

march 21, 2021 fifth 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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call to schedule an appointment.

### [stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

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**the** CARDINAL'S  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts*

**St. Lawrence O'Toole**

Goal:	\$77,000.00
Average Gift:	\$ 343.00
Total:	\$37,415.00
No. of gifts	109
Percentage of goal	46%

**Sacred Heart**

Goal:	\$11,500.00
Average Gift:	\$ 281.00
Total:	\$ 9,825.00
No. of gifts	35
Percentage of goal	85%

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.



Almost 3,000 babies die from abortion each day in the US alone. That is one life lost every 30 seconds. 50 million unborn children worldwide die annually by abortion. "We never look at a person who is without a limb and say they are not quite fully human." (Jim Owens, The Search) Yet in a deceptive way, that is exactly what society is doing to the terminally ill, the disabled, and with abortion.

Another spoke of the virtue of justice pertains to respecting life, but when that rail becomes misaligned with God's truth, perceptions of what life looks like get disfigured too.

Consider this statement: "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life." It is from a Supreme Court decision, Planned Parenthood vs. Casey, 1992, which struck down restrictions on abortion passed in Pennsylvania. According to that ruling, if I believe that life looks like this and you believe it looks like that, we are both right. The High Court implies that if we are loud enough and forceful enough to impose our opinion on someone else, there is no injustice for us to impose it. The bigger, louder, stronger wins.

That is not the way of Jesus. To follow Him, we must stand up for God's true justice and expose unjust laws and norms.

**Scripture:** Read Proverbs 21:15 What's it saying to you?

**Call to Action:** When you recognize injustice to the vulnerable, speak out, become part of the solution.



LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

**Virtue – Justice: The Least Among Us**

Barbara Wagner, an Oregon Cancer Patient was told she had less than six months to live. Instead of providing treatment, her HMO offered to pay for suicide drugs.

A disability rights attorney, who is disabled herself, told me that the disabled are often pressured to sign 'do not resuscitate' orders and commonly not offered equal treatment options to non-disabled patients. These actions convey to them that their lives have less value.





March 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,

The past few days in the news has been the statement by the Vatican that priests should in no way bless the marriages of gay partners. As a result, the Church is now being criticized by all the engines of popular culture: the news media, social media, the entertainment world – as hopelessly behind the times. After all, our society now embraces gay marriage as accepted and normal. We're told to catch up with the times.

This morning an article in the New York Times caught my attention. It was about the Society of Jesus (the Jesuit order) preparing to raise \$100 million as a reparations fund for slavery. It turns out that they used slave labor for many years in the 1700s and into the 1800s. Slaves worked on plantations and even did construction work building Georgetown University.

I had only been vaguely aware of that history. Both Catholic and Protestant groups relied on slavery to some extent for many years. It made me think. Why didn't the Church stand strong against this injustice? We would expect the churches to speak out against it. As time went on, eventually they did. But back when slavery was generally accepted as a way of life and just the way the economy was run, even churches and religious orders got sucked in to "the system." "Everybody was doing it" as they say. For a time, the Church lost its voice and went along with something very evil.

We need to remind ourselves that the Church must stand for the truth of the Gospel, even when unpopular. The Gospel is often in tension with the culture... and so, Christians have always led the fight for justice for prisoners and the accused, for the unborn, for the poor and the handicapped. The Church teaches we must conduct business affairs with honesty, justice, fairness, pay our workers a just wage, not cheat, or steal, or give in to unbridled greed. In every generation we teach that sex is a sacred gift from God to be used only in marriage between a man and a woman to foster love and be open to new life.



All these teachings are hard to live and often rejected. Jesus knew that, and the early Christians knew that. But the Church must be a prophetic voice that calls the world to live as Jesus taught rather than just follow the drift of the culture.

