

june 27, 2021 thirteenth 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

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EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER GRADUATION

TICKETS AVAILABLE

stlawrenceotoole.org/gala2021

\$175 per person

Gala 21

CELEBRATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S FIRST CHURCH

OCTOBER 16, 2021
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A full table (8) to the St. Lawrence Gala. Advertising in parish weekly bulletin, blasts on Facebook, recognition on stlawrenceotoole.org. Announcements at Gala - both on our continual run video and shout outs from the DJ. Banner at the Gala.

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SILVER SPONSOR: (\$1,250.00)

Two (2) tickets to the St. Lawrence Gala. Advertising in parish weekly bulletin, blasts on Facebook, recognition on stlawrenceotoole.org. Announcements at Gala - both on our continual run video and shout outs from the DJ.

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sacred heart



June 27, 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,

We've got an amazing parish – just read through this bulletin and catch the article on how our Brewster Cares Homeless Shelter helped a woman through her hard times on the street and now is happily living in her own apartment. We went to bless her new place last week, and she was a grateful and gracious hostess. Three of our homeless have found permanent housing thanks to the help of our shelter director and parishioner, Wilfredo Causcut. Our shelter will be reopening when the weather gets cold again. We're determined to make sure every local homeless person at least has a safe warm place to sleep and eat.



Fr. Richard blessing MJ's new apartment

There's so much good our parishioners are doing because we are an amazing parish. And it all starts from our focus on the Eucharist and the love Jesus has for us. So many people are spending time praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel... When we unite in prayer around him, great things happen. Like this:

A small army of parish volunteers worked to collect gently used clothing, enabling us to host a free tag sale for struggling families from our Brewster area to take what they needed for themselves and their kids. We helped 240 families, and there was still much leftover! So we are taking the rest of it down to our sister parish in the South Bronx, St. Anthony of Padua. They are going to do much the same thing with the remaining donated items, helping people who are even poorer than in our area. Our poor box donations are increasing the more we do for the poor! Thank you! God is good, and he makes his people good too!

We're hiring new people for youth ministry and evangelization now because we want to make sure every person in Brewster and Patterson has a chance to get to know Jesus as the one who saved them and promises eternal happiness if we follow him.

As I write this, I'm at a parish renewal conference that I attend almost every year with some key leaders from the parish, so we can learn to think strategically and effectively about the future of our parishes. It helps me keep focus – not just to be busy, but to be busy with the right things.

I'm grateful to Cardinal Dolan for renewing my term as pastor of St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart for another six years. We have awesome parishioners, and it is a pleasure to serve you here.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

Pre-K 3 We Bloom Grow Blossom Ceremony



Pre-K 4 classmates



Pre-K 3 classmates



Pre-K 4 Shooting for the Stars Ceremony



movin' on up

KIM SANTERRE

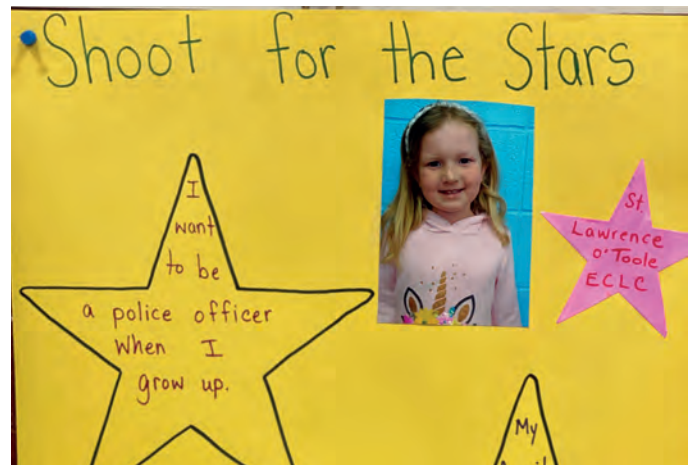


The **St. Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center** celebrated the end of the school year with their traditional ceremonies! Thank you St Lawrence O'Toole Parish for hosting the fun and fabulous events.

On Thursday, June 17, pre-K 3 celebrated their year's end with a moving up ceremony. Their theme was **Bloom, Grow, Blossom**. The children said our "Sweet Jesus" prayer, pledged allegiance to our flag and performed several songs for the audience's entertainment. Then, the children were presented with their moving up certificates.



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They were given their preschool diplomas and wished well for their departure of ECLC as they will be off to new schools in September!

The Early Childhood Learning Center wishes all of our children and families a wonderful summer! We look forward to September to see our incoming pre-K 4 children. We will miss our outgoing pre-K 4 children and wish them all the best in Kindergarten!!! We pray that God continues to bless and protect each child and their family with success, happiness and peace in their new adventures, and always keep Jesus at the heart of all they do throughout the journey!!!





