

march 28, 2021 | palm sunday of the passion of the lord

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

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PALM SUNDAY

Share the Love.

Donate part of your stimulus check to help our parishes.

With the arrival of this third stimulus check, some parishioners realize they don't really need it and some have given it away to do some good with it. If you're in that situation, here are a few suggestions for you to use that money well:

1. **ST. LAWRENCE:** Your donation will go toward debt reduction on the remaining \$525,000 for the *Centennial Renovation of the Church*. A payment is due at the end of this month.
2. **SACRED HEART:** We'll use your stimulus money for the *Parish Improvement Program*. Since we reached the goal we set, any new gifts will be put aside for resurfacing our parking lot, hopefully this year... if we have enough.
3. **BREWSTER CARES:** Your money will go directly to help the poor and homeless in our immediate area.



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LYNDA HOLLER
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Passion — Reluctant Disciple

One scene in the Passion story that draws me into deep reflection is when Simon of Cyrene is conscripted to carry Jesus' Cross. Luke retells it this way: "And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on

him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus." "Seized." Simon was not a follower of Jesus and didn't offer to help. The scene is portrayed beautifully in *The Passion of the Christ*, where Mel Gibson shows how Simon was seemingly in the wrong place at the wrong time.

In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Simon was, "the father of Alexander and Rufus." Since we know that no words are extraneous in the Gospels, that is not an insignificant detail. Years after the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, St. Paul introduces Rufus in Romans as, "eminent in the Lord and his mother..." As we unite all the writings of the Bible into a cohesive story, we can see the growth of many of the characters and Simon may be one of the most significant. Jesus had said during his ministry, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." The apostles and crowds did not understand that at the time, but who was the first person to truly pick up his cross and follow Jesus? A reluctant stranger: Simon of Cyrene.

Clearly God graced Simon with the opportunity to labor and to suffer under the weight of the Cross. Not only is he rewarded by the retelling of his story in the Bible and Stations of the Cross meditations, but clearly his painful journey with Jesus transformed him into a disciple, who influenced his family and untold other early Christians.

Two thousand years later it is brilliantly clear that Simon was in the right place at the right time. May we embrace our own sufferings as the crosses Jesus asks us to carry in our small part of his story of salvation.

Scripture: Read Mark 8:34-38. What's it saying to you?

Call to Action: Use the last week of Lent to reflect on your own suffering and put a Simon-spin on it.



March 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,

Today we begin **Holy Week**... and it's really weird to think back a year when we were all in lockdown and there were no public Masses on Easter. We LIVESTREAMED Mass and hundreds logged in to pray along. But we said Mass to strangely empty churches.

Everyone was fearful, not knowing how bad this would be or how much death would come to our country. Many of us lost loved ones; we lost dear parishioners and priests to the plague. Scientists and government people and medical personnel were of little assurance to us.

Easter Sunday afternoon, however, we drove the Blessed Sacrament around to every neighborhood in our parishes on the back of Deacon Mark's pickup truck, and people came out into the streets to kneel before Our Lord and call upon his Holy Name. The presence of Jesus in our neighborhoods gave us new hope.

It proved to me once again that despite the predictions of doom, of loss of faith, of secularization and the death of religion – that people are hungry for God and specifically for the Eucharist – Jesus's Body and Blood is our spiritual food. "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" as the blessing prayer goes.



People are longing to connect in a new and powerful way with God, to have an experience of his love and his closeness. If there is anything good to come from a year of the pandemic, maybe it will be a renewed sense that **God is our hope**. Only God has the power to save us.

Now that we're getting vaccinated, or have had COVID already and have antibodies, people are coming back. I'm sure this Easter will feel like a resurrection of the Church and its people. It's time for us all to worship God together again.

We'll hold two Masses Easter morning at Sacred Heart, and we'll double up at St. Lawrence with Masses in both the Church and the gym. There should be safe distances for everyone.

Check the bulletin or website for times of all the services. I would especially emphasize the times for Confessions at St. Lawrence: tomorrow, **Monday is Confession Monday in the whole Archdiocese with Confessions from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. We'll have Fr. Heim, Fr. Berg and myself going. Then on Good Friday and Holy Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Be sure to make a good Confession and get right with God before celebrating Easter.

Have a great Holy Week!

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



holy week: a time apart for renewal

LOYOLA PRESS

In the course of our busy week, we most likely have times set apart for certain things that are important to us—a workout, a few social phone calls, or maybe even a short catnap—so that we can renew ourselves, our energy, and our perspective. Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church’s liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word holy refers to anything that is set apart for God’s purposes. Holy Week is holy precisely because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

The Symbols of Holy Week

The liturgies of Holy Week are filled with some of the richest and most ancient symbols of the Catholic faith. The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds

us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practice in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to us of the new life that is ours .because of Jesus’ triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

Make Space to Renew Your Faith

In her book *The Holy Way*, Paula Huston explains that “a cluttered and overburdened mental space can be one of the biggest obstacles to simple living.” This Holy Week allow yourself time apart, holy time, to spend with Jesus. May it be a time set apart to unclutter your mind, lay down your burdens, and renew your faith in Jesus.



make a joyful noise unto the lord

JULIE NOCE

Let's face it for those of us who knew Toni Akanewich she was noisy! She could speak for hours and the fact that church should be a silent place didn't stop her. Growing up, during Mass each week you could find my siblings and me cringing through her singing in her loudest voice, drawing unwanted attention our way. She was famous for crinkling plastic shopping bags and digging in her purse to find someone a prayer card or miraculous medal, muttering all the while. Her "silent prayer" was actually her whispering her prayer.

Nora Bisignano stopped me recently and shared that the last words my mom said to her in the silent adoration chapel was "I Love You." A beautiful memory, for which I am so grateful.

