

May 16, 2021 seventh 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

Plots and cremation niches are available for purchase.

Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201

call to schedule an appointment.

stlawrenceotoole.org

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 8, 2021



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sacred heart

JOINT PARISH OUTDOOR MASS & BBQ

SAVE THE DATE JUNE 13, 2021 • 1 PM

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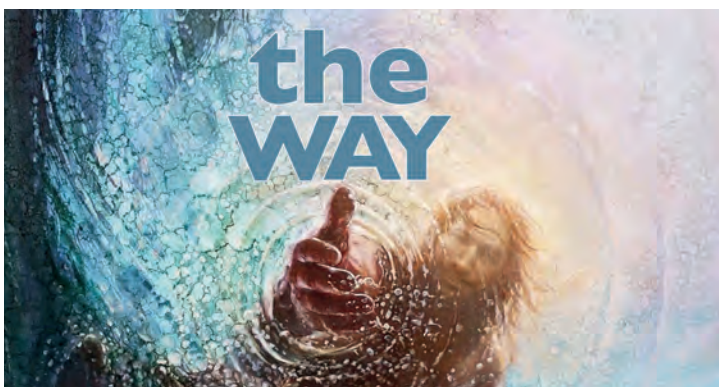
Leave your legacy
for the generations to come



Many parishioners find themselves able to leave a legacy gift in a will or a life estate to the parish, which helps ensure that future generations will find their parish church strong and vibrant in the years to come.

You can word a bequest to leave a percentage of your estate to the parish, or a fixed amount of money, or real estate. Consider leaving a legacy for the future of St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart.

CALL FR. GILL TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES
301-873-8418.



LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

I am the mother of two grown sons. No prophet spoke to me at my first-born's baptism to tell me that a sword would pierce my heart, but I still feel I can claim Simeon's prophesy as my own. I am sure most other mothers can as well.

As we reflect on a mother's heart, we recognize that it is intimately connected to the heart of her child. In the womb, their proximity can be measured in inches, but as the child grows and experiences the world outside, no matter how far they travel, mothers stay intimately connected to their children through their hearts. It is a supernatural bond.

When my sons are sick, mistreated, or misunderstood, I feel it as a sword in my heart. If ordinary mothers feel this connection, imagine the attachment between Mary and Jesus. Imagine all the piercings she accumulated during her earthly life as his mother. This prophesy must have climaxed at the foot of the Cross as she watched the centurion thrust his sword into Jesus' heart. I am convinced that she felt that sword as fully as if it had been thrust into her own.

It is clear, Jesus' and Mary's hearts are still one. As she works to bring all of humanity to her Son, she invites us to enter Jesus' heart by way of her own. As our mother, her heart is connected to ours. Let us strive to comfort her heart rather than pierce it.

Scripture: Read Luke 2:33-35. What is your heart telling you?
Call to Action: Become conscious of how your thoughts and actions impact Mary's heart.



Mary's Mysteries — One Heart

Another of Mary's Mysteries, which could be interpreted as both Joyful and Sorrowful, is Jesus' Presentation in the Temple. Naturally, it was joyful for the young parents to bring their baby to their most holy place and participate in a sacred ritual that was so meaningful to

their faith and culture. Like the joy we feel when we bring our babies to church to be baptized. But what young mother would want an old man, who is clearly a prophet, to tell her that a sword will pierce her heart?



May 16, 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,

Doesn't it feel like the world is finally starting to come out of hibernation? The Spring is here and **Pentecost is bringing the Holy Spirit** to us next week and slowly people are more confident and hopeful about the future. I'm more than ready!

The kids in our parishes have received their First Communion or Confirmation and we're getting back to normal for Mass now that capacity restrictions are being lifted. It's a great feeling because too many of our people have been missing the Eucharist for too long.

We'll keep **LIVESTREAMING** the 9:30 am Mass each Sunday, but unless you have a chronic illness or have a special susceptibility to catching the virus, we should be getting back to worshipping together as one family of God. We need that so badly. One family of God, gathered together around the Eucharist. That Eucharist is the center of our Catholic Faith. Nothing is more important than the Blessed Sacrament – Jesus' greatest gift to his Church.



That's why we have around the clock **24/7/365 Adoration in the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel**. People come and go all day long. Have you signed up for your hour with Jesus yet? I encourage you to do so, and I promise it will be the best hour you spend every week. God will bless you and your family with graces if you spend that time in prayer before Him. You'll discover a peace of soul and answers to your prayers.

Our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is also the reason we have the awesome **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** (Body of Christ) on **June 6**. We make the great procession through the streets of the Village of Brewster, from the train station up to the Church that day. We want to celebrate in public that the Lord is among us and walk with him at our side through our daily lives and struggles, trusting that he **"is with us all days."** Be sure to join us on Sunday, June 6 at 3:45 pm.