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!



WOMEN'S GIFT BOOK DISCUSSION

To Heaven and Back by Mary C. Neal, MD

MONDAY

July 19

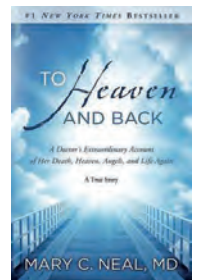
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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



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 relic of Saint Lawrence O'Toole from Eu, France



the saint we are named after

TINA GRANT

Saint Lawrence O'Toole, for whom this parish has been named, was born in 1128 in County Kildare, Ireland. At the age of ten he was taken as a hostage by Dermot McMurrough, King of Leinster. In 1140 the boy obtained permission to enter the monastic school of Glendalough. In 1161, he was appointed Archbishop of Dublin. In that role, he provided for the spiritual and temporal needs of his people. During that period of Irish history, there was a great deal of tribal in-fighting, clan against clan, and the Irish fighting the English. All during this turmoil, the Saint made it his role and his function to protect the people as best he could, to intercede and to bring peace. He sought an audience with Henry II, King of England. He could not find him in London and heard he was somewhere along the coast of Normandy, France. In travel to Normandy, the saint died suddenly in the town of Eu on November 14, 1180. He was named a Saint of the Church in 1226.

Msgr. Edward A. McCabe came to Brewster in 1948 and served us for approximately 30 years. His contributions to our parish are many, but one contribution, not to be overlooked, is how Msgr. McCabe, secured the relic of St. Lawrence O'Toole.

Msgr. McCabe traveled extensively and studied the history of St. Lawrence. As St. Lawrence O'Toole parish prepared for its 100th Anniversary, Msgr. McCabe was planning to procure a relic of Saint Lawrence O'Toole from the church in Eu, France, where the Saint had died. What better gift for the anniversary but a relic of its Saint! I remember Msgr. McCabe's passion as he worked to obtain this relic.

Bishop James Mahoney, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, provided letters of introduction to members of the French clergy, asking them to assist our pastor in his efforts. Msgr. McCabe

traveled to Eu, France. He knew the likelihood of procuring the relic would be close to impossible, but he hoped and prayed he could bring it back for the 100th Anniversary. After Mass in Eu, Msgr. McCabe was overwhelmed that the Archbishop of Rouen honored Bishop Mahoney's letter and offered Msgr. McCabe the choice of three relics of Saint Lawrence O'Toole. The first relic was the bust of the head of St. Lawrence, the second, a bone about two inches long in a three-foot high tower weighing approximately 40 pounds. Msgr. McCabe chose the third relic, a smaller tower, 10 inches high, with a gold-colored oval reliquary, wreathed in amethyst-like stones and through the glass read the words "St. Lawrence de Eu." It contained a bone of the Saint.

On November 14, 1978, as we celebrated the 100th Anniversary, we also celebrated the installation of the relic. Rev. James P. Mahoney, who assisted Msgr. McCabe in acquiring the relic, was the principal celebrant. Msgr. McCabe delivered the homily sharing his remarkable journey of how he secured the relic. Msgr. McCabe had a wonderful wit and while his words spoke of his story, it was his eyes that told the story. Msgr. McCabe said we had his name, and now we have a part of our Saint to add to the history of our parish. Bishop Mahoney spoke "Let us pray in honor of St. Lawrence, for his guidance, his protection and his care, filled with the knowledge that in God's power and the intercession of our Saint, our faith will be demonstrated, be alive, and be a real presence in the Brewster community."

The relic is presently in the museum, located in the Parish Center. During Fr. Robert DeJulio's tenure, a statue of St. Lawrence was purchased and is in the narthex of the present church. We are forever indebted to Msgr. McCabe for his perseverance in obtaining our namesake's relic and bringing to St. Lawrence a part of our history. I think of the Saint we are named after and the courage he exhibited at a time of turmoil, taking care of his people, very much like our Parish does today.

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 Sloodmaker ◦ Demario Creaco ◦ Sally Terlizzi ◦ Barry Newman ◦ Baby Wyatt Bowen ◦ Jerry Davis ◦ Danny Hernandez ◦ Lisa Flynn ◦ Shirley Giglio ◦ Cindy Agosto ◦ Barbara Mc Guire ◦ Vincent Lambino ◦

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

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 **Eleanor Ball** at the request of the Yaremko Family

mass intentions

Saturday, June 26

4:00PM *Sacred Heart*
5:30PM
7:30PM

Mike McDermott
Eleanor & William G. Lasch
Spanish

Sunday, June 27

8:00AM
9:30AM
10:30AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00AM
12:30 PM
5:30PM

Kathy Civetta
James McKinney
Bill & Joseph Lewis
Giovanni Malandrucolo
Spanish
Timothy Brian Hogan

