

april 11, 2021 divine mercy sunday

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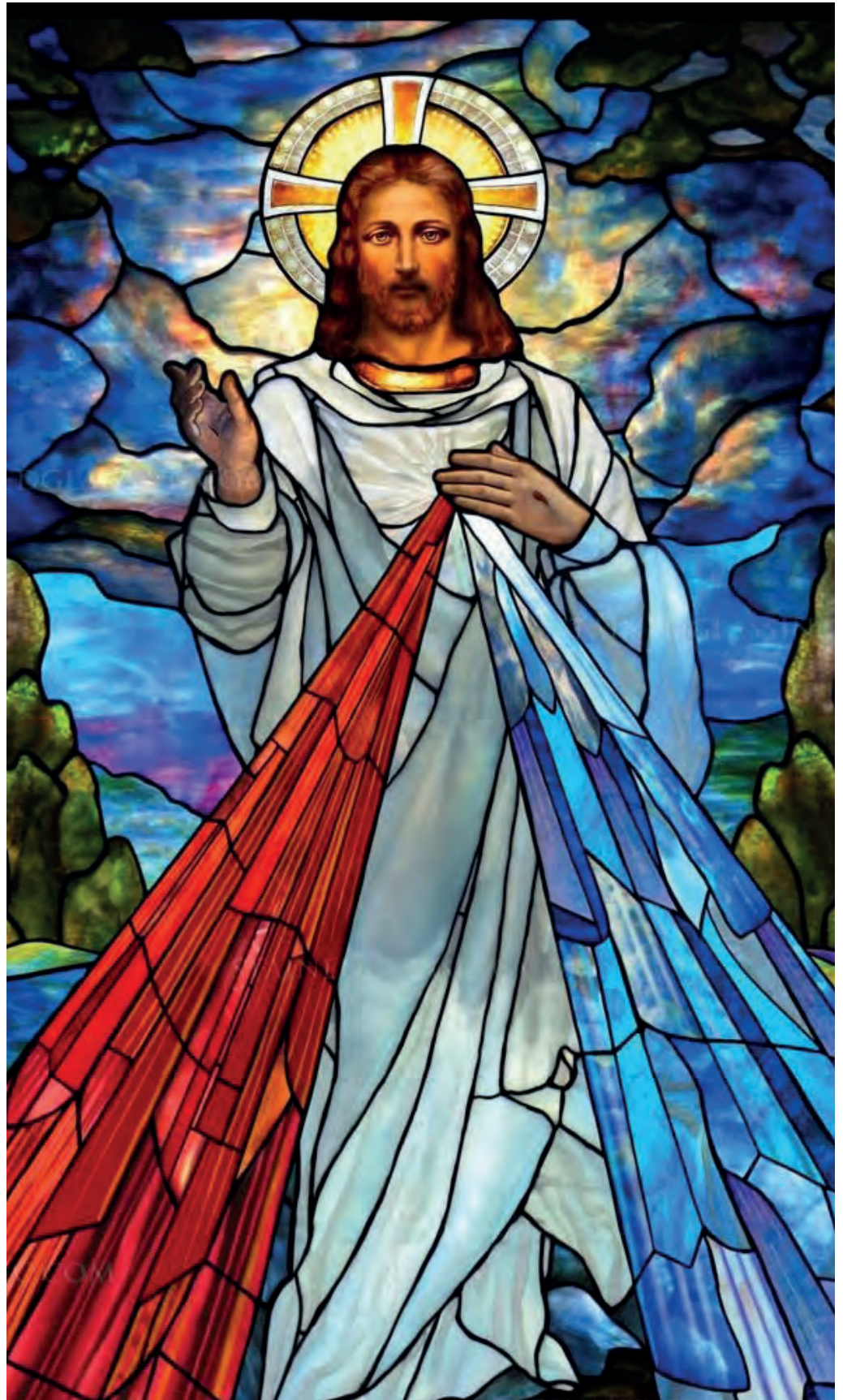
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With the arrival of this third stimulus check, some parishioners realize they don't really need it and some have given it away to do some good with it. If you're in that situation, here are a few suggestions for you to use that money well:

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.



st lawrence o'toole  
sacred heart



LYNDA HOLLER  
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



## Passion — Consolation in the Garden

I pray the Rosary daily and after meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries day after day for the six weeks of Lent, some thoughts came to me that I would like to share.

