

may 23 2021 pentecost 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

St. Lawrence Cemetery
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JOINT PARISH OUTDOOR MASS & BBQ

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SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 16, 2021 AMBER ROOM, DANBURY, CT



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DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



Mary's Mysteries — Going for Gold

I love pondering Mary's crowning as Queen of Heaven. What a beautiful ceremony it must have been. In earthly time the event has passed, but I hope that in timeless Heaven, we will be able to attend it ourselves!

Then I try to envision Mary's crown and how beautiful it must be. Of course, hers is incredibly special, but Jesus promises all of his faithful rewards in Heaven and Paul speaks of our own heavenly crowns in his Second Letter to Timothy. "From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord,

the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance."

In John's Gospel, Jesus also promised special dwelling places for each of us in Heaven, so that leads me to think about all of our future crowns and homes. I am absolutely positive that no two will be alike. God hasn't treated any of us the same down here; He most certainly is not going to treat us the same in Heaven. In Matthew, Jesus is quoted saying, "For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct."

I also don't think that our rewards will be based on a scale of how seemingly important our life work was to the Kingdom, but rather if we fulfilled what the Father expected of us. For instance, Pope John Paul II's crown may not be any more impressive than that of a single mother who dedicated her life to raising her children well.

The way I look at it, we have a lot riding on our behavior in this life. If we are going to receive one crown and one dwelling place, potentially for all eternally, let's go for the gold! Or whatever heavenly metal God desires for each of us...

Scripture: Matthew 16:24-27. Imagine when Jesus returns with his angels.

Put it into paractice: Will your earthly conduct earn you great rewards in Heaven? What can you improve?



May 23, 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,

“You will receive power from on high when the Holy Spirit comes.” (Acts 1: 8) Happy Feast of Pentecost to all!

Holy Spirit week at our parishes is here. Three Confirmation ceremonies with Bp. Whalen and Bp. Byrne for 70 of our middle school religious education kids, two more adults converting to the Catholic faith this Sunday, and the great feast of Pentecost.



Stirring it all up was the powerful **Come Holy Spirit Retreat** last Saturday for 150 parishioners directed by Fr. Joe Espallat and his team from the Charismatic Center of the Bronx. They preached to both the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities a powerful message of what the Holy Spirit can do if we allow him into our lives to transform and heal us, and to send us out as disciples of Jesus.

Fr. Joe also leads St. Anthony of Padua Church in the Bronx, our sister parish. We were able to give him a gift from our charity fund for \$12,500 to maintain his work in a very impoverished part of the city. We may have given them some financial help, but they gave us so much more spiritually.

We ran our **Boutique Gratis** this past weekend and distributed donations of thousands of items of gently used clothing to hundreds of the needy in our Brewster area. People were so generous, and we are grateful to the good people of Agape for collecting much of it, and for Keller-Williams real estate agents who all volunteered a work day alongside dozens of our parishioners.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish and our efforts to help the needy – it is a beautiful witness of what a parish ought to be: on the front lines serving God's poor, spreading the Gospel, and offering everyone a life-changing relationship with Jesus.

And one bit of **big news** about our campus: we're about to get a little bit larger. We've entered into a contract with the Episcopal Diocese to purchase the house across from the rectory at 32 Prospect Street. It's been a dilapidated eyesore for a long time. Our plan is to take it down to develop more green space, a shrine to the Blessed Mother, and also improve our parking. Say a prayer it all works out.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. You've noticed the paint job and landscaping changes underway on our rectory and offices... part of our ongoing beautification process for our campus.



paparazzis in the courtyard!

CECILIA BRITTEZ



Close your eyes and imagine this: Flashing cells, cameras and a line of children waiting for their turn to take a picture with our Lady! We don't see that very often, but here at Saint Lawrence we are used to experiencing the unusual!



Please enjoy these beautiful pictures of Our Lady receiving an outpour of honor, recognition and love for being our Mother, advocate and defender. Mary

is the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven and Earth. In this month of May we crown her with all the families and children who attended our Sunday Masses.

If you missed this event, please take your own statue or image of Our Lady and do a May Crowning with your children and family members. Happy May Crowning!





come holy spirit, come!

JUDY CALLAHAN



When Fr. Rich first announced that St. Anthony of Padua and St. Lawrence O'Toole/Sacred Heart were going to be sister parishes, I had the opportunity to travel to the Bronx to help out with the Thanksgiving Dinner extravaganza. That was my introduction to a parish that may fall a little short with finances, but they certainly weren't lacking in faith and parish involvement. In fact, they had much to teach us about what the richness of a parish really means.

On Saturday, Fr. Joe Espaillat and his team traveled to St. Lawrence to host the Come Holy Spirit Retreat, way up here in Brewster, for us. More than 150 parishioners filled the church for morning Mass, offered in both English and Spanish where we prayed together that our retreat would truly fill us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Joe and his team did not disappoint and neither did the Holy Spirit.

The MJ's (ministerio de juventud or youth ministry) were young and vibrant and they not only shared a beautiful Saturday with

us, each shared their stories of personal encounters with the Holy Spirit focusing on one of the seven gifts. What incredible insight they had along with an openness to receive their gifts. That openness was one of the things that Fr. Joe spoke of; how often do we turn away and leave our gifts unopened? During a break, my friend Kathy reminded me of a time quite a few years ago when she invited me to a similar retreat. I said no. Today, I said yes! I'll never know how much I missed out on during those intervening years but I do know that today had a profound impact on me and it's never too late to open your heart to God.



