

june 20, 2021 twelfth sunday in ordinary time

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

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.

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OUTDOOR MASS & BBQ



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June 8, 2021
Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Year of Saint Joseph

The Reverend Richard Gill, Pastor
Saint Lawrence O' Toole Parish
31 Prospect Street
Brewster, New York 10509

Dear Father Gill:

When you were appointed Pastor of the Parish of Saint Lawrence O' Toole in Brewster on August 1, 2015, you were given the privilege and responsibility of serving your parishioners by proclaiming the Gospel, handing on the Tradition of the Church, and administering the Sacraments.

The Parish Evaluation conducted under the auspices of the Priests' Personnel Board has indicated that, with the assistance of your staff, you have offered sensitive pastoral care to meet the spiritual and communal needs of your parishioners. While I am sure you find the result of the evaluation affirming, I know you look forward to the next six years with even greater enthusiasm as you build on the good work you and your staff have already accomplished.

Later in the summer, the Vicar for Clergy, Most Reverend Edmund J. Whalen, will contact you to review the specific findings of the Parish Evaluation. The thoughtful responses made by those who participated in the evaluation will be useful in planning for the continued spiritual development of the parishioners of the Parish of Saint Lawrence O' Toole.

With much happiness and gratitude, I appoint you to a second six-year term.

I am truly grateful to you for all that you do and particularly for all that you *are*: a priest forever, blessed with gifts that enrich the souls of the People of God.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Fraternally in Christ,



† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

*Thanks for
your love, dream,
and drive!*



June 20, 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,

Warning: if you read the New York Times and similar media, you'll get the impression that faith in God is dying out, that religion is a thing of the past, and that Jesus is not relevant anymore. And they think that is a good thing.

But if you've been around St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart the past few weeks, you'll have become aware there are people who never got the memo that it is all over for God and Catholics. That's what the secular media wants you to think. But it just ain't so.



On Corpus Christi, June 6, hundreds of parishioners and friends marched through the Village of Brewster with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament held high, joyfully singing and witnessing about our belief that He is truly, actually present on earth in this Sacrament that is at the core of our faith.

At Sacred Heart on June 13, hundreds more of us gathered for an Outdoor Mass to commemorate the original chapel, now long gone, that marked the spot where for the first time in history – in 1934 – the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated in Patterson, NY, before a group of Catholics who believed that Jesus is truly present in this Most Blessed Sacrament.

We celebrate a faith of billions of believers who, throughout the past two thousand years, and locally in Brewster since 1871, hold the rock-solid faith of the ages — that Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, the Redeemer of the world, who suffered, died and rose again from the dead, is the King of the universe, true God and true Man, and is our Savior and our Lord. Faith in that Lord is the foundation of our lives and that will never change.

For 150 years that faith has been lived here in our families, churches and local towns. And 150 years from now it will still be celebrated by our great-great grandchildren as we pass on that faith to the future generations.

At one point in the Gospels, when many followers abandoned Jesus because he challenged them, he asked the apostles, "Will you also go away?" And Peter responded for all of them, *and for us today*, "Lord, to Whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have come to know and believe, that you are the Holy One of God!"

And so it is, two thousand years later. Praised be Jesus Christ. Both now and forever!

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill





the great outdoor mass

DEB LAWLOR

Last Sunday's Outdoor Mass and BBQ was such a great success! "A beautiful day, we really enjoyed the outdoor Mass both last year, and today," said Bill and Michelle Zambraski,

"We wish we could have this more often!" With the clouds keeping back a strong summer sun, nearly 250 people gathered



on the manicured lawn of Sacred Heart. Father Gill led the Mass with Deacon Mark and our two seminarians.



The combined music ministry of Saint Lawrence and Sacred Heart filled the air with the strength of the Holy Spirit. Even lector Judy McDermott's dog Jefferson, felt the Spirit as he

bowed down in celebration of the Eucharist. Father spoke of the "courage" that it takes to be a person of faith today. The Hance family, who donated their land to be the grounds of Sacred Heart parish had that courage, and Father challenged us all to continue to pass on our faith to more people in our communities, and within our families. Father then blessed the



monuments that commemorate the cornerstone of the original Church and the burial site of the Hances.

People lined up around the Blessed Mother statue to enjoy the delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and desserts provided by the ministries of our parishes. Kids enjoyed a great bouncy house and giant bubble buckets. "What a great way to join our two parishes together, and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, sunshine, and great news of Father Gill's continuation of his term as Pastor of our parishes," said Tina Pennacchia.



Of course it goes without saying that this kind of undertaking is no easy endeavor. There were many people who helped with the set up, parking, cooking, clean up and break down. Thank you to all who were an integral part of the success of the day.



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!



