

july 11, 2021 fifteenth 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

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# Gala 21

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July 11, 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,

Congratulations to the winners of the Mega Raffle – Joe and Marie DiStefano took home the grand prize of \$25,000. Thanks to all who so generously participated in the raffle and all our sales captains – your generosity is incredible. Proceeds will go to strengthen our Family Program that educates our young people in the faith.

This summer we're running Vacation Bible school for kids and camps as well. They'll all have a blast all summer long and learn their Faith too! We're working hard to help the poor through Brewster Cares – the first major effort this summer will be the clothing drive for our sister parish in the South Bronx – St. Anthony of Padua. It will be next weekend (July 17-18) that we'll bring hundreds of bags of donated clothes for them to distribute to their people. Volunteers are needed!



Then the first weekend of August we'll run the Midsummer Market to raise money for Brewster Cares as we wait for the start of the shelter program for the homeless this winter. We're also dedicating the proceeds from our September 10 Golf Classic to the homeless, and we'll be hosting a fundraising luncheon at Mañanitas Sept 18 for the same cause.

It's beautiful to see the commitment of so many of our parishioners to the service of the poor and homeless. Without a doubt it is one of the main things Jesus wants us to be busy doing - helping the least of our brothers and sisters. By doing so, we are serving Jesus himself.


Getting back to normal post-COVID... it's great to see people gradually coming home to worship in Church once again. It's our home; it's where we belong. In front of our good and loving God, worshipping him together as his people, gathered around the Eucharist.

Don't forget to spend some quiet time in prayer – come to the Church anytime and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You'll find the answers you are looking for. And you will find peace.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill





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# Jesus powers us through

CECILIA BRITZ



Our Rocky Rail Road Vacation Bible School was a steaming success! We had over 80 participants this year, plus the most important one: Jesus!

Our VBS was filled with fun, laughter and shortness of breath from running and jumping through our Locomotion games and Gym Obstacle courses! Little ones loved making their own snacks, their volcanoes and drawings, robot hand and hot air balloons. If your child participated in VBS, you

would see their creations and hear their stories about how much fun it was to play, dance and make new friends.



What you probably didn't see is how Jesus' presence

was always in our midst. Many little hearts were touched by the Holy Spirit, and many eyes were opened to see the hand of God in their lives.

During our Church lesson, children learned about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and His love for them. Some children shared how they were certain Jesus loved



them and always watched over them. They wrote letters to Jesus, and drew and colored for Him. At our Bible Adventure station and Kidvid station, the children learned to give their hearts to Jesus. In one lesson they were moved just like Saul did when he was reborn in the spirit and took his new identity in Jesus as Paul.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. Thank you for allowing us to be witnesses to the special love Jesus has for them, and how their little hearts are so open to his graces.

**CIT Naya Thomas:** "The VBS Camp allowed me to meet new people and gain a stronger connection with God."

**The Proctor Family:** Enjoyed the activities and crafts. Their daughter loves the ending show and slideshow.

**Crew leader Ronnie Giamundo:** enjoyed watching the children have fun and learn new things.





# spring/summer faith formation

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

SUNDAYS: IN-PERSON & ZOOM  
July 11 – Aug 15  
9:30 am – 10:30 am  
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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](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/StJoseph)



## 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

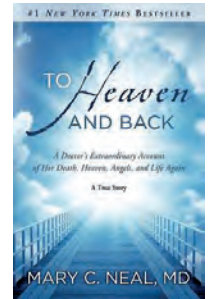
*To Heaven and Back* by Mary C. Neal, MD  
MONDAY

July 19  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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:

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

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

# mega RAFFLE WINNERS

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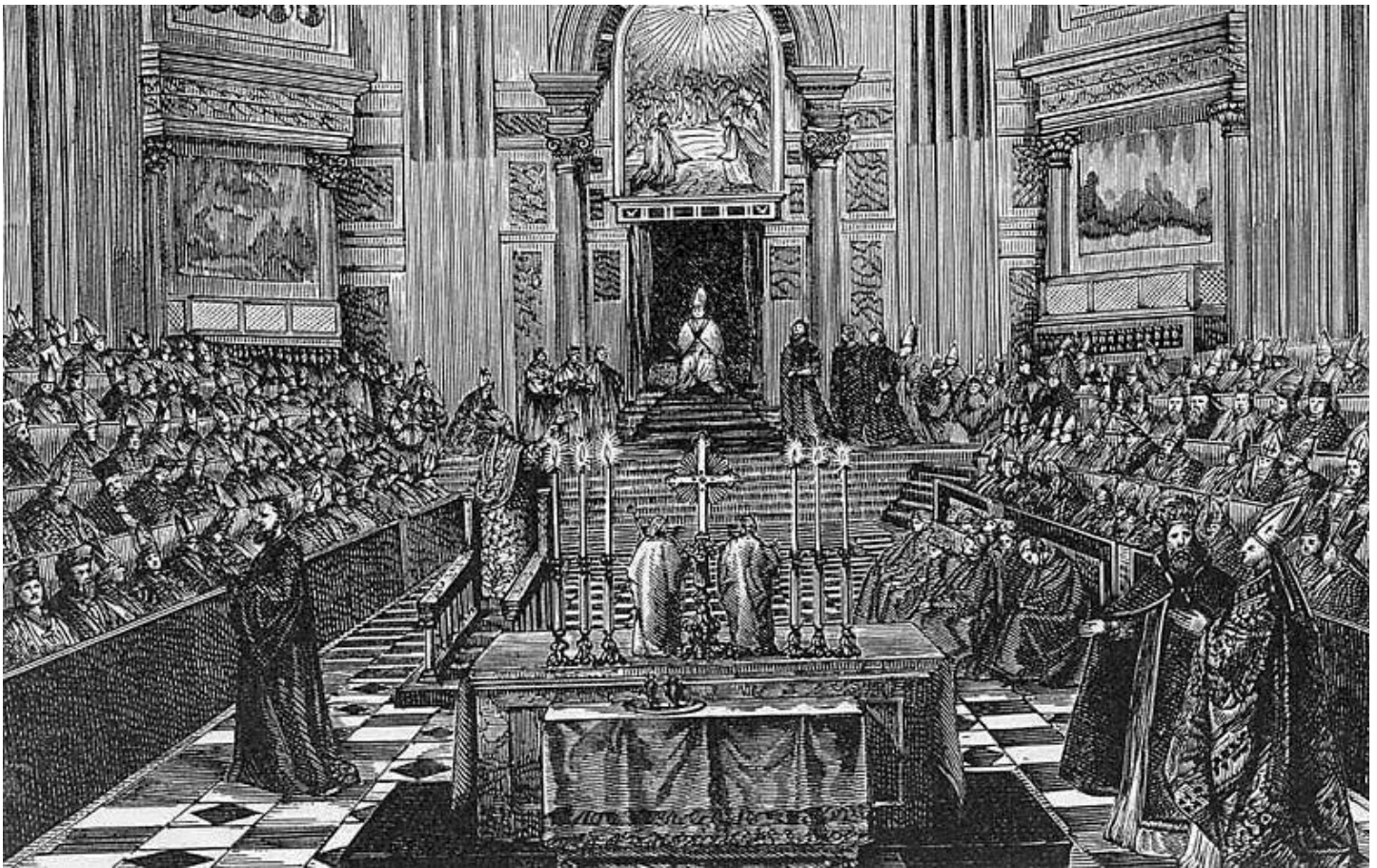
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FOURTH PRIZE WINNER \$1,000





First Vatican Council 1869-70

## the world around brewster in 1871

FR. RICHARD GILL

Our original, small wooden church building dates from 1871 – a huge step forward for the Brewster Catholics at that time. The population in the area had been growing especially since the establishment of the Harlem train line in the 1840s and the development of the mining companies. After the original Cathedral of St. Patrick on Mott St. in Manhattan in 1815, new parish churches began to spread throughout Manhattan and north into the upper counties, following the population growth of the times.

Our church was one of the early churches in the area and began as a mission outpost of St. Joseph's in Croton Falls, which had been established since 1845. St. Lawrence is older than St. John's in Mahopac (1889), St. Patrick's in Yorktown (1898), St. Mary's in Katonah (1908) and St. James in Carmel (1909). The year 1871 was just six years after the Civil War had ended, President Lincoln had been assassinated, and the country struggled through the difficult Reconstruction period. And the new St. Patrick's Cathedral would not be finished until 1879.

Meanwhile, the Catholic Church was in turmoil all over Europe. Democratic movements were replacing the old monarchies and aristocracies and the industrial revolution was upending the old order. Much good came from that but often it was dominated by a

scientific, relativistic spirit that was fiercely anti-religious and critical of tradition and faith. Marxism and socialism had made their debut as serious movements and threats to Catholicism. In Italy, the Holy See was losing the lands it had controlled for centuries due to a civil war aimed at unifying the country and weakening the power of the Pope.