And don't forget that tomorrow, **Monday, May 17**, Deacon Mark will lead the wonderful **Seasons of Praise Holy Hour** in the Church at 7:00 pm. There will be Confessions from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. Remember we have **Confession every Monday and Friday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Take advantage to get things right with God and receive his loving mercy and forgiveness. No matter how big your sin or how often – he is waiting to forgive you.



Sacred Heart First Holy Communion April 24, 2021



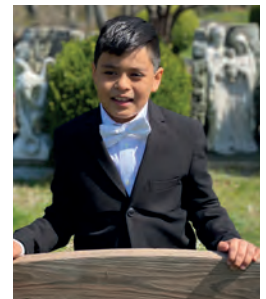
St. Lawrence Holy Communion May 2, 2021



St. Lawrence Holy Communion May 8, 2021 11 am



St. Lawrence Holy Communion May 8, 2021 1pm



first of many communions!

CECILIA BRITZ

Learning Religion through Zoom taught us many things. One of them is how hard it is to differentiate your right-hand side from your left-hand side, especially if you are 7 or 8 years old.

During our First Communion rehearsals, we kept on practicing and repeating that the right-hand side was going to be working hard during our First Communion. The right-hand side was in charge of pulling our mask down, reaching out and asking for the host, bringing the host to our mouth, making the sign of the cross, pulling our masks back up, and finally going back onto prayer hands position...Phewww....What a big day for our right-hand side!

And you know what? Our 76 children receiving communion had trouble using their hands because they have only been using them for about a decade. Aside from things like walking instead of running or skipping down the aisle, or finding their pews back after receiving communion, they had no trouble accepting that Jesus himself was waiting for them in the Eucharist. These little people, as little and cute as they are (Let's admit, they were so cute dressed up in their First Communion outfits!) believed with all the might of their young hearts that they were wanted, loved and accepted by Jesus Christ.

Lesson after lesson, their questions, their facial and non-verbal expressions revealed to me and to the heavens that their souls were more than ready to encounter our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. They had no doubts, regrets, second guessing, priority, crisis or laziness about coming to Mass and receiving our Lord. These children were just READY. I cannot tell you how many times I heard "Mrs. Cecilia, I have been waiting for this day for so long!" "Mrs. Cecilia, I have been waiting for this day my whole life" I could see it, they were shaky, nervous, happy and scared! What a blessing to witness such innocent and pure desire to be united to Jesus.

I invite you today, as parents of the First Communicants of 2021: please bring your child every week to Mass, so they can consistently have their second communion, and third communion, and fourth communion...until they lose count. Until they no longer need to count, because no matter what, they know that Jesus is always first, and that mom and dad are their best advocates and allies in leading them to the Eucharist despite all other life commitments and priorities.

Finally, parents, thank you for saying 'yes' to our Family Program against all odds during this year of COVID. Thank you for your commitment and your witness of faith. We look forward to continuing to walk this journey with you and your beautiful family! To register your child for next year's Family Program, email us at familyprogrambrewster@gmail.com.



spring/summer faith formation

LIVING JOY: 9 RULES TO HELP YOU REDISCOVER AND LIVE JOY EVERY DAY

TUESDAYS: IN-PERSON & ZOOM
June 29 – Aug 31
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Joy isn't a luxury, it's a necessity. But how do we find joy—and hold onto it—when so much in our life stands in the way? With evidence, experience, and common sense, Chris Stefanick presents nine rules that will empower you to overcome the obstacles that are keeping you from unspeakable joy. Join us and learn how to claim the joy you were created for!

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/LivingJoy



FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE GYM

THE 13 TH DAY: THE TRUE STORY OF THE THREE YOUNG SHEPHERDS AT FATIMA

May 21
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal, were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, and many thousands of independent eye-witness accounts.



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

SUNDAYS: IN-PERSON & ZOOM
July 11 – Aug 15
9:30 am – 10:30 am
NEW YORK ROOM

In the midst of crisis, confusion, and a world at war with the Church, it's time to come home again to our spiritual father, St. Joseph. In this richly researched and lovingly presented program of consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, brings to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and the Terror of Demons.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/StJoseph



THE CHOSEN: SEASON 2

June 4 – July 23
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

This innovation video series allows us to come to know Jesus through the eyes of the people closest to Him. These are thought-provoking segments that lead to great discussions. We are excited to continue this summer with Season 2!