And though they are hard, we can live them with the grace from God through the sacraments and especially the Eucharist. When we do, we challenge the world with the power and wisdom of the Gospel of Jesus.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



# COMMIT TO AN ACT OF KINDNESS FOR EASTER

This Easter Sunday our parish is hosting St. Anthony of Padua at the 12:30 pm Mass. After Mass there will be a dinner in the Parish Center for those of St. Anthony of Padua.

**We need volunteers to serve at the dinner, set up games and Egg Hunt.**

**We also ask for your generosity if you can help out with a donation.  
St. Anthony of Padua is in need of extensive repairs to the roof over their sacristy  
- right now it is in danger of collapse.**

You can give a monetary gift for the roof repairs  
or an Easter gift for the children of St. Anthony's.  
Please drop off your donation to the rectory or mail it to  
31 Prospect Street, Brewster NY 10509

**To volunteer or to give go to:**

**[stlawrenceotoole.org/EasterforStAnthonyOfPadua](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/EasterforStAnthonyOfPadua)**

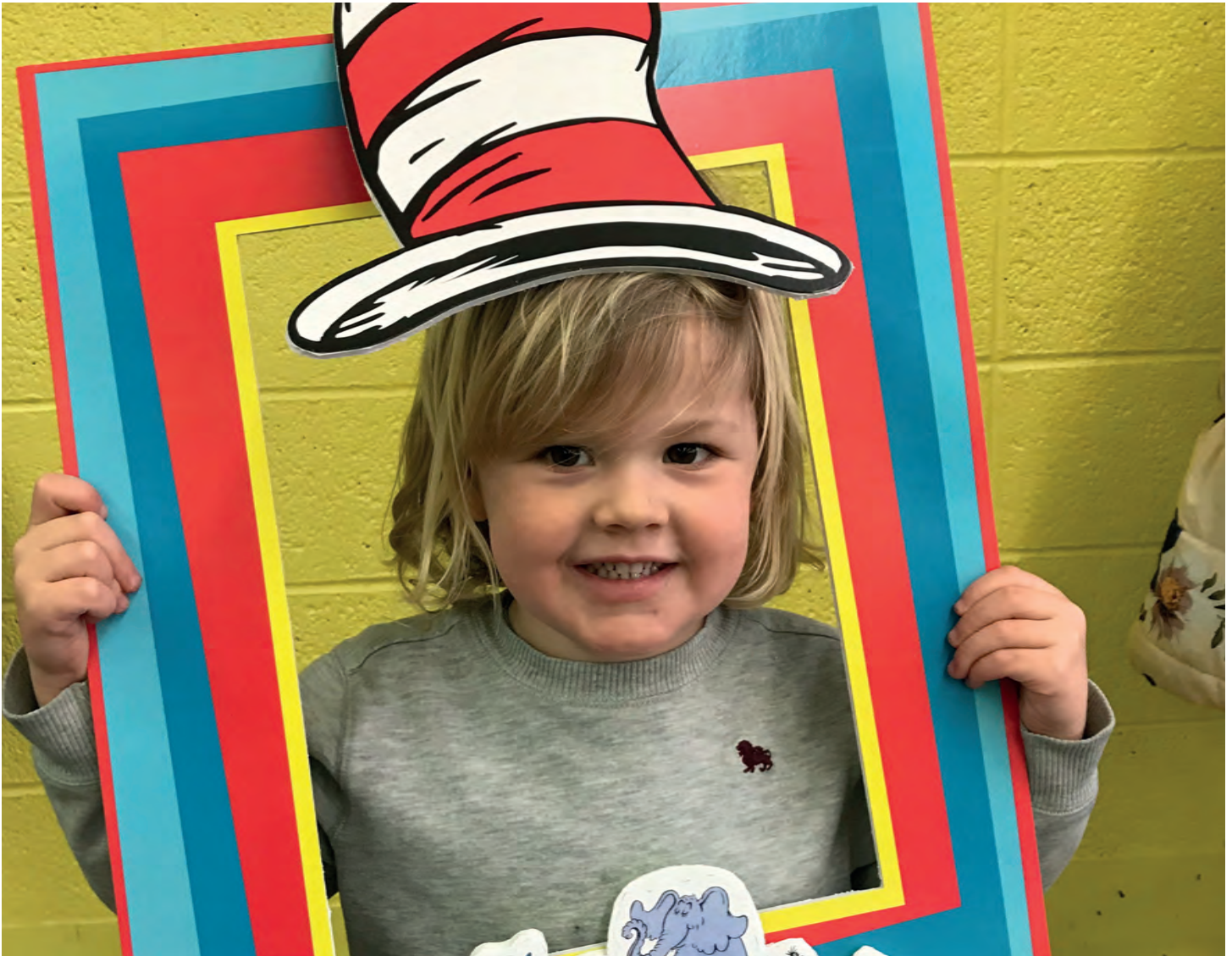


## **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ROOF:**

The sacristy dates back before 1927 and its skylights are deteriorating badly. Tarps are being used to cover them and keep rain and snow from seeping in and damaging the ceiling as has happened several times already.

The roof drains clog up regularly and back up - requiring constant maintenance to prevent more flooding inside the Church as has happened over the years. Each time it floods it requires costly repairs in replastering and repainting. St. Anthony's is looking for a permanent solution and the estimate for full repair is \$14,000. St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart charity fund is committing to cover the cost of these repairs for our sister parish.





## spring is in the air! learning is more than just letters and numbers...

KIM SANTERRE

Spring is almost here, and the **Early Childhood Learning Center** is getting ready to celebrate! Now that the weather is beginning to get warmer, the children are enjoying more time outside. The children love playing on our playground. They have even been enjoying nature walks around the neighborhood. Most importantly, they have been taking prayer walks to pray and speak to Jesus in front of the church.

We are getting ready for Easter, too. The children are learning about the Lenten season and how Jesus loved us so much He died for us on the cross. We are counting the 40 days to Jesus's resurrection. The classes have been visiting the church