Monday, June 28

8:30AM

Jerome Casey

Tuesday, June 29

8:30AM

Burchell Family

Wednesday, June 30

8:30AM

Joe Johnson

Thursday, July 1

8:30AM

John DelBono

Friday, July 2

8:30AM
7:00PM

Msg. McCabe Scholarship Fund
Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

Saturday, July 3

4:00PM *Sacred Heart*

5:30PM
7:30PM

Margaret Fitzpatrick &
Thomas Hughes
Ed Grant
Spanish

Sunday, July 4

8:00AM
9:30AM
10:30AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00AM
12:30 PM
5:30PM

Toni Akanewich
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Spanish
Fredrick Merkel



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Pillars — Perfect Weakness

Observing our society over the last couple years has awakened me to the truth that no human being has any lasting power when it has been bestowed on them by others. Just as quickly as it may be given, it can be taken away.

The President of the United States may be one of the most powerful persons in the world, but we have witnessed that if Congress and/or the American people do not support them, they

become impotent. We have seen political giants, talk show hosts, movie producers, financial gurus fall from public grace legitimately or due to questionable allegations. The power and control they thought they had was vulnerable and transitory. As disciples of Jesus, we believe He is all-powerful. Yet during his earthly life, his behavior and lifestyle was a stark contrast to the kings and influencers of his day. To Christ's opponents, He appeared weak, yet in his weakness He revealed his power. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "Jesus said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me."

So, who are leaders who are following the way of Jesus making our society better, stronger, more thoughtful, self-giving, and generous? I suggest it is the righteous, often low-profile members of our communities who are teaching, healing, counseling, cooking, visiting, and praying for others. What makes them truly powerful is the fact that they are not striving for acclaim or publicity; they simply want to help others and do good. The Power of Christ is in them. It is a lasting power, and they are the pillars that fortify every community.

Scripture: Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. Have you witnessed strength grow from weakness?

Call to Action: Who do you recognize as pillars in your communities? Would others say you are a pillar?

faith that dreams come true

WILFREDO CUASCUT

On June 1, with the help of Department of Social Service, Scattered Sites, and Brewster Cares our **third homeless guest** is "off the streets" and in their own apartment. I was so happy when Father Gill shared the news with me at the Outdoor Mass at Sacred Heart!



Here's her story....I first encountered MJ on a bright chilly day on December 6. I was posting flyers by the train station on Main Street for the opening night of the overnight shelter and warming site.

That's when I came across a lady in a big yellow puffy coat sitting on a bench using her tablet. We exchanged small talk, and she noticed the flyer in my hand. She proceeded to tell me she knew of the shelter and would be attending (as she had the previous years). She then asked me for some change to which I said "Sure, let me just post this and I got you!" As I got to my car and grabbed a handful of change, I turned around and she was gone! She had two big bags and a tablet and just like that she was gone. I looked around in disbelief, and a bit confused.

The next day was opening night. I was so nervous as I greeted our guests and there she was! I shouted, "MJ you are real!" She looked confused and said "Yes, very real, you just don't know it yet!". From that night on, we built a bond and taught one another many lessons during the short shelter season. We had long

conversations, some on the porch of the abandoned house she called home for far too many cold nights. She would share stories of her past and all she wanted was a second chance at having her own home again and to cook a meal. A dream that she was convinced would never come to reality.

Unfortunately, MJ had lost hope in herself and especially in people. She had encountered others before who were in a position to help, but everything always just seemed to fall apart. I tried to be encouraging and to convince her to have **faith**, not to give up and not to group everyone in the same basket. To give others who wanted to help her a chance to help her. I saw the change in her. She's a tough, thick-skinned woman with a good heart, but was just scared to trust.

As the shelter season was coming to an end, MJ asked me again, "So now what, where do we go?" I assured her to believe and not give up the fight. A few days later, she was interviewed for an apartment. It didn't go through, but she was thrilled she had gotten this far and vowed not to give up. Through her determination and with the help of Scattered Site, she got an apartment. Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting her new home. She had just made meatloaf with potatoes the night before!

Her dreams had manifested into reality! I can't explain how good it felt to sit down with her in the living room of her new air conditioned apartment and see a smile on her face from ear to ear. MJ had put in the work and followed up on her end. With her faith restored, she looked at me and said, "**I want to help at the shelter if you'll have me next year! I want to be the example for the others, if I can do it...we all can do it!**". Later, she thanked me for helping her, but little did she know that it was her who helped me! We just all need to have FAITH.

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of June 20	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,454.50
May WeShare weekly	\$ 5,282.76
Total	\$ 11,737.26

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of June 20	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,979.00
May WeShare weekly	\$ 470.91
Total	\$ 2,449.91

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

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