

July 4, 2021 fourteenth 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.

[stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

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[sacredheartpattersonny.org](http://sacredheartpattersonny.org)

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[stlawrenceotoole.org/gala2021](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/gala2021)

\$175 per person

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July 4, 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 all love the Fourth of July for baseball and barbecues. But more than anything, it gives us a reminder of the people who made our country great. It's been 245 years since the Declaration of Independence established the United States of America, and the war those early Americans would wage to secure our independence would go on for several more years until the British finally surrendered.



Americans have always believed, and rightly, I think, that God had a providential plan for this nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, with rights that come from God and not from governments. The purpose of government is to secure our God-given rights.

One of those most foundational rights is the right to religious liberty. That touches on what is most sacred to the human person – his relationship to God and the voice of his conscience that tells him that he must worship and obey God above all.

It was a radical new idea in the 1700s and never perfectly put into practice, but America has always shown itself capable of progress in correcting its flaws. Abraham Lincoln in 1862 called America “the last best hope for earth.”

Catholics were few among the founding Fathers, but thanks to our French allies, made up a significant portion of the soldiers who fought in the war. The Irish and Italians and Poles would immigrate later, attracted by the promise of religious freedom and opportunity in a New World.

Ninety-five years after the signing of the Declaration, in 1871 – 150 years ago - a Catholic Church for Brewster and Patterson was established on our current site and sacred worship began for the scattered Catholics among the couple thousand farmers and miners and railroad workers who settled the area.

Just as those early colonists left us a vision for “a shining city on a hill”, those early Catholics in Brewster and Patterson laid the foundations for our parishes today. We build on their legacy and pass on our Catholic faith to the next generations.

They gave us our churches and our precious faith. We honor them this year and make sure we safeguard the faith and live it out with fidelity and gratitude for a nation that protects religious liberty and a Faith that reveals the living God to us all.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



Our team meeting Chris Stefanick at the Amazing Parish Convention in Kansas City

## learning more for our amazing parish

KURT HERBSTTRITT



Last week I had the pleasure of attending the **2021 Amazing Parish Conference** with Fr. Rich and five other parishioners in Kansas City, KS. As a first-time attendee, I was looking forward to the experience with curiosity, an open mind and an open heart. The conference lived up to its name and was

amazing. With over 600 fellow Catholics in attendance, the audience included laity, their pastors and five bishops from around the United States. It was remarkable we were together in one place, as the Apostles were on Pentecost, to learn methods for making our parishes centers of witness for the Lord and discipleship. The love and praise of God present in the conference center for the two days was breathtaking. Both mornings we celebrated Mass with all five bishops Concelebrating. Can I say it again? Amazing!

One takeaway, a successful, vibrant parish requires the involvement of its parishioners. You've heard the adage, "You only get out what you put in", in reference to education or an exercise regimen, well, this applies to our life of faith too. The Church is not the building one enters to attend Mass, it is the community of the faithful, her people, and we all play a part in

her well-being and success in spreading the word of God. One speaker used the term "independent people" for those who attend Mass but do not get involved. I invite the "independents" to become dependent upon the St Lawrence and Sacred Heart parish community. Bring and share your talents at the table and join in something bigger and better than you imagine. If you have doubts about being ready to enter out of your comfort zone, ponder this, one of the bishops said of his own doubts of preparedness when called, "God does not call the prepared, he prepares the called." I humbly ask that you consider the talents you can offer the parish and discern if you are ready to take the next step in your faith journey, whatever it is that God puts in your heart. Trust me, it will be amazing!

