

May 2, 2021 fifth 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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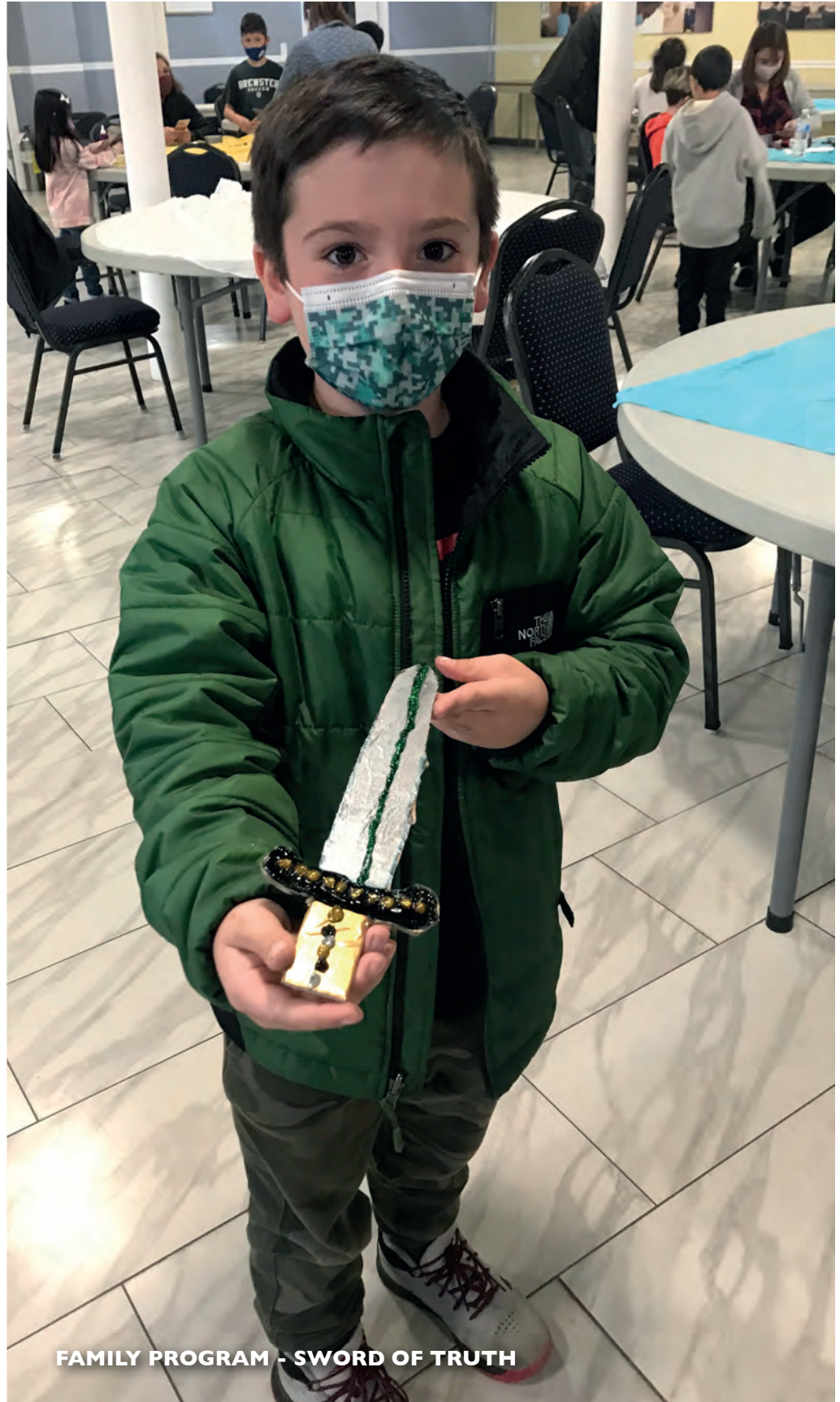
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LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

Mary's Mysteries – Perspective



I am very grateful to have been born during the second half of human history: after Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Jesus has revealed so much to us through his teaching and witness, things that were unknown to our Old Testament predecessors.

He also gave us a mother. As 21st Century Catholics, we may take Mary for granted, but before Christ gave her to us on the Cross, his faithful did not have a heavenly mother figure to

comfort, guide, and intercede for them. They may not have recognized the omission, but if Mary was taken away from us today, it would be devastating.

Some of my best meditations come when I am praying the Rosary and contemplating Mary's Mysteries. I like to imagine how Mary might have felt at the time of these stories and how her perspective may have changed over her years of pondering. A great example is the story of Finding Jesus in the Temple. I can only imagine the fear and devastation Mary and Joseph must have felt at losing Jesus for three days, but it is interesting to note that it is chronicled as a Joyful Mystery. I am sure that during those 72 hours Mary was not running around thinking, "Someday this will be a joyful mystery!"

