

april 18, 2021 third sunday of easter

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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Put your stimulus check to good use.

Some of us are realizing we don't really need it and have donated it to help others. 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 \$495,000 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 – Pity the Fools

I feel complicated emotions for the bullies in the Passion accounts. Sometimes I read their characters as madmen proudly showcasing their power on the innocent. Other times I see them as pitiful, misdirected minions too ignorant to recognize their own depravity. Did their culture's influence distort their innate sense of compassion? Were they seduced by power, by peer pressure? Were they intentionally evil or ignorant fools?

Anyone that has seen the scourging scene in Mel Gibson's

The Passion of the Christ is vividly aware of what that torture involved. What is almost as shocking as the blows to Jesus' body is the expressions of glee and satisfaction on the faces of the torturers and the indifference of their captain.

In Mark's Gospel the crown of thorns scene is especially cringeworthy. Knowing what we know now, how much more blasphemous and profane could people be than to gather a whole battalion, clothe Jesus in purple, place on Him a crown of thorns, spit on Him, kneel down in satirical homage, and salute Him mockingly with the words, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Hell, it seems, was created for people such as these, but in Christ's own words from the Cross, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," we can understand that Jesus is willing to bestow his mercy on his own torturers and they may be soaking up eternal happiness right now as we speak.

But no matter which destination is their home today, I envision the moment of their death, standing before Jesus, the true King of the Universe, and I pity the fools. Whatever road we take will leave us standing before the King of Kings too. Let us be sure to follow the way of Jesus, not our culture, power, or peers if theirs is the way of fools.

Scripture: Read Mark 15:16-20. Picture yourself in this scene. How does it make you feel?

Call to Action: Ready to stand before Christ today? What might he say to you? What would you say to Him?



April 18, 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,

Last Sunday at the Divine Mercy Holy Hour, it was beautiful to see so many people turn out for an hour of adoration and entrust themselves and their loved ones to the mercy and love of God. Many received a plenary indulgence for their sins. Fr. Tom and I heard dozens of Confessions too.

Around the clock, seven days a week people are in front of the **Blessed Sacrament in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel**, praying for their families and for our parishes. You are invited to drop in anytime... the peace and quiet of the Church is a perfect place to regroup and reconnect with God in these stressful times. If you'd like to sign up for your own regular hour, give a call to Paul Lavelle at 914-318-8523.



Now that spring is here, we'll be making some improvements on the grounds. At Sacred Heart, the new gutters are done on the parish center and two small leaky side roofs on the Church were replaced recently. Next we'll be building the outdoor Stations of the Cross and erecting an outdoor Crucifix and a new St. Joseph statue as well. The **Parish Improvement Program** is providing the funds for these positive changes.

At St. Lawrence, the sixty-year-old roof on the south side of the Parish Center over the Early Childhood Learning Center started to leak badly this winter. Previous patches did the job temporarily, but now it is time for a new roof (for something like \$90,000 – ugh!) We'll be working also on some shrines we had planned at the time of the renovations and landscaping to enhance the look of the campus.

On **June 13 we'll celebrate Sacred Heart weekend** with both parishes joining together for an outdoor Mass at Sacred Heart, and a barbecue and games afterward. We'll bless the monuments erected on the site of the original chapel from 1934 and the newly installed outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Thank you for being great parishioners who build up our two wonderful Churches with your commitment to grow closer and closer to Jesus every day.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. We made another \$36,000 quarterly payment on our \$3.8 million parish **Centennial Renovation** loan. Now our balance is down to \$495,000 in just six years since we did the beautiful renovation of our Church at St. Lawrence. It's all thanks to your generosity and love for the parish. We hope to pay this loan off completely by 2025. Thank you!



mercy overflowing!

CECILIA BRITZ

[...] After a while, Jesus said to me, Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. (48) I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory.

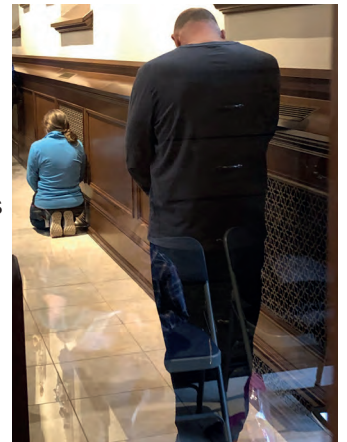
Jesus gives us a picture of himself and teaches us how to speak the language of love. He wants us to look at Him, to gaze at Him, and every time we do, He wants us to say something specific. I keep on thinking that He could have asked us to say “Jesus, King of Kings,” or, “I am your Savior” or something that from a human perspective would sound like a well deserved praise for a God who loves us and saves us. But that is not what Jesus wants. Jesus is not looking for praise or Glory. He already has all of that in heaven, unceasingly. Jesus wants YOU. He wants your family, spouse, your children, your grandchildren, your family members, and any visitor that comes to your home. He wants

you, the whole of you. It’s not enough for Jesus to be venerated in a chapel, or in church. He wants to be venerated in every home, especially in yours. Have you enthroned Divine Mercy Jesus in your home? If not, go ahead and do it! He wants to be in a special place in your home where everybody can see Him and inevitably read his signature, “Jesus, I trust in You.”