to look at the Stations of the Cross, and have been very intrigued about learning about them. We are planning to have in-classroom egg hunts as well as dying Easter eggs, too.

On March 2nd, our **Early Childhood Learning Center** celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday! We read his stories, worked on projects and one class even had a visit from the "cat in the hat"! The children posed for a Dr. Seuss photo op!

The **Early Childhood Learning Center** is in full swing for registration of the 2021-22 school year. We have already gotten MANY registrations and are filling up quickly!!! There are a very limited amount of seats left for both Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4. We would love if our parishioners would help spread the word about our program. Our preschool is an academic based program for three's and four's. A typical day is from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Plus, we offer extended day services. The hours we are open and available to care for children is from 7:30 am until 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Please have anyone interested in the Early Childhood Learning Center program call the office at 845-279-5164 or email [slotecic@comcast.net](mailto:slotecic@comcast.net).**

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## amor of God

CECILIA BRITZ

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? (Romans 8:31)

This passage speaks to me about our Family Program here at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart. Would you believe that we have become even more vibrant and united during this pandemic?

All our students meet once a week, and our families come together once a month. Even though we have an online option for all our events, many families are coming in person to share time as a community.

For 5 months now, we have been working on different pieces of the **Full Armor of God**. Children and families are learning more about the bible, our friend Paul (the Apostle Paul), and the spiritual battle going on for their little souls!

Here is a sneak peek of the conversations we are having during our in person **Family Fridays**:

**The Belt of Truth:** The truth about myself that God and my parents know and remind me about. What are my truths? I am beautiful, I am funny, I am smart, I am loved, I am kind, I am cared for.

**The Breastplate of Righteousness:** How can I be right with God? Mom and Dad are my guide, and I can be right with God by being obedient to my parents, and learning about the Word of God for my life. When have I been disobedient to my parents? How have I hurt or honored them?