I have taken that message into my own heart. When I am going through a difficult time, I try to reserve judgment on whether it will be remembered as a joyful or sorrowful experience. God not only can take painful experiences and transform them into joyful ones, but sometimes the growth and wisdom we desire can only be cultivated through adversity.

Mary shows us that following the way of her Son teaches us to be open to different perspectives.

Scripture: Read Luke 2:41-51. How do you feel in Mary's place?

Call to Action: Prayerfully consider a sorrowful experience from the past and meditate on if any joy grew out of it.



May 2, 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,

Sometimes you need someone from outside to show you what's going on right in front of you every day. In the last few months, people attending Mass have been introducing themselves to me and they are from other towns – Danbury, Putnam Valley, Yonkers... or from other Christian denominations. They have been asking to join our parish because they find it so vibrant and so welcoming. They cite the hospitality (donuts and coffee anyone?), the programs for kids (All Stars and Family Program), the Adult Faith Formation, the Perpetual Adoration, the availability of Confession, the ministries to the poor and homeless. And of course, there is the beautifully renovated Church and Parish Center as well, but first they notice a spirit, the people and the place.

It makes me proud of the great staff and volunteers in all the ministries that make it all work. They have all embraced a vision for the parish that doesn't just "exist" and maintain itself but is always looking outward, like a missionary group of disciples who know Jesus and want everyone else to know how life-changing a personal relationship with him can be. We're not here to just "hang in there" in tough times, but to lead people to Jesus and let him transform their lives.

We're doing this together as two parishes whose histories are intertwined since 1934 when St. Lawrence sponsored a chapel of the Sacred Heart in Putnam Lake. We'll celebrate that history together at an **Outdoor Mass June 13** on the site of the original chapel, and we'll bless the new commemorative monuments for the chapel and its donors, as well as a the newly constructed outdoor Stations of the Cross. Join us for that Mass and a barbecue afterwards.

But first we have to do our own spiritual renewal and keep ourselves close to the Lord and his Holy Spirit. To prepare for Pentecost (May 23 this year), we'll host the **Holy Spirit Retreat Saturday, May 15** given by our sister parish pastor Fr. Joe Espaillat, who leads the retreat team from the **Catholic Charismatic Center of the Bronx**. We'll run parallel retreats in English and in Spanish. Come one, come all, for a powerful experience to renew our love for God and our commitment to our parish mission. Registration at stlawrenceotoole.com/HolySpiritRetreat.



God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

Fr. Richard Gill



the full armor of God!

CECILIA BRITZ

Even through a pandemic, snow, rain and unplanned circumstances during the year, WE DID IT— we met online and in-person, once a month as a family, to learn about how to fight the good fight! The fight for our souls!



Together we worked on the six pieces of the **Full Armor of God** (Ephesians 6:118): Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Gospel of Peace, Helmet of Salvation, Shield of Faith, and Sword of the Spirit. Families came together, read Scriptures and learned more about the apostle Paul. Children and families learned about how St. Paul wrote the passage of the Full Armor of God in prison. They learned he wrote many other letters, he never encountered

Jesus in person, and he used to persecute Christians until he had a conversion.

Furthermore, families learned how to pray together while using Scripture, and visiting the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel or through the LIVE feed.

During our last in-person meeting, we worked on the **Sword of the Spirit**. We learned what a double-edged sword means, and how the Word of God is alive and active in our hearts and minds. Families had important and dynamic conversations about “do we have a Bible at home? Where is it? Can we bring it to the dinner table and read a few passages while eating?”

Lastly, families now understand how Jesus, when tempted in the desert by the devil, used Scriptures as a sword to cut through the lies Satan was telling Him. Just like our Lord Jesus, families understand that they can take any comments, ideas, temptations and compare them against Scriptures to know if they are true and good.

Would you like to learn more about a God who loves you and gives you the tools needed to protect your family’s souls and minds and hearts? Be part of a community that is eager to learn more, to share more, and to live a life in the light and truth of the Gospel of Peace.



Come and join us! We will be having a week long Vacation Bible School from June 28th to July 2nd. Send us an email at familyprogrambrewster@gmail.com for more information on our upcoming Summer activities as well as next year’s Family Program (CCD).



brewster cares shelter- three find a home!



WILFREDO CUSCAUT

I'm excited to inform everyone how your hard work and dedication to our homeless guests and the commitment of the Department of Social Services (DSS) staff has placed three of our guests in residential housing. How awesome is that! Jason and Fan recently signed a lease and moved into their apartment

this past week and MJ is waiting on a possible June 1 move in date. I'm extremely proud of our team. What we were able to do is tremendous. That's three less people out in the streets with nowhere to call home! I'm also proud to say that Jason and Dan are both currently working as well.