*Through my experience at the Amazing Parish I was able to grow my faith by collaborating with others to spread the message of God to our community. -Wilda Rivadeneira*

*It was very deeply moving to be gathered in one room with six hundred devout and motivated Catholics from all over the country, learning, praying, and worshipping. Bishops, priests, and laypeople worked side by side with the single focus of making our parishes into missions that will draw all of us closer to Jesus. -Lynda Holler*

*The Amazing Parish conference lays out a blueprint on how to build a successful and effective parish in a very common-sense, practical manner. -Joseph Ukaj*

*During the Amazing Parish Conference I read Fr. John Riccardo's synopsis of Acts 29, The Christian Cosmic Narrative. From it, I understood my mission statement in life, which is to continue where others before me ended. Carrying the torch for the next generation of Catholics. -JoAnn Adorno*



## Jesus came to lake tonetta

CLARA SEGRETI



During the pandemic our parish hosted a few outdoor Masses in neighborhoods. When asked this spring, I volunteered again to host one at the private Lake Tonetta where I live.

To kick off the Outdoor Mass season, Fr. Richard drove the Blessed Sacrament around our lake community, blessing all of our homes.



My community members from the lake showed up to support the church and me. Last year, my neighbors bought flowers for the altar and personal religious statues to make the extra special. This year was just as beautiful to have Mass on the backdrop of the lake with friends and neighbors.



I especially enjoyed praying and listening to Mass surrounded by Gods beautiful creations! A few geese attended to their babies and two birds landed in a tree above Father, listening to the Word of God. I was in awe — it was just beautiful!

We are the Church, but today Jesus came to us!





# 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](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/LivingJoy)

## 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.

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## FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE GYM

### THE CHOSEN: SEASON 2

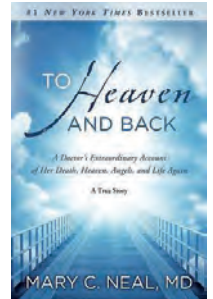
June 4 – July 23  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM



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](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/WomensGiftBook)





## the life of st. lawrence

TINA GRANT

The biography of Saint Lawrence is an amazing story. It is important to share more of whom our patron Saint was. Lorcan Ua Tuathail translates in English as Lawrence O'Toole and in French as Laurent d'Eu. He was one of four sons of King Muirchertach Ua Tuathail. At the time of his son's birth, King Muirchertach was subordinate to King Diarmait. At age 10, Lawrence was sent to King Diarmait as a hostage for nearly 2 years where he lived in extreme austerity and barely given enough to eat.

One of the results of his confinement was the strengthening of Lawrence's wish to enter religious life. At 26, Lawrence rose to become Abbot of Glendalough. Lawrence, a religious reformer, wished the Irish church would reflect the Catholic Church and strengthen the bonds between Irish Church and Rome.

During Lawrence's first four months of administration, a great famine raged and pillaging beset his community. Lawrence protected his community through solemn prayer and fasting. During his reign as Abbot of Glendalough, several incidents occurred. One involved a local brigand of noble lineage that murdered laymen, despoiled clerics, and defiled women without fear of retribution. Lawrence with great sorrow, ascended to the house of God. He prayed and fasted, petitioning God to liberate his people. Shortly thereafter, the brigand was captured and died. A second incident involved three great princes of thieves whose followers whipped and killed priests and laity carrying consecrated Eucharistic hosts and in further blasphemy, took the hosts and impiously ground them with their teeth. Lawrence grieved, turned to the Lord in prayer and fasted. Within 8 days, the brigands were captured and hung. Lawrence did not ask for vengeance. He prayed for liberation of his people. Lawrence prayed, "Yours is vengeance, Lord; you better, know the time and the way of retri-

bution." At 32, he became Archbishop of Dublin and began a policy of church building and laid the foundation stone for the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (now Christ Church).

Lawrence was well respected by the Glendalough community and its secular neighbors for sanctity and charity to the poor. He was one of only four Irish Saints to have been formally canonized by the Catholic Church.

Lawrence was a man of faith, strength, and integrity. As I read his story, I thought of our parish. I thought of the strength of our parishioners and the leadership of our priests and deacons. I thought of all we have endured and all we do. Lawrence fed the poor of the city in his home and established care centers for abandoned children. Our parish has cared for the poor, but now it is a primary focus. We created Brewster Cares, an amazing organization of volunteers that take care of adults and children in need. Lawrence experienced famine and rose to the occasion by fighting to protect his community. He never wavered. While COVID and famine are not interchangeable, Fr. Rich and our parishes, rose to the occasion. We protected our community, continuing to provide the Eucharist, even if spiritually. Lawrence turned to prayer constantly and consistently. Our parish has Adoration 24/7. Prayer is a part of our lives, as it was his.

