

april 25, 2021 fourth 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

St. Lawrence Cemetery

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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.



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LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

Passion – Waiting in the Tomb



A wise woman once advised me to think carefully before asking God for patience. She explained that He teaches patience by providing us with endurance-building life experiences. But we see that God Himself is very patient and no doubt his plan for us is to resemble his likeness.

Look how long God waited from the Fall of Adam and Eve until He sent Jesus to redeem us. In those thousands of years, He began to spoon-feed chosen people, teaching them his ways. Over and over his beloved creatures would fail, and over and over He would modify his plan, presenting it in a different way,

like we do with our young children when they cannot understand long division.

Now, in the Easter season, I am thinking about Jesus' patience throughout his ministry, Passion, and Resurrection. The Gospels relate Jesus' untiring dialogs with the apostles, Pharisees, and many others. He even exhibited astonishing restraint when responding to Pontius Pilate.

However, the ultimate witness to Jesus' patience could be the three days his body lay in the tomb. Why did Jesus wait for three days to resurrect? Why not come back to life Friday night or Saturday morning and get back to his ministry work sooner? Why lie in wait in a cold, dark cave when He could be comforting his loved ones who were crying and grieving? A good question for Heaven's Inquiry List, but it was undoubtedly the Father's plan and it demanded patience on Jesus' part.

So often, we can feel like we are in a tomb waiting for the rock to roll away and sunshine to pour into our lives, for our own resurrection from the disappointments and challenges of this sinful world. When the wait seems unbearable and there appears to be no way out of the dark, dank tomb, think of Jesus, the King of the Universe, waiting for his time to come, trusting in the glory that comes when we follow the Father's Way.

Scripture: Read Luke 23:50-56. Put yourself in this scene.

Call to Action: Meditate on how Jesus might have felt during his time in the tomb.



April 25, 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,

I want to express a sincere **“thank you”** to all our parishioners – it’s been a tough year with sickness and death touching so many families. But you have been prayerful and faithful since the lockdowns, at first following Mass online and then gradually coming back in person. You’ve also rallied to help those most affected and the shut-ins in our community.



We’ve been able to keep our **religious education programs and RCIA** going and next month we’ll have **First Communions and Confirmations** as scheduled. Our in person and online Adult Faith Formation is going strong as well. All this is a credit to our parishioners – your faith in Jesus is what keeps you going in hard times. We’ve got Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament around the clock, seven days a week. And I am so impressed to see everyone “staying calm and carrying on” as the expression goes.

You’ve also been generous with our parish, and we managed to come through financially as well. That’s a great testament to your goodness of heart and love for our parishes. We’ve managed to keep up with our payments on our **Centennial Renovation** loan and we’re scheduled to pay off the balance (now at \$495,000) in just a few short years. At Sacred Heart the **Parish Improvement Program** is helping to renew the buildings and the campus. Your support of our **Mega Raffle** helps us fund our unique **Family Religious Education Program**. We’ve sponsored our **“Brewster Cares”** nonprofit to help the poor and homeless locally, and we’ve given steady support to our sister parish in the South Bronx, **St. Anthony of Padua**. At both parishes we’re working to beautify the grounds this Spring season.

It’s so easy to be the pastor of parishes that have lots of faith. I’m very proud of our two parishes and all of you.

We’ve got a lot planned in the coming months including the **Retreat of the Holy Spirit** May 15 in two languages, as well a joint **Outdoor Mass June 13** at Sacred Heart for its feast day, and to bless the new monument for the original chapel and the outdoor Stations of the Cross. We’ll be having our **150th Anniversary Gala** for the founding church of St. Lawrence October 16, and then host **Cardinal Dolan** for that anniversary October 24.

Thank you for being great parishioners and drawing others you love closer to Jesus. That’s what we’re all here to do.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



you're amazing!

LIAM FORD



The Hard as Nails retreat last Saturday was a great and an eye-opening experience. I had a terrific time interacting with the missionaries and my friends while learning about God. ***If religious education was as fun as that retreat, I would never want to leave!*** I never knew that learning about God could be

so fun. I would say that I was probably an average Catholic worshiper. I would go to church every time I needed to and I would pray every morning and evening. But after this retreat I realized that I was not doing enough to get closer to God and that if I want to become closer to God, then I need to work at it as if I am training for a religious marathon. I needed to take that first step. They gave us free Bibles at the retreat and told us that if we wanted to get closer to God, we had to read the Bible every day. Even if it's just one verse, it's one step closer to God. So, that night I sat and read 10 chapters of Matthew just because I knew it would bring me closer to God. I think Hard As Nails' main focus was to tell us that we are amazing and that we should tell others that they are amazing too. For the rest of that day, I went up to almost everyone I knew and said, "You're amazing!" I can now go through the world saying, "You're Amazing! You're Amazing!" and just feel so happy for everyone.

ARIANNA AROCHO



The 8th grade Hard as Nails Retreat was absolutely wonderful! I thoroughly enjoyed the event and learned lots of new and amazing things! The missionaries taught us many great lessons about God and his unconditional love for us, and focused heavily on the lesson, "You're Amazing!" Along with

this lesson, we learned that "When I can't...God can!" These two messages were positive and encouraging. The Hard as Nails missionaries definitely gave us a day to remember.