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



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





Inside of the first St. Lawrence O'Toole Church 1800's

dedication of st. lawrence

TINA GRANT

St. Lawrence Catholic Church was dedicated at the first Mass on October 23, 1871, with Reverend Lawrence McKenna officiating, assisted by Father Starrs. The local paper described the ceremony as: *"A very large assemblage was present, comprising the members of the Catholic Society and their Protestant friends, the number being so great as to preclude the possibility of all obtaining even standing room inside the edifice, so that quite a respectable congregation remained in the open air."*

Fr. Starrs congratulated the Catholic Society, stating *"they who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. There should be a public manifestation of the spiritual worship, both by the ceremony of Church Mass and the daily walk of the Christian. One feature of the occasion particularly noticeable, and one rarely met with elsewhere, was the deference and respect shown to strangers, members of the church vacating their seats, and standing during the entire Mass in order to accommodate visitors with seating accommodations. We congratulate our Catholic friends on their good fortune and hope the Church may, in conjunction with those of their neighbors, be **an element for good in our community.**"* One can easily visualize the small wooden church filled to capacity with such joy. Fr. Starrs' words are extremely significant as they define our parish today.

We have carried out the hope Fr. Starrs spoke of. Several years ago, I attended a retreat at St. Lawrence. A visiting priest shared his retreat experience. *"I have visited many places in my lifetime and have met many people. I have always been treated with respect and felt welcomed. But not here. He smiled and continued. Here, I was embraced, and the warmth that was exhibited was only outdone by the joy you have in your hearts."* His words

tugged at my heart. He recognized who we are and what St. Lawrence is about. History includes more than dates and events. It contains all the people who give life to that history.

The faith in Brewster that led to the dedication of St. Lawrence existed before 1871. It was in the hearts of the people who prayed in the home of the Gilroys, and before the Gilroys. Their dedication is a testimony of the courage of the Christians of Brewster, a courage St. Paul expressed to the Corinthians. As I reflect on Fr. Starrs' words, I am reminded of the parable of the mustard seed – how it is sown as the smallest seed and becomes the largest of plants. St. Lawrence is a mustard seed and our Catholic community much like the farmer, spread that seed and it has grown into the beautiful parish of today. We are an evangelization parish. It was Fr. Starrs' hope and our mission statement is centered on it. We are an "element of good in this community." We have all been witness to the beautiful actions performed by our parish, which has stood strong for 150 years. In a recent homily, Fr. Rich spoke *"The way we live our faith has an impact on those around us, especially those who depend on us."*

The first Catholics in Brewster gave us a magnificent gift, and God gave us the most extraordinary gift of all – the body and blood of Christ. I hope we continue to be sowers of mustard seeds like our pioneer parishioners. May we continue to pass on all that has been given to us. On the very ground that our present stone church stands, once stood a small wooden church dedicated in 1871. Renovations will always be a part of our parish, but it is faith in the hearts of the people led by the priests and deacons that define the parish. I am very grateful to the first Catholics of Brewster and very proud of our parish. Let us never forget the words of Fr. Starrs as we continue to carry out his hope with courage as St. Paul expressed so vehemently to the Corinthians.

pray for

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

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 ◦ 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 ◦ Jackie Pasquale ◦ Addyson Ashley Anello ◦ Marianne Gallacher ◦ Bridget Kenny ◦ Betty Dobbins ◦ Garecht/Pinzur/Sarlo Families ◦ Patricia Willis ◦ Catherine Sloomaker ◦ Demario Creaco ◦ Sally Terlizzi ◦ Barry Newman ◦ Baby Wyatt Bowen ◦ Jerry Davis ◦ Danny Hernandez ◦ Lisa Flynn ◦ Shirley Giglio ◦ Cindy Agosto ◦ Barbara Mc Guire ◦ Vincent Lambino ◦ Renato Testani

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



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts

St. Lawrence

Goal:	\$77,000
Pledged:	\$58,030
Gifts:	170
Average:	\$341
Percentage of goal:	75%

Sacred Heart

Goal:	\$11,500
Pledged:	\$11,440
Gifts:	50
Average:	\$229
Percentage of goal:	99%

Thanks for continuing to support the Cardinal's Appeal in these hard times. This appeal provides the funds for the Cardinal to support poor parishes around the Archdiocese.

mass intentions

Saturday, June 19

4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Don Parfitt
5:30PM	Nicholas DeVito
7:30PM	Spanish

Sunday, June 20

8:00AM	Joseph Pontonio
9:30AM	Fred Merkel
10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Edward Richardson
11:00AM	Katrin Pjetra Shaljanin
12:30 PM	Rigoberto Fajardo
5:30PM	Myles Tomblin

Monday, June 21

8:30AM	Patricia Lee Rubino
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Tuesday, June 22