We teach children to speak, to walk and make sense of the world around them. Jesus is teaching us to trust in Him by first teaching us to just say it. Then through his grace and the love that burns in his heart, He will give us the grace to understand how to trust in Him. Little by little until we can finally live each situation trusting in Him.

Yesterday was a testimony of his great love for us. He gives us this feast of Divine Mercy, this undeserved extraordinary day where the floodgates of Mercy are wide opened for everyone. The church was filled with people. Each person in a different stage along their journey of trust. The lines for confession were long and constant, and Jesus was present in the blessed sacrament, as radiant as always. We also enjoyed music, in- sence, prayer, veneration and our church was engulfed with the Holy Spirit. It reminded me of our **Seasons of Praise** and so many other Holy Hours we have here at St. Lawrence.



Have you come to a **Seasons of Praise** or Adoration? Good news is, there is always more of Jesus here at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart. Sign up for Flocknotes - and get emails or text about upcoming events and so much more: otoolebrewster.flocknote.com



God's grace

JULIE NOCE

When Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership (BESP), the seasonal homeless shelter which was in operation for over 10 years as a coalition of churches closed its doors, a small band of volunteers came together to rally for our homeless neighbors. "I was skeptical" recalled Phil Desantis of Trinity Lutheran Church, a volunteer for many years with BESP. "There were so many hurdles: a global pandemic, almost all of the churches had dropped out, there were potentially more homeless than we'd ever had before, we had difficulty in obtaining permissions from the congregation and additional insurance and finding enough volunteers who weren't afraid to work with the population. But by God's Grace it came together and we made it." Three churches, nine volunteer coordinators, and over 120 volunteers breathed life into Brewster Cares, a nonprofit formed in response to this need, and everything required to succeed poured in: donations, overnight hosts, new employees, laundry help, cooks, servers, transportation, recovery counselors, a temporary rental space, furniture, technology and a great board of directors. God helped us make it through our first season!



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As we celebrated at the first "Thank You Breakfast" this past Saturday, volunteers told us that they were most thankful for the opportunity to work with this population and felt a strong connection to our community. One volunteer wrote: "I am thankful for having a break from isolation. This ministry helped me to be alive and active during a time of isolation; it was a gift

from God." Another volunteer was thankful that "there were a variety of ways we could help out within our comfort zone especially during this pandemic."

Incredible relationships were formed with and among the homeless, guests appreciated coming together each evening out of the chaos of the streets to a home cooked meal, a warm cot, a shower and an opportunity to be known. Wilfredo Causcut, Shelter Operations Manager would drive around and search for those who didn't show up and along with all the volunteers, he made certain they felt welcomed and loved. One guest said he was very grateful for all we've done for him, and he's happy about all the people involved in the shelter. Brewster Cares is thankful for all the prayers and support from the St. Lawrence O'Toole Sacred Heart Parish and we look forward to serving again next year.



Operations Manager Wilfredo Causcut

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a simple test to see if you really believe christ is risen

FR ROBERT MCTEIGUE, SJ

Have you heard of this book? *So I'm Dead—Now What?* There are many popular versions of it. In brief, if you can't afford a lawyer to write up a will, you can fill in this book with your final instructions to give to your loved ones. The title of the book gave me an idea for taking a look at Easter. How about this? *Christ Is Risen—Now What?* That title is incomplete. Let's add a little more: *Christ Is Risen and Reigning—Now What?* Better. Now let's try this: *Christ Is Risen and Reigning and Returning—Now What?* We have to answer that question, and we should come up with something better than, "Look busy!" Christ is risen indeed! Sin and death do not have the final word! Therefore we are to live and die as Christians, who insist that whoever dies with Christ shall rise with Christ. *Christ reigns—now!* He is the universal sovereign authority over all creation. He is the commander of all. *Christ is returning—he has promised it!* As the Church says again and again in her worship: "... He who will come again to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire." The merciful king will offer mercy to the repentant and justice to the rest. Until that time, what shall we do? Christ was asked that question: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one He sent" (John 6:29). How do we know if we really believe?

