30AM Quaranta Family  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson  
11:00AM Kathy Civetta  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Claire Hellgoth



“Show me your hands.  
Do they have scars from giving?  
Show me your feet.  
Are they wounded in service?  
Show me your heart.  
Have you left a place for divine love?”  
-Ven. Fulton Sheen”





# 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



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

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

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

Fr. Joe Espaillat  
Pastor  
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**March 29**  
Hope When all  
Seems Lost

Dcn. Mark Shkreli  
St. Lawrence  
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# parish support st. lawrence parish support

<b>Weekend of February 28</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 7,675.00
January <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,158.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,833.38</b>

# sacred heart parish support

<b>Weekend of February 28</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,665.00
January <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 521.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,186.64</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

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