8:30AM	Toni Akanewich
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Wednesday, June 23

8:30AM	Ann & John Kilcoyne
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Thursday, June 24

8:30AM	Nicky Piccini
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Friday, June 25

8:30AM	Robert Rickard
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Saturday, June 26

4:00PM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Mike McDermott
5:30PM	Eleanor & William G. Lasch
7:30PM	Spanish

Sunday, June 27

8:00AM	Kathy Civetta
9:30AM	James McKinney
10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i>	Bill & Joseph Lewis
11:00AM	Giovanni Malandrucolo
12:30 PM	Spanish
5:30PM	Timothy Brian Hogan

dedications

The **Sanctuary Candle** at **Sacred Heart** is dedicated to **Bill, Joseph & Suzanne Lewis** at the request of Ellen Lewis

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

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Nicky Piccini** at the request of the Piccini Family

The **Tabernacle Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Eleanor Ball** at the request of the Yaremko Family

kenny holler / st. lawrence cyo scholarship

Awarded to deserving 8th graders who will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall. The applicants must be active participants at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, have participated for several years in the CYO program, have accomplished a high degree of community involvement and volunteer service, and have shown great character and sportsmanship throughout their years playing CYO. Applications are available in the rectory. All applications are due by 6/27/21.



LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



Pillars — Blueprint

My father died when I was 28. Decades have passed since then. I may not remember the sound of his voice or his strong hugs but the impact he made on my faith remains as alive as when he knelt next to me in church as a child.

He taught me to be obedient to him and to my heavenly Father, which also meant being obedient to the Church. We never missed Sunday Mass or Holy Days of Obligation. When we traveled, we always found a church and planned our day around its Mass schedule.

An incident that may have made the biggest impact on me occurred on a Holy Day of Obligation in high school. I was on the track team, and an away meet would have prevented me from attending Mass. It didn't seem like a big deal to me, but my father said our obedience to God must come first. I was unhappy at the time, but it was a lasting witness of Dad passing on his strong Catholic faith. It has directed my life decisions ever since.

My mother was a faithful Catholic too, but I identify my father as the strong, impressive pillar in our family. The Catholic faith was important to Dad, so I concluded it must be important.

I discovered a sobering statistic that shows how critical it is for fathers to pass on their faith to their children: When a mother attends church with her children and the father is non-practicing, there is only a 33% chance that the children will attend as adults. Whereas, when the father attends church with the children and the mother is non-practicing, there is a 67% chance that his children will continue in their faith!

When Dad makes the Church a priority, children notice. If Dad takes faith in God seriously, the message to children is that God should be taken seriously. Of all the roles of a father in the lives of his children, what could be greater than that?

Scripture: Read Proverbs 22:6. Have you witnessed this Truth?

Call to Action: Let us pray for the men in our community to be strong, faithful pillars in their own families.

40 hours of adoration



From 6:30 pm Sunday, June 6th, until 8:30 am Tuesday, June 8th, the real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist was moved from the Adoration Chapel to the main altar in church. The practice of Forty Hours Devotion originated from the "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial around 3:00 am on Friday until his Resurrection on Easter morning about 7:00 am. As a Eucharist-centered parish, our parishioners embraced

this tradition in honor of Corpus Christi. They gathered as a community before the Blessed Sacrament to pray before our Lord in solemn adoration.

Approximately 250 men, women, and children came at all hours of the day and night to pray for their own intentions as well as the overarching intention of the event: *For the return of those who fell away from the regular practice of the faith during COVID.* Our active parishioners

understand that streaming Mass is never a true substitute for coming in person. Living without full Communion with Jesus ultimately leaves us empty and unfulfilled.

Nineteen of our parish ministries hosted hours where they led beautiful devotionals. They guided us through favorite prayers, different forms of the Rosary, Scriptural reflections, litanies, and praise and worship music. By assembling before the Blessed Sacrament as a ministry they not only introduced others to new ways to worship, but they also strengthened their own ministries by praying in focused unity.

In accord with Jesus' promise that those who follow him will be rewarded in both this world and the next, some of our parishioners and ministries won prizes for their participation! Their prizes were distributed at the Outdoor Sacred Heart Mass and BBQ on June 13.

MOST ADORERS: Champion Homeschool Coop, Jesus Y Maria, Rosary Ministry

MOST COMBINED HOURS THROUGHOUT THE 40 HOURS:

Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

MOST HOURS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL:

Maria del Rosario Salazar

YOUNGEST ADORER: Marrianna Genn, age 2

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parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of June 13

In Pew Collection	\$	7,630.00
May WeShare weekly	\$	5,282.76
Total	\$	12,912.76

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of June 13

In Pew Collection	\$	2,715.00
May WeShare weekly	\$	470.91
Total	\$	3,185.91

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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