**The Sandals of Peace of the Gospel:** Do kids lose their peace? What robs me of my peace? The Gospel of Peace is full of joy and hope. How can I live these messages?

**The Shield of Faith:** Our Faith protects our peace, and it keeps us strong and alert. Have your parents ever felt attacked, down or desperate? How has their faith helped them? Parents share their witness of faith.

**The Helmet of Salvation:** Why are our thoughts so important? It is what we think, what we say, what we do, and how we relate to others. Our Helmet of Salvation helps us filter our thoughts and discard those that don't come from God.

## 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 ◦ Larry Tobin ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ John Curra ◦ Patrick Joyce ◦ Amy Laura ◦ Patricia Lichtenberger ◦ Judy Bruen ◦ Henry Joyce ◦ 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 ◦ Addyson Ashley Anello ◦ Roy Delaney ◦ Alfred Schuster ◦ Ted Rozzi ◦ Marianne Gallacher ◦ Bridget Kenny ◦ Betty Dobbins ◦ Garecht/Pinzur/Sarlo Families ◦ Patricia Willis ◦ Catherine Sloomaker

**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 **Toni Akanewich** at the request of the Noce Family

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Helen Watson** at the request of the Friedlander Family

## 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.

## candy for easter baskets

The Food Pantry will be distributing Easter Baskets to children whose families come to the pantry. If you would like to donate candy, please put it in the Food Pantry Bin located in the rear of the church entrance (across from the Parish Center) by **Sunday, March 28**.

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

On March 26, St. Lawrence 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. After Prayer and Pizza, families can bring home pizza to eat later.

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

## mass intentions

### Saturday, March 20

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Norman Hamel  
5:30PM Durkin Family  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, March 21

8:00AM Intentions of Carolyn Heagle  
9:30AM Giamundo & Paduano Families  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Thomas & Bridget Cairney  
11:00AM John "Jack" Gress  
12:30 PM Spanish-Maria  
Magdalena Perez Areas  
Patrick Lundy

5:30PM

### Monday, March 22

8:30AM Deceased of Farey & Ryan Families

### Tuesday, March 23

8:30AM Nana & Pop John Hughes

### Wednesday, March 24

8:30AM Mary McDonald  
7:00PM Toni Akanewich

### Thursday, March 25

8:30AM Bobbie McAuliffe

### Friday, March 26

8:30AM Gloria DeGennaro

### Saturday, March 27

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Terry Less  
5:30PM Patricia & Bruce Howe  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, March 28

8:00AM Intentions of Ellen Farley  
9:30AM Giamundo & Paduano Families  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bill & Joseph Lewis  
11:00AM Giovanni Malandrucchio  
12:30 PM Spanish-Kathy Cooper  
5:30PM Mark Bisogno



"You don't need to use many or high-sounding words. Just repeat often, 'Lord, show me your mercy as you know best.' Or, 'God, come to my assistance.'"

-St. Marcarius of Alexandria





# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## HOLY THURSDAY

ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm Bilingual

## GOOD FRIDAY

ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE  
Confessions 9:00 - 1:00  
Celebration of the Passion 3:00 pm  
Celebration of the Passion (Spanish) 7:30 pm

## HOLY SATURDAY:

ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE  
Confessions 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Blessing of Food 1:00pm  
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

## EASTER SUNDAY:

ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE SACRED HEART  
Mass in church and gym at 9:00 am  
8:00 am, 9:30am, 11:00 am 10:30 am  
12:30 Spanish

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7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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March 22, March 29-RECONCILIATION MONDAY

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

Fr. Joe Espailliat  
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



# 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

# parish support

## st. lawrence parish support

<b>Weekend of March 14</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,841.00
February WeShare weekly	\$ 5,502.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,343.15</b>

## sacred heart parish support

<b>Weekend of March 14</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,825.00
February WeShare weekly	\$ 472.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,297.97</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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