Jesus' Agony in the Garden. I usually forget that Jesus invited Peter, James and John to pray with him that night. They fell asleep and their only contribution to the story is to punctuate that Jesus was very alone. None of his friends were there to keep Him company; no one to intercede with their prayers.

Jesus, our Lord and God was at the lowest point of his human existence in agony alone. Other times he had intentionally gone off to pray in solitude, but that was not his wish this time. His friends did not cooperate with his plan, and his agony was increased by their abandonment.

As I consider the torture that Jesus was to endure in the hours that follow that scene, I wonder which was the most agonizing: the knowledge of the physical pain He would endure or the abandonment?

How many times do we wish we had friends that understood our agonies and could stay awake at our sides to support and love us? How many times have we felt abandoned in our trials, where the pain of loneliness is worse than the issue itself?

It is in those times that we should remember the Garden of Gethsemane and unite ourselves with Jesus. Jesus would have liked a human companion, but He really didn't need one. He prayed to his Father and received comfort knowing He was doing the Father's will. Jesus modeled the way to endure suffering alone: turn our minds to God, and we will receive perfect consolation.

**Scripture:** Read Matthew 26:36-46. What's it saying to you?  
**Call to Action:** Let's be watchful of those around us that are lonely and suffering and make the choice to accompany them.



April 11, 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,

It was great seeing so many parishioners and visitors back for Easter last week. The Church was full and overflowing at every Mass. It feels like we are coming back to life as the pandemic wanes and vaccinations increase. We'll continue our prudent sanitizing and safety precautions a while longer to be sure we're out of the woods.



The most important thing about worshipping together rather than watching Mass on a LIVESTREAM is Holy Communion. It's the essence of what it means to be a Catholic: we believe the Eucharist to be the true Body and Blood of Jesus, and that as he said "unless you eat my Body and drink my Blood, you will have no life in you." The Eucharist is our spiritual food that sustains us every step of the way to heaven.

During Holy Week we heard more than 350 Confessions as people prepared themselves well to receive at Easter. We're so proud of our parishioners who want to turn their lives over to God and live the way he wants us to live.

This Sunday is **Divine Mercy Sunday** when we celebrate the loving mercy of Jesus. Sometimes we worry that our sins are so bad, or our bad habits so ingrained, we can't shake them. But He wants us to focus on his merciful love which takes away our sin and heals us and gives us back our joy. We'll be holding a Divine Mercy Holy Hour this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 and Fr. Tom and I will be hearing Confessions – English and Spanish.

As we mentioned last week, we'll keep the **7:00 pm Wednesday evening Mass** going as well as Confession every Monday and Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm to provide more opportunities to experience the forgiveness and mercy of our good Lord.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. Remember to consider a gift to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal this year... it is the main way Cardinal Dolan has to support inner city parishes that struggle financially. God bless.



## jesus christ is risen!

TINA GRANT

Last weekend St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart celebrated Easter. This is nothing new. It is celebrated every year, but last year, marked by the presence of a very active COVID, left us questioning if we ever would celebrate Mass “together” again. Fr. Rich and his staff did an amazing job in keeping us united and bringing the Blessed Sacrament to us. But we missed coming together as one. We missed coming to the altar.

After the Masses, excited children hunted for Easter eggs and the adults enjoyed coffee and donuts. Also, **St. Anthony of Padua Parish in the South Bronx**, our sister parish joined us for 12:30 pm Mass,



followed by lunch. The food was donated by **Jorge Galindo of Guadalupana Restaurant in Brewster**, the Spanish choir led by Ferdi, entertained them during lunch with beautiful music and prayer, and the children received Easter baskets. The children also enjoyed crafts and played basketball while adults shopped, at no charge, through donated gently used clothing.



We were also able to provide St. Anthony's with sufficient funds to fix their roof and to pay for their senior leadership team to

attend an Amazing Parish leadership conference. Julie Noce led over 20 volunteers to make this day extraordinary.



One of my favorite scriptures is in John 13:14-15: “I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So, you also should wash one another's feet. I have given you an example. You should do as I have done for you.” On Holy Thursday, our pastor would normally wash the feet of 12 parishioners, a very humbling experience. I have been there. But this year, because of COVID, the physical washing of the feet was not performed. Yet, what Jesus taught us that night at the Last Supper, to serve others, is certainly present at St. Lawrence O’Toole and Sacred Heart, and this past year and this past weekend are proof.