The games and activities that we were able to participate in were extremely fun! We also had the opportunity to share our own personal struggles within small group sessions. This truly meant a lot because the students and missionaries were very supportive

and understanding during this time. The main part of the retreat was hearing some empowering words shared by Justin Fatica. It was awesome because all of us were engaged and we were told about God's love for us. Students also had the opportunity to write down their own struggles anonymously on a piece of paper and have it shared by Justin Fatica. In addition, three students shared publicly to the group. These personal accounts were truly eye-opening and emotional to listen to. I enjoyed the retreat tremendously and was very sad when it came time to leave. It was not only fun, but exciting, interesting and comforting, all at the same time.

I left this retreat feeling happy and fully prepared to make my sacrament of Confirmation!



homework help

RACHEL WHITEHEAD



Beginning this past spring, Brewster Cares began a new program in the community called Homework Help.

This volunteer-based community outreach for English as New Language (ENL) Learners in the Putnam County area allows interested students in

Pre-K through 5th grade the opportunity to sign up for tutoring sessions offered three days a week at different times. Tutors consisting of middle school and high school students as well as adults, schedule times when they are available to meet with students one-on-one to help them with missed and late assignments, as well as their homework. Students and tutors meet at St. Lawrence O'Toole's Parish Center where a quiet area is set up to facilitate learning.



Homework Help has over twenty-two students and over fifty available tutors that meet regularly to work with one another. What's special about the program is that tutors and students are

matched to help build rapport and develop a closer relationship with one another. Laughter is often heard during the sessions as students eagerly work on assignments while developing warm friendships. A win-win for everyone, students boost learning skills while many of the highschool tutors receive community service hours for their highschool requirements.

Of course teachers love the idea of the program as well. Karen Barke, a kindergarten teacher at JFK Elementary School in Brewster has a student in the program who works with his tutor Kaitlyn McCarvil three times a week. "She loves working with my student, and they have been working on an alphabet book that he reads to our class every time he works on it. It's been helping him a lot. He is more interested in school now and is seeing himself as a student. The alphabet book seems so minor, but everytime he does something in it he can't wait to show the class."

For more information if you are interested in having your ENL child tutored or if you would like to volunteer to be a tutor, contact Rachel Whitehead at rachelmariewhitehead@gmail.com.



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pray for

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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

scholarships

The **St. Lawrence Council of the Knights of Columbus** provides two scholarships for parishioners of St. Lawrence O'Toole. **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** provides a scholarship to a college bound Sacred Heart parishioner. Please do not leave any scholarship submissions at the rectory.

HIGH SCHOOL — A scholarship will be awarded to an 8th grade student entering a Catholic high school or a 9th grade student who is enrolled and continuing at a Catholic high school. The maximum scholarship is \$1,000 per year. **Submission due by May 31, 2021.** Contact John Morgan at john.p.morgan@comcast.net for more information.

COLLEGE — A \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior continuing their education at an accredited two or four-year college. All applicants must complete a 500-word essay on **"How the Teachings of Jesus Affect My Life"** Application packages must be submitted by **May 8th**. Contact Peter Persampieri at (845)661-3578 for more information.

COLLEGE—The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Our Lady of the Lake** will be awarding a \$300.00 Scholarship. All applicants must complete a 250 Word Essay: **"What it's Like to be a Catholic Teenager in Today's Society."** Essays and application due on **May 1, 2021**. Contact: Melody Curra at 244 Pine Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812, or email: melhrmny@yahoo.com for more information and an application.

mass intentions

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 Pellecchia
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Nancy Caporale
11:00AM McCluskey & Ebert Families
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Kathleen Civetta

Monday, April 26

8:30AM Anne & Tom Neville

Tuesday, April 27

8:30AM Carina Rush

Wednesday, April 28

8:30AM Nicholas Monaco
7:00PM Elizabeta Novosel

Thursday, April 29

8:30AM Umberto Gabrielli

Friday, April 30

8:30AM Patrick Joyce

Saturday, May 1

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Paul Shisler
5:30PM Ed Mitchell Sr.
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, May 2

8:00AM Rosemary Connealy
9:30AM Joseph Johnson
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson
11:00AM Dora Elias
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Catherine Zbinden

dedications

The **Pascal Candle at St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Elizabeta Novosel** at the request of the Gabe Novosel

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

The **Tabernacle Candle at St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Marie Palumbo** at the request of the Keegan Family





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Sharing God's Gifts

St. Lawrence O'Toole

Goal:	\$ 77,000.00
Average Gift:	\$ 318.00
Total:	\$ 47,080.00
No. of gifts	148
Percentage of goal	61%

Sacred Heart

Goal:	\$11,500.00
Average Gift:	\$ 252.00
Total:	\$11,095.00
No. of gifts	44
Percentage of goal	96%

Your contribution to the Appeal helps Cardinal Dolan support the poorer parishes of the Archdiocese in the inner city. At St. Lawrence we have \$31,000 to reach our goal. With another 90 gifts we will make it.

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Weekend of April 18	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,943.00
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Total	\$ 13,285.36

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of April 18	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,525.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 528.77
Total	\$ 2,053.77

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.

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