We listened, we prayed, we sang, we were led in guided prayer and we contemplated being 'born again' Catholics. We learned that the suburban Catholics are a little more 'reserved' than the Bronx Catholics, and maybe we need to get back to our Bronx roots!

Later in the afternoon we all came together again in the church for Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction. Several people came forward to share their personal testimonials of how the Holy Spirit descended upon them today. It was awesome, it was raw emotion and best of all, it was real.



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 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!



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

THURSDAYS: IN-PERSON & ZOOM
June 17 – August 5
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
In person and Zoom
NEW YORK ROOM

Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems complicated. Get the "big picture" by learning how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Let Jeff Cavins show you how to read the Bible so you will understand it.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/UnlockingBible



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



ECHO — OUR CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED-WITH SEMINARIAN JOSEPH UKAJ

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 Seminarian Joe to learn about The Creed: why we exist, why we believe, and how we can fulfill our deepest longings for Christ through his Church.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/FaithExplained

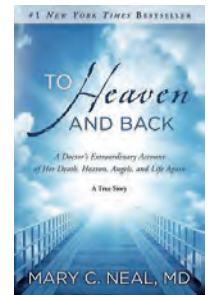


WOMEN'S GIFT BOOK DISCUSSION

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

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pray for

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

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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 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 discalced carmelites

The Secular Order of Discalced 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 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

Monday, May 24

8:30AM Robert Rocco Russo

Tuesday, May 25

8:30AM Eduardo Viray

Wednesday, May 26

8:30AM Toni Akanewich
7:00 PM Theresa Howe

Thursday, May 27

8:30AM John DelBono

Friday, May 28

8:30AM Debbie Neville

Saturday, May 29

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Maria Jensen
5:30PM Franco Ruggiero
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, May 30

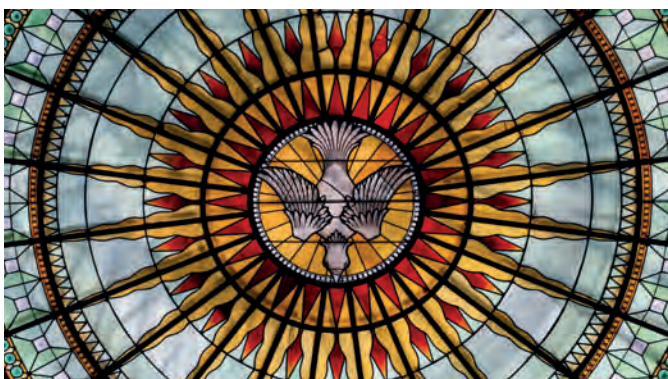
8:00AM John DelBono
9:30AM Kay Kealy
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Maria Salas
11:00AM Paddy Killeen
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Toni Akanewich

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 **John & Mary Kunert** at the request of John & Janet Strilowich

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





new, designer name brands. One grandmother was in tears thanking us for all the kids' clothes she was able to take for nieces, nephews and grandchildren. A single mom-to-be received a crib, a changing table, diapers, and clothing for her infant. A little girl came back to ask for an additional diffuser because the one she received was helping her father who was in poor health to breath better. Two guests were so grateful that they came back on Sunday to work with us, folding, sorting and carrying heavy bags from the attic to the gym.



Volunteers joyfully "staged" clothing and matched shoes and accessories to outfits. By anyone's standards the boutique was already a success. But the Holy Spirit wasn't finished yet, it was the final hours of the sale when Cindy, age 11, and her mom showed up to shop. They noticed Father Gill at the sale and decided to ask him for a blessing, since Cindy had just had brain surgery for cancer and was going into the hospital for chemo treatments the following day. Well, what is better than a blessing? A Baptism and Anointing of the Sick of course! Only the Holy Spirit could plan and execute that so perfectly. Please pray for Cindy's healing, for her family to find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, and for all of the clothing donors, volunteers, and recipients whom the Holy Spirit used in His master plan.



the master plan

JULIE NOCE

The Holy Spirit works in surprising ways. No one could have predicted that a free boutique would lead to a baptism. We didn't even plan to have a free boutique, and it all started with a mistake. Brewster Cares offered to be a drop off site for a non-profit to collect clothing. In return we thought would get brand new underwear, socks, and work boots for the 15 homeless guests we serve at the seasonal shelter. To our surprise we were given 10,000 items of clothing, housewares and furniture.



After being turned down by multiple shelters who do not accept gently used clothing, we decided to give it away to needy people in the community. Brewster residents rallied to give us clothing racks and hangers, KellerWilliams Realty sent 30 volunteers to work with us for 8 hours setting up

the "store" and 26 parishioners volunteered to help 260 guests shop for free. We gave away thousands of items, including many brand

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of May 16	
In Pew Collection	\$ 5,795.00
April WeShare weekly	\$ 6,104.55
Total	\$ 11,899.55

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of May 16	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,631.00
April WeShare weekly	\$ 512.69
Total	\$ 2,143.69

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.

MAYBE YOU'RE
ONE OF US

parish staff

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
- Rev. Thomas Berg.....Weekend Associate
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- Sally Silvestro.....Director of Communication
- Cecilia Britez...Director of Evangelization and Family Program
- Peter RyanDirector of Music
- Theresa Scorca.....Coord. of Religious Education
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