Perhaps my fondest memory of my mom's joyful noise at St. Lawrence was during daily Mass. She sat perched in the front row, peering over the pew to see when the priest would walk in to begin the Mass. Once spotted, my mom would command all to "stand" in her most serious voice, the voice she used when I was a kid and didn't clean my room. So it was no surprise that everyone would get to their feet swiftly. After my mom had died, the beginning of daily Mass was chaotic because no one knew when to stand.



I decided that the proper way to honor my mom was to give a pledge in her memory, dedicating the bells which now signals the start of Mass each day. I look forward to the Easter Vigil this year when the darkness of Lent is over and the bells are rung joyfully for a prolonged period of time. That day, my mom will be echoing the joyful noise in heaven.

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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



praying amidst tears, tantrums, diapers and LEGO bricks

MAR DORRIO

Have you ever gone to Mass and your baby started to cry? Have you tried to pray during the time set aside for it, but the little ones' fights made you identify with only one character in the Gospel? (Yes, Herod!) Have you prayed 20 Hail Marys in the same mystery of the Rosary, repeating yourself so often that you've lost count? If so, I'm writing for you.

Going to Mass, trying to pray, going to group formation activities or prayer groups with children can lead you to take for granted the feelings of stress, and to believe that the following fallacies are true:

- I shouldn't go to Mass because I'm not going to be aware of anything but my kids.
- I'm a nuisance to others (I'm sorry to tell you the sad news that they haven't invented anti-nasty-look vests yet).

A priest's response But, to cheer you up and give you a different perspective, I want to tell you what a priest said to a mother of a large family on this matter.

St. Josemaría Escrivá received the following question: How can you pray when children are crying and screaming? St. Josemaría replied, for Heaven, the crying of children sounds like organ music played in a cathedral. So, voilà, try to transform the screams, fights and tantrums into organ chords in your head, because that's how the noise in your living room reaches Heaven during the times when you try to exercise your soul. (I take this opportunity, Lord, to ask you to make that noise sound like organ music ... to my neighbor downstairs!).

And, with this new peace of knowing that the cry, "Mommy, Andy is bugging me!" sounds like a C major chord in Heaven, go ahead with the resolution you made to pray for 10 or 20 minutes.

Praying between diapers and LEGO bricks Pray even if, in those minutes, the organ rings out in all its splendor: Pray even if you have to change diapers, even if you have to deflect Nerf balls, even if you have to pick up more than 300 LEGO bricks, or even if you are trying to get your infant used to baby food.

Better times will come, when you'll be able to pray calmly, with no distractions other than the ones in your own head. I firmly believe, that these times of prayer among bottles, diapers and balls are the ones that bring the most smiles in Heaven.

We spent many years going to Mass with one, two or three babies. During the last phase, before my little one went to school all morning, I was very happy thinking that I could finally go to Mass without having to be moving the stroller back and forth, without picking up the toys that my little ones threw on the floor 500 times ...

A sacrifice that joins the Mass In an instant, I realized that in none of the future Masses could I add in the Consecration the flavor of that effort, of that sacrifice; a flavor that, united to the music of the organ, is very valued in Heaven. I also realized that, no matter how much it annoyed the rest of us mortals, the Lord would miss the kiss that my little one blew through the air from her chubby little hand.

Trust that this stage of your life has unique value in the eyes of God. I want to encourage you to maintain the goals you have set for yourself in this area: Mass, prayer times, spiritual readings, Rosary, etc. Be aware that there will be days when, just by not yelling at your kids during that time, you'll already be giving glory to God. At Mass, you'll be able to overcome any tantrum or awkward situation and, with all the peace in the world—or rather, with all the peace of Heaven—you'll take the child out of the church, calm them down and go back in with them.

Keep going to Mass if your baby starts crying! These little sacrifices will be the most valuable prayers of all.

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 Delanoy ◦ Ted Rozzi ◦ Marianne Gallacher ◦ Bridget Kenney ◦ 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

easter egg hunt

ST. LAWRENCE — Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:30 am and 11:00 am Masses on **Palm Sunday, March 28** in front of church and in the court yard.

SACRED HEART — Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 Mass on **Easter Sunday, April 4**, on the front lawn of the Church. This event is run by the Sacred Heart Evangelization committee. Contact Deb Lawlor at them1@comcast.net for more information.



“There is no misery
that could be
a match for My mercy.”

-Jesus to St. Faustina

mass intentions

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 Malandrucolo
12:30 PM Spanish-Kathy Cooper
5:30PM Mark Bisogno

Monday, March 29

8:30AM John, Stephen, Margaret Spodnik

Tuesday, March 30

8:30AM Walter & Helen Bird

Wednesday, March 31

8:30AM Jennie Bizzoco
7:00PM Adam Altman

Thursday, April 1

7:30PM Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday, April 2

3:00PM Celebration of the Passion
7:30PM Celebration of the Passion
Spanish

Saturday, April 3

8:00PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4

8:00AM Kathy Civetta
8:00AM GYM Intentions of Joseph Turturro
9:00AM *Sacred Heart* Betty & Edward O'Brien
9:30AM Caitlin Giamundo
9:30AM GYM Joseph Gleason
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson
11:00AM Daniel Madden
11:00AM GYM Toni Akanewich
12:30 PM Spanish

dedications

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

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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



MARCH 29 RECONCILIATION MONDAY

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

SEASONS OF PRAISE

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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March 29

Hope When all Seems Lost

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Weekend of March 21

In Pew Collection	\$ 6,342.00
February WeShare weekly	\$ 5,502.15
Total	\$ 11,844.15

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of March 21

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,271.00
February WeShare weekly	\$ 472.97
Total	\$ 1,743.97

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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