I believe God's plan for our parish began well before it was dedicated. Saint Lawrence, Fr. McKenna, the Gilroys, past parishioners and priests, and each one of us is a part of that plan. We are branches on a beautiful parish family tree that has grown magnificently over the last 150 years, each of us contributing to its growth and its mission.

## 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 ◦ Russell Snyder ◦ Shirley Giglio ◦ Cindy Agosto ◦ Barbara Mc Guire ◦ Vincent Lambino ◦ Michael Tarr

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](mailto:SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com)

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## dedications

The **Pascal 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 **Peggy Romano** at the request of the Joyce Goetze



### Young Adults Meet UP Monday, July 19 at 7 pm

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To start up a bible study or Binge watch the Chosen!

Questions? Contact Erin Lennon at [elennon18@gmail.com](mailto:elennon18@gmail.com)

## mass intentions

### Saturday, July 3

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Margaret Fitzpatrick & Thomas Hughes  
Ed Grant  
Spanish

### Sunday, July 4

8:00AM Toni Akanewich  
9:30AM Robert Cocuzzo  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson  
11:00AM Rev. Gerard P. Travers  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Fredrick Merkel

### Monday, July 5

8:30AM Edward Grant

### Tuesday, July 6

8:30AM John DelBono

### Wednesday, July 7

8:30AM Diane McSpedon & Family

### Thursday, July 8

8:30AM Fred Merkel

### Friday, July 9

8:30AM Souls of St. Lawrence  
O'Toole Cemetery

### Saturday, July 10

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Frank Fuchs  
5:30PM Catherine McDermott  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, July 11

8:00AM Vernon Welsh  
9:30AM Thomas King Sr.  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Louise Castelluccio  
11:00AM Malandruccolo Family  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM John DelBono







LYNDA HOLLER  
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



### Amazing Parish – The Real World

Amazing Parish is a movement dedicated to turning parishes into missionary communities. Fr. John Ricardo was the Keynote Speaker, and we received an excerpt from one of his books\*. I was blown away by his description of the Catholic

Church. It's essential to meditate on his words and allow the truth to comfort and inspire us during this time of cultural upheaval and religious persecution.

His article begins by citing the histories of some famous civilizations that have come and gone and addresses the mistaken attitude that the Church's time might also have passed. He writes:

“Such a view might be accurate if the Church were like other human institutions. But the Church is not like other human institutions; it is a divine body, rooted in eternity, whose life is regulated by a rhythm that is not restricted by time or place.”

“If we could see the Church as it really is, if our view could be opened upon what the angels see, we would be presented with a very different picture. We would see a vast company beyond the reach of death, pulsating with divine brightness, basking in the beauty and light of God, powerful in spiritual weaponry, centered on the figure of their divine and beloved King, drenched in joy and eager for the continued gathering-in of the renewed human race. We would see an ever-growing body, as each generation on earth passed through the veil, from the land of shadows to the real world, and those who had been found faithful to the rightful king shook off the last traces of their mortality and were welcomed home.”

“One sometimes hears the question asked, whether or not the Church will survive. When the true nature of things is seen, the question becomes comical. Not only will the Church survive... but the Church is the only part of humanity that will survive. The only question facing those still living on earth is whether they will be joined to that bright race of divinized humans or insist on clinging to a dying and enslaved remnant of humanity that has no future but the shadows.”

\* Excerpt from *The Christian Cosmic Narrative: The Deep History of the World*. [actsxxix.org/store](http://actsxxix.org/store)

# get your swing ready!



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## st. lawrence parish support

**Weekend of June 27**

In Pew Collection	\$ 7,800.00
May WeShare weekly	\$ 5,282.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,082.76</b>

## sacred heart parish support

**Weekend of June 27**

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,563.00
May WeShare weekly	\$ 470.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,033.91</b>

**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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