We are blessed to be part of parishes that continue to grow in faith, to serve others and strive to reach a personal relationship with Jesus Christ with the vision in our minds “to create parishes of missionary disciples whose personal relationships with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.” How far we have come from that day in March 2020 when the Archdiocese delivered the message “no Masses.” Nothing is impossible with God, nothing.



Candidates in the photo from left to right: Patricia Lyons, Ana Butler, Kimberly Cappelletti, Adam Tilbe, Ashley Lobbuono, Cara Schanbacher, Nina Jacobsen, Beatrice Jacobsen



## welcome to the faith!

LYNDA HOLLER



The Easter Vigil is undoubtedly the most beautiful and poignant Mass in the Church year, but this year surpassed all others for me as I participated in the rites that initiated three new converts and confirmed five Catholics, bringing eight RCIA Candidates into full communion

with the Church.

Their Sacraments were positioned in the middle of a ceremony that draws us into God's Story of Salvation, that illustrates to us that we are part of something much bigger than our individual selves at this moment in time. God has been working through his chosen people for thousands of years and we are part of his story too. As Mass begins with the dark church receiving its first light from the Pascal Candle, then spreading across the pews to all the faithful, lighting the entire church, we see the ripple effect of God's light in our world.

I was especially moved by the evening because I personally know four of the RCIA candidates receiving their sacraments. My son's girlfriend, Cara, has attended Mass with him since they were in high school and this year she was ready to become Catholic herself. Their high school classmate, Nina, is engaged to parishioner Danny De-Paoli and felt the desire to be fully united in faith with him. Her mother, Beatrice, a good friend of mine, decided she was ready to become Catholic too and honored me with the opportunity to be her sponsor. She received all of her sacraments that night, including Baptism.

Of the Catholics fulfilling their missing sacraments, I have known Patricia for many years. She has been attending programs and Mass at St. Lawrence, with her husband Kevin. Undoubtedly the graces received there inspired her to fully come home. Sisters Kimberly and Ashley were confirmed together, and Ashley will be Kimberly's baby's godmother next month. Ana also saw the wisdom of worshipping in faith with her husband, and it was beautiful that her mother-in-law was her sponsor. Adam also felt that this was the right time and place to enter fully into Christ's Church.

Eight candidates. Unknown numbers of people they will influence as faithful Catholic Christians. The Ripple Effect. Spreading Jesus' light out to the world!

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### St. Lawrence O'Toole

Goal:	\$77,000.00
Average Gift:	\$ 337.00
Total:	\$38,725.00
No. of gifts	115
Percentage of goal	51%

### Sacred Heart

Goal:	\$11,500.00
Average Gift:	\$ 276.00
Total:	\$ 9,925.00
No. of gifts	36
Percentage of goal	86%

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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## 3 ways to honor the saints of april in your life and home

ANNABELLE MOSELEY

Our Catholic calendar is vibrant with feast days. Some of these days have famous traditions; others are not as well-known. This month, let's resolve to grow our love for the saints in unique and beautiful ways that will keep us focused on the joy of our faith as we celebrate the Easter season. Here are 3 saints to celebrate in April ... let's mark our calendars now!

**April 16: Bless your domestic church with St. Bernadette of Lourdes** St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879) was 14 years old when she began seeing Our Blessed Mother. These visions brought about the founding of the famous Marian shrine at Lourdes. "I am the Immaculate Conception," Our Lady famously revealed to St. Bernadette, and gave the gift of the healing waters at Lourdes. There have been countless miracles and healings associated with bathing in the waters there. The spring at Lourdes itself came about through St. Bernadette's humble response to Our Lady's request for Bernadette to scrape, on her hands and knees, in the mud at the back of the grotto until the healing spring came forth.

"Penance, penance, penance!" Our Lady of Lourdes famously urged the world. St. Bernadette did many acts of penance and even offered up her painful death out of love for Jesus and Mary. In the spirit of St. Bernadette why not offer up the challenges and pains of your day? Complain less and offer it up as a prayer. Why not make the presence of holy water a beautiful and powerful part of your family's prayer life? In the spirit of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes, get a holy water font and install it right next to your main entrance and exit to and from the home. Begin the joyful habit of blessing yourself from the font whenever you pass by, or when you leave or return home. It reminds you that you live in a Domestic Church and provides a wonderful consolation. You'll find it makes your home more peaceful.