I'm looking forward to working with this staff and DSS closely next year and continuing to building an ongoing relationship with them. I'm also very optimistic it will turn into endless possibilities for our guests, and I hope this news puts a smile on your face, as it did mine. This is a reflection



of what hard work, dedication and commitment can bring to someone.

We have given them all hope and made them see how their dreams can become a reality as long as they're willing to work for it. It's always easy to give up or point a finger in someone else's direction. What we did differently this year was to make them accountable for their own actions. Many, if not all of our guests at some point mutter the same thing all season... "I'll believe it when I see it" or "No one cares"!

Well, we sure showed them what "faith" in the "Big Man" upstairs and what "not giving up" can do for the spirit and soul. Good work team! God willing, see you all again next season.





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sharing the good news

CARMEN CONSTANTINO



The course SHARING THE GOOD NEWS was a surprising treasure for me. Sometimes I take for granted the traditions that have been handed down from the Apostles. Before there was a Bible, there was oral tradition.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS reinforced to my 21 classmates and me, who were in person and on Zoom, the fact that we are all called to spread the Good News. That's the last command given by Jesus (Mk 16:15). Paul says in Romans 10:14, "How are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?"

Most important, I learned how I can help spread the Good News in very practical ways. I can be the voice to reach out to those who have not heard or listened carefully. I learned skills on how to help others come to know the love of Jesus and turn to him. The power of prayer was reinforced.

As I put what I learned into practice, I had some failures and mini successes. The most impactful experience was when a woman I barely knew mentioned how ill she'd been, I asked if she would allow me to pray with her. She allowed me to do so. The beautiful surprise was that she wanted to return the favor and pray for me. Not only did I realize she needed me, I needed her.

The other interesting thing that happened was seeing how others in the class became more open to evangelize. I saw how they were positively impacted by their efforts and saw glimpses of how the Holy Spirit was working within them and the people to whom they reached out.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS was instrumental in giving me the tools necessary to become more of an intentional disciple. Evangelization is still a work in progress for me, however, I'm looking forward to bringing more people into a relationship with Jesus.

pray for

Please remember our brothers and sisters in the Lord who have asked for prayers:

Kaitlyn King ◦ Mary McMahon ◦ JMichael 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 ◦ Marianne Gallacher ◦ Bridget Kenny ◦ Betty Dobbins ◦ Garecht/Pinzur/Sarlo Families ◦ Patricia Willis ◦ Catherine Sloomaker ◦ Demario Creaco ◦ Sally Terlizzi ◦ John Lynch ◦ Barry Newman ◦ Baby Wyatt Bowen

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. 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.

volunteers needed at camp veritas

Join us for a week of sports, laser tag and dodgeball as well as: Mass, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, testimonies, and talks. Spiritual staff includes Diocesan clergy, Legionaries of Christ, Dominicans, and more! Camp Veritas is virtually IMPOSSIBLE without our volunteer staff. We are dependent on excited, energetic counselors and general staff members to walk with our campers for a week (or more if you're super brave!) Lastly, spread the word! If you know someone 18+ who would be a mission fit counselor or staff member at Camp, send them our way. We are currently accepting volunteers at all Camp Veritas locations. Go to our website for dates and details! **CAMPVERITAS.ORG**

mass intentions

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

Monday, May 3

8:30AM Phil & Greg Blank

Tuesday, May 4

8:30AM Scott Holland

Wednesday, May 5

8:30AM Patrick Martin Sr.
7:00PM Intentions of Lauren & Alex Wells

Thursday, May 6

8:30AM Jack McConnell

Friday, May 7

8:30AM Msg. McCabe Scholarship Fund
7:00PM Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

Saturday, May 8

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Florence Genez
5:30PM Lillian Grant
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, May 9

8:00AM Theodora Farrell
9:30AM Raymond Pellecchia
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bill & Joseph Lewis
11:00AM Patricia Lee Rubino
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Mary McQueeney

dedications

The **Pascal Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Tony & Joan Gasson** at the request of the Marianne Taylor

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Catherine Zbinden** at the request of June Serra

o'toole seniors

Join us on Monday, May 10 at 1 pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall. It's a "LIVE" meeting so wear a mask.





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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

St. Lawrence O'Toole

Goal:	\$ 77,000.00
Average Gift:	\$ 320.00
Total:	\$ 48,670.00
No. of gifts	152
Percentage of goal	63.2%

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 \$28,000 to reach our goal. With another 80 gifts we will make it.

get your
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In Pew Collection	\$ 7,388.76
March WeShare weekly	\$ 6,342.36
Total	\$ 13,731.12

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of April 25	
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March WeShare weekly	\$ 528.77
Total	\$ 1,755.77

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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