There is a story of a man visiting Niagara Falls for the first time. Awed by the majestic spread of water, height, and power, he was surprised to see a wire stretched from one end of the falls to the other. He was even more surprised when he saw a woman approach him with a wheelbarrow full of bricks. She asked him, "Do you believe that I can cross that wire with this wheelbarrow full of bricks?" He replied, "Not at all! That's crazy!" She winked at him and said, "Watch this!" He couldn't believe his eyes as he saw the woman get up on the wire with the wheelbarrow full of bricks. She walked right across, turned

around, and came back. She asked him, "NOW do you believe that I can cross the wire with this wheelbarrow?" "Oh yes!" he said. "Now I believe!" "Do you really believe?" she asked. "Oh yes! Now I really believe!" She asked, "Do you really, really believe?" "Oh yes!" he replied. "I really, really believe!" She winked at him, emptied the wheelbarrow of bricks and said, "Fine—if you really, really believe, then YOU get in the wheelbarrow."

Are we ready to do the work of God? Are we ready to believe in the one He sent? St. Ignatius Loyola, in his Spiritual Exercises, gives us three tests, tests to determine whether we believe. First, imagine this: You are offered all the goods of the world—health, wealth, long life, happiness, good reputation. All these will be yours. All these are for you—for the simple price of one freely committed mortal sin. If you recoil in horror, and say, "No! No! Not for a mortal sin!" St. Ignatius would say, "If you answer that way, then you can be sure that you believe."

Do want to know if you really believe? Then imagine this: You are offered all the goods of the world—health, wealth, long life, happiness, good reputation. All these will be yours. All these are for you—for the simple price of one freely committed venial sin. If you recoil in horror, and say, "No! No! Not for a venial sin!" St. Ignatius would say, "If you answer that way, then you can be sure that you really believe."

Do you want to know if you really, really believe? Then imagine this: Place yourself before Christ and say, "Even if I could have all the goods of the world without sin, I would accept from your hands, if you wish, the poverty that you endured, the contempt and scorn of the world you suffered, the cross that you carried, so as to be more like you."

St. Ignatius would say, "If you can say that to Christ, then you can be sure that you really, really believe." So, today, take some time in prayer. In the presence of Christ, put yourself to the test, and find out if you really, really believe. When I write next, I will speak of re-learning how to love. Until then, let's keep each other in prayer.

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 Becktold ◦ 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 ◦ Marianne Gallacher ◦ Bridget Kenny ◦ Betty Dobbins ◦ Garecht/Pinzur/Sarlo Families ◦ Patricia Willis ◦ Catherine Sloomaker ◦ Demario Creaco ◦ Sally Terlizzi ◦ John Lynch

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

knight of columbus give again to centennial renovation campaign

With this check for \$5000 given by Grand Knight Tom Healy to Fr. Gill, our Knights of Columbus more than 90% of their extraordinary pledge of \$200,000 to the Centennial Renovation of our Church. The choir window and Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel were dedicated by the Knights. Other Memorial Opportunities are available - speak with Fr. Gill if you are interested in a memorial.



mass intentions

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* Michael & Theresa Turnyanszki
11:00AM Special Intentions
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Bridget Higgins

Monday, April 19

8:30AM Intentions of Amanda Simone

Tuesday, April 20

8:30AM Paul Pember

Wednesday, April 21

8:30AM Frederick Merkel
7:00PM Carol McKay

Thursday, April 22

8:30AM Kathy King and
Mary & Robert Cleary

Friday, April 23

8:30AM Vera Lundy

Saturday, April 24

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Mike McDermott
5:30PM Franco Ruggiero
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, April 25

8:00AM Salvatore Refolo
9:30AM Connie & Nick Pellicchia
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Nancy Caporale
11:00AM McClusky & Ebert Families
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Kathleen Civetta

dedications

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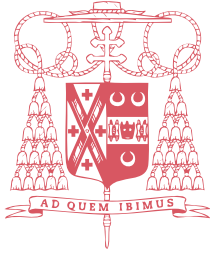
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Average Gift:	\$ 324.00
Total:	\$ 45,980.00
No. of gifts	142
Percentage of goal	60%

Sacred Heart

Goal:	\$11,500.00
Average Gift:	\$ 254.00
Total:	\$10,655.00
No. of gifts	42
Percentage of goal	93%

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Weekend of April 11

In Pew Collection	\$ 6,700.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 6,342.36
Total	\$ 13,042.36

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of April 11

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,022.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 528.77
Total	\$ 2,550.77

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.

centennial renovations

March

Gold Envelopes	\$ 3,210
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 6,800
WeShare	\$ 1,649
TOTAL	\$ 11,659

We have made another quarterly payment of \$36,000 and our loan balance is now down to \$495,000 from the original \$3.8 million. We are hoping to pay down the rest of our renovation loan by sometime in 2025. Thank you for your generosity.

parish staff

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