Faced with the urgency of the situation, Pope Pius IX called the bishops of the world together for the First Vatican Council, to face the intellectual challenges of the day. Meeting in 1869-70 Vatican I became one of the most important Councils in Church history. Among the important doctrinal decisions handed down was the dogma of the infallibility of the pope. That is, when the pope speaks with his full authority as the successor of St. Peter and teaches definitively on a matter of faith and morals, he enjoys the guarantee of the Holy Spirit that he cannot err. This dogma was believed from the beginning but needed to be defined formally because of the challenges the Church was facing from its adversaries in Europe. It was perhaps the single most controversial dogma in centuries.

Meanwhile, in little Brewster, NY, those pioneer Catholics were cutting the wood they would transform into a local house of God in which the mysteries of the faith would be celebrated – now for 150 years, uninterrupted.



## 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 ◦ 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)

## 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 **Intentions of Vincent Lambino** at the request of his Mom and Dad.



## mass intentions

### 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 Malandrucolo Family  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM John DelBono

### Monday, July 12

8:30AM Intentions of Catholic Daughters Spiritual Bouquet

### Tuesday, July 13

8:30AM Jerome Casey

### Wednesday, July 14

8:30AM John DelBono

### Thursday, July 15

8:30AM Marie Harley Oakes

### Friday, July 16

8:30AM Secular Carmelite Community

### Saturday, July 17

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Gladys, Philip & Mary O'Connor  
5:30PM Michael Carleton  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, July 18

8:00AM Gregory Blank  
9:30AM Michael Keegan  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Intentions of Judy McDermott  
11:00AM Bisogno Family  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Peter McParland

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### Amazing Parish - Born for This

One of the presentations at Amazing Parish reminded us that God never shows anyone the full picture. Throughout all of salvation history, his followers were called to specific assignments with minimal instructions.

Abraham obediently moved his entire community to a new homeland without any idea where they would end up or what the benefits would be. David accepted the kingship of Israel as a teen, clueless to the responsibilities ahead. Mary said, "Yes," to the angel, without a hint of the potential sorrow or ultimate queenship that would be her future.

Joan of Arc, Maximilian Kolbe, Dorothy Day... the lives of the saints reveal the same Truth that you and I experience every day: God has a plan for each of us. He invites us to participate, and we say yes or no.

At Amazing Parish, we were shown an image of a person holding a lantern at his feet. From that position the lantern doesn't light up the path, just the next step. As stated in Psalm 119, God's word is a light to our feet. As disciples following Jesus' Way, we need to be content with that.

It is no accident that each of us was born at this time in history and have ended up in this community. We each possess our own unique blend of gifts and talents that will build up, enhance, repair, and serve God's Kingdom. We can't know the whole plan, but when we pray and listen to the Holy Spirit, one step at a time is revealed. Taking that one step is all that God expects of us.

Joan of Arc, a teenage girl who was instructed by God to lead the French Army against British invaders, is famous for saying, "I am not afraid. I was born for this." Let us each claim that motto as well.

**Scripture:** Read Psalm 119:105. What does it mean to you?

**Call to Action:** Pray for God to clearly reveal your next step. It's what you were born for!



### meet our new youth minister Jay Sulit

I am a Filipino American and was born and raised in the Bronx. I went to Catholic elementary and high school. Baptised Catholic as a baby, but not a practicing Catholic until a Baptist gave a retreat at my high school. He helped me to see the reality of Heaven and Hell after death and why I should take it seriously. Although I had a slow conversion going through high school, I fully converted in college. Then, call to the priesthood in college, I enrolled in college seminary from 2016-2019. I did not feel I was ready to move on, so I decided to work and pray as I continue to discern my vocation. In my free time, I like to listen to dance music, pray, read spiritual works, DJ, play guitar and do silly impersonations of cartoon characters and actors.

As the youth minister, I aim to bring our teens to a deep relationship with Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Today our teens deal with drugs, depression, suicide, and they face problems we didn't face a decades ago. The solution is Christ and the fight to conform to Him. It is He who understands our problems and He who will set us free from them to be His sons and daughters. But we need to work to carry the Cross too and be like Him. We can do all this through the power of the Holy Spirit, because it is the Third Person of the Trinity! He will bring a renewal in the Church for all of us.

Please keep me in your prayers that I will be an instrument of the Holy Spirit and pray with me to that our youth will be on fire for Christ.

# parish support

## st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of July 4	
In Pew Collection	\$ 8,911.00
May WeShare weekly	\$ 5,282.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,193.76</b>

## sacred heart parish support

Weekend of July 4	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,038.00
May WeShare weekly	\$ 470.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,508.91</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.



# parish staff

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