**April 25: Preach the Gospel and eat like a lion with St. Mark** St. Mark the Evangelist is the author of the First Gospel and known for his succinct way of writing and his passionate message of the Good News. St. Mark's symbol is the winged lion. In the spirit of St. Mark, send loved ones brief messages of encouragement spreading God's love for them, and yours, too. These messages can be over text, a brief phone call, or a sweet card in the mail. Also, find new ways to evangelize, such as placing a statue of Mary, Jesus, or a saint on your front lawn, wearing a visible crucifix, saying "God bless you" to the people you meet during the day, and making a sign of the cross whenever you pass a church.

**April 29: Build a space set aside for prayer with St. Catherine of Siena** St. Catherine of Siena, one of the great Doctors of the Church, was a Third Order Dominican who prayed within her own home, not a convent. After her example, make a space within your own home for prayer. If you already have one, add to it. Some ideas: print up the newest prayer you're trying to memorize, or frame some of those prayers and display them. Or find a creative and lovely holder for your rosary and place that in the area, along with favorite classic spiritual books and holy images or icons.

St. Catherine writes, "Build yourself a spiritual cell, which you can always take with you, and that is the cell of self-knowledge; you will find there also the knowledge of God's goodness to you. There are really two cells in one, and if you live in one you must also live in the other, otherwise the soul will either despair or be presumptuous; if you dwelt in self-knowledge alone you would despair; if you dwelt in knowledge of God alone you would be tempted to presumption. One must go with the other, and thus you will reach perfection."

May the saints of April bless, protect, and guide you and your family!

## 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 Kenry ◦ Betty Dobbins ◦ Garecht/Pinzur/Sarlo Families ◦ Patricia Willis ◦ Catherine Sloomaker ◦ Demario Creaco ◦ Sally Terlizzi

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)

## o'toole seniors

Our first meeting this year will be on Monday, April 12 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall.

## easter egg hunt winners at sacred heart

Congratulations to:  
Claire Brondo, Alexis Hanaburgh, & Jacob Hernandez!

## st. patrick dinner thanks

The St. Lawrence Council Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the those who ordered our take out Corned Beef dinners. It was a tremendous success and helps with our Charitable giving specifically with a majority of this events proceeds supporting both Pro-Life activities and vocations.

## mass intentions

### Saturday, April 10

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Kathleen Philip & Gladys O'Connor  
Msgr. McCabe Scholarship Fund  
Spanish

5:30PM  
7:30PM

### Sunday, April 11

8:00AM Cathy Mannfolk  
9:30AM Josie & Al LaBanca  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Frank & Ester Gasper  
11:00AM Margaret Romano  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Myles Tomblin

### Monday, April 12

8:30AM Intentions of Catholic Daughters  
Spiritual Bouquet

### Tuesday, April 13

8:30AM Diane & John McSpedon & Margaret Alexander

### Wednesday, April 14

8:30AM Paul Bruen  
7:00PM Carol McKay

### Thursday, April 15

8:30AM Deceased Harney & Purcell Families

### Friday, April 16

8:30AM Drew Durkin

### Saturday, April 17

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Francesco Labianca  
5:30PM Michael Carleton  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, April 18

8:00AM Kathleen Civetta  
9:30AM Tony Gasson  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Frank & Ester Gasper  
11:00AM Special Intentions  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Bridget Higgins

## dedications

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Sean Tolan** at the request of the Tolan Family

The **Tabernacle Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Carmen De Jesus** at the request of Pura Melendez



I remind you, as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was open wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice. Diary of St. Faustina (1572, page 558)





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# DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY

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**APRIL 11**

3:00 PM- 4:00 PM

**HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION**

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# parish support

## st. lawrence parish support

<b>Weekend of April 4</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 10,961.00
Easter	\$ 10,608.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 6,342.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,911.36</b>

## sacred heart parish support

<b>Weekend of April 4</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,363.00
Easter	\$ 1,608.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 528.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,499.77</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.

MAYBE YOU'RE  
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