ECHO WITH BISHOP DONALD HYING — OUR CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

WEDNESDAYS: IN-PERSON & ZOOM
June 2 – July 14
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Having a good foundation in any subject is the first step to falling in love with it. Whether you are new to the Catholic faith or maybe a little rusty on its core teachings, join us as we discover the beauty, purpose, and Truth of Christ and his Church.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/FaithExplained



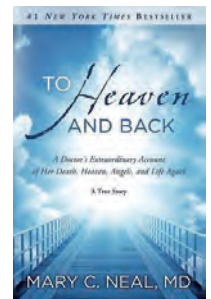
WOMEN'S GIFT BOOK DISCUSSION

To Heaven and Back by Mary C. Neal, MD
MONDAY
July 19
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
PIETA COURTYARD

Dr. Mary Healy's remarkable spiritual journey after drowning in a kayak accident is a moving story from life to death to eternal life, and back again. Mary's life has been forever changed by her newfound understanding of her purpose on earth, her awareness of God, her closer relationship with Jesus, and her first-hand experience in heaven.

REGISTER BY 7/14:

stlawrenceotoole.org/WomensGiftBook





CORPUS CRISTI

JUNE 6 AT 3:45 PM

Meet across from the train station for the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the village of Brewster



seasons of Praise

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Holy Hour • Benediction •
Praise & Worship Music

Confession available
from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

May 17

Talk 7 pm



Dcn. Mark Shkreli
St. Lawrence O'Toole/Sacred
Heart Churches
Brewster, NY

pray for

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

Kaitlyn King ◦ Mary McMahon ◦ Betty Lou Lawlor ◦ Maryann & Jackie Civita ◦ Carol Garcia ◦ Laura Faul ◦ John Donovan ◦ Hailey ◦ Bonnie Grant ◦ Andy Morehead ◦ 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 Beckett ◦ Brianna Martinez ◦ Orlando Serran ◦ Aurora Koontz ◦ Diane LaMoureux ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Justin Lyons ◦ Filiberta Gutierrez ◦ Denise Merkel ◦ Jennifer Lipari ◦ Janice Labatte ◦ 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 ◦ Jerry Davis ◦ Danny Hernandez ◦ Lisa Flynn

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 a scholarship for a parishioner 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.

learn about the discaled carmelites

The Secular Order of Discaled Carmelites pray according to the teachings of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. For more information contact: Pamela Ridout, OCDS at peridoutOCDS_5@yahoo.com or Roserita DuFresne at Roserita.dufresne@aol.com

25th/50th wedding anniversary mass

The Catholic Daughters Our Lady of the Lake Court #2585 of Sacred Heart Parish will be honoring couples from Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence O'Toole who have celebrated/will be celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in the years 2020 or 2021 at Sacred Heart's **4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, June 5**. To sign up for this event or for more information, please contact Meg Cairney 279-5214.

mass intentions

Saturday, May 15

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Nancy Chieco-Knuth
5:30PM Mary Mitchell
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, May 16

8:00AM Toni Akanewich
9:30AM Ronnie Durante
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Barbara Hefele
11:00AM McCluskey & Ebert Families
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Toni Akanewich

Monday, May 17

8:30AM Paul Pember

Tuesday, May 18

8:30AM Eileen Fernandez

Wednesday, May 19

8:30AM Mary McGreevy
7:00 PM Mike Brady

Thursday, May 20

8:30AM Carmine Barresi

Friday, May 21

8:30AM John Harley

Saturday, May 22

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Toni Akanewich
5:30PM Michael Carleton
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, May 23

8:00AM Philip Blank
9:30AM Frances Arcello
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Maria Salas
11:00AM Liam Ahern
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Harold Macholz

dedications

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

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

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Evelyn LaMont** at the request of a loving friend.





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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

St. Lawrence O'Toole

Goal:	\$ 77,000.00
Average Gift:	\$ 328.00
Total:	\$ 54,430.00
No. of gifts	166
Percentage of goal	71%

Sacred Heart

Goal:	\$ 11,500.00
Average Gift:	\$ 243.00
Total:	\$ 11,165.00
No. of gifts	46
Percentage of goal	97%

Your contribution to the Appeal helps Cardinal Dolan support the poorer parishes of the Archdiocese in the inner city. At St. Lawrence we have \$22,500 to reach our goal. With another 68 gifts we will make it.

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#1495 Brewster, NY

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of May 9

In Pew Collection	\$ 7,852.00
April WeShare weekly	\$ 6,104.55
Total	\$ 13,956.55

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of May 9

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,623.00
April WeShare weekly	\$ 512.69
Total	\$ 3,135.69

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

April

Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,183
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 5,500
WeShare	\$ 1,399
TOTAL	\$ 9,082

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

Rev. Richard Gill.....	Pastor
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Peter Ryan	Director of Music
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