

july 18, 2021 sixteenth 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**

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st lawrence o'toole  
sacred heart



July 18, 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,

This past week I took off to Wheeling, West Virginia, for my annual priest's retreat directed by Drs. Scott Hahn and John Bergsma of the St Paul Center for Biblical Theology. Priests from around the country are here – 204 in total. And the Center now directs similar retreats in Texas and California for other priests as well. I'm happy to report that six of us are from the Archdiocese of New York, including our Auxiliary Bishop Peter Byrne. Not to mention Bp. DiMarzio – the bishop of Brooklyn.



I am always really happy when so many priests gather for serious thought and prayer – Mass and Holy Hours and prayer all together. It gives me a lot of hope, despite the fact we've got huge problems in the Church and it looks like we're in for rough times ahead.

The Center and its directors have been on a mission for 20+ years to reignite a focus on the Bible among priests and lay Catholics. And not just the "book" of the Bible, but they aim to spark a living encounter with the "Word of God." That "Word" is a Person – the person of Jesus, Son of God. As the Gospel of John tells us, "The Word was made flesh"... The more we connect with the Word of God, the more we are drawn into the mystery of Jesus and the more we are changed .

In many cases in the past, being brought up a Catholic meant keeping the rules, showing up at Mass, and more or less behaving the right way. But that was a minimalistic, superficial way of being Catholic. There is so much more to it. And that is good – very good.

At our parishes, that is why our preaching is so biblically based and our faith formation programs are always inviting us deeper into a relationship with him. There is an inexhaustible source of spiritual fruit in getting to Jesus in a more personal way.

And that personal encounter with Jesus leads us right to his Presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament – the gift he left us in the Mass and Adoration. That is where we meet him day in and day out. The Scriptures point us to Jesus in the Eucharist.

We're blessed to have Perpetual Adoration – and hundreds of our parishioners are doing an hour a week or dropping in for short visits to be touched by that Real Presence. Is it time for you to start?

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

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and get your  
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## brewster cares summer camp

JAY SULIT



I was never an outgoing child, and I grew up in a very quiet and reserved family. When I was in 7th grade, I came across my school's summer camp sign up sheet that someone else probably accidentally left on my desk. I signed up for the

camp and went on the first day a nervous wreck. Eventually, I became more expressive and comfortable with my peers as I enjoyed the camp with them. Looking back, summer camp helped make me more outgoing and gave me a fun, memorable summer. **Brewster Cares Camp** does this too for kids.



Soccer was the sport of choice for the kids. For all so young, they were all very good players. I could have sworn I was watching the FIFA World Cup! Two teenage counselors

came and coached the kids in soccer and basketball. I saw the kids work hard at some basketball drills. In the dancing department, the kids danced, played musical chairs and Simon Says. In Simon Says, I had a lot of fun pretending to the kids that I didn't know where my head and stomach were. When they said "Simon says 'hand on your tummy!'" I put my hand on my head. The kids also made beautiful crafts such as a blue flower lantern and some slime. They also listened to some Church lessons and prayed in church. They were very respectful, quiet, and well-behaved. I was happy to see that the counselors were very attentive



to Joe and me. Some other kids played fun card and board games: Mafia, Go Fish, and this one board game that consisted of throwing and dodging plush burritos. It was a whole week of seeing them smile, having fun, and being energetic.



Through the Brewster Cares Camp, these kids get what is necessary for them: socialization, a fun time, and a memorable summer. They had great experiences that I hope they take with them for the rest of their lives.

**Camper Estefany Coronado** "It's Awesome! I made new friends."

**CIT Jaqueline Sagastume:** "I really liked how the kids got different stations and how we got to interact with them."



# spring/summer faith formation

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

SUNDAYS: IN-PERSON & ZOOM  
July 18 – Aug 22  
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!

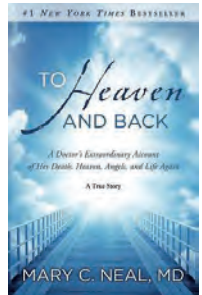


## WOMEN'S GIFT BOOK DISCUSSION

*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 26 at 7 pm

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Focus on community, faith and service.

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## rest in peace

On July 3, 2021 Rev. Doctor Monsignor George Kwame Kumi, Vicar General of the Sunyani Diocese in Ghana, returned to the Lord. He was at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish from 1993-1996. He was so joyful and loved by all and was very involved in the St. Lawrence youth group.



St. Lawrence O'Toole



Blessed Mother



St. Joseph

## beauty shines through our stain glass windows

TINA GRANT

I find our stained glass windows to be beautiful, especially when God's light shines through. Jean Anthony, who has studied our church, shared the following: Our church was designed to tell the story of our faith to the people who worshipped here 150 years ago. We can "read" our story by looking at the images and symbols that are in the stone, glass and wood that compose the church.

As we enter St. Lawrence church, the first window on the right is St. Lawrence O'Toole, our patron Saint. He wears a bishop's mitre and carries a crozier and book. His right hand is held up making the sign of peace. He is known for his dedication to keeping peace among the Lords of Ireland, who were often feuding. The book represents treaties he negotiated. On November 14, 1180, while on a peace mission, St. Lawrence died in Eu, France. He is considered a martyr.

Opposite St. Lawrence is St. Bernardine of Siena (to the best of our knowledge), a noted preacher in Italy. Wearing the robes of a Franciscan, he carries a book of scriptures. The lily is the sign of his purity. Bernardine cared for those stricken with the plague. He devoted his life to reforming the gangs of Siena and bringing people to devotion of our Blessed Mother. He died in 1444 while traveling to preach in Aquila.

Next to St. Bernardine is St. Patrick of Ireland, wearing a bishop's mitre and carrying a crozier. In his right hand is a shamrock, a

symbol of the Holy Trinity. In his youth, Patrick was taken captive by Irish pirates and enslaved. He later escaped, returning home where he studied and became a priest. He was made Bishop and sent back to Ireland to bring the Gospel. He worked to convert the pagan tribes and established many churches. Patrick died March 17, 461.

Opposite St. Patrick is St. Brigid. Brigid was born of a Christian slave woman and an Irish chieftain. There are many stories of her purity and her care for the poor. Brigid entered the Church and with some friends, organized communal consecrated religious life in Ireland. She later founded a school of art, noted for beautiful illuminations of scripture.

The next two stained glass windows, facing each other, are the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph holding Jesus. The Holy Family is in the heart of our Church. Mary is depicted in quiet prayer. She is honored as the Mother of Jesus and each one of us. She is humble. Joseph also carries a lily, a symbol of purity. This image of Joseph reveals his fatherhood of the child of Jesus. Joseph taught, protected, loved and lived each day with Mary and Jesus.

Our church was just not "put together." It was built on faith, vision and purpose. The early parishioners remembered where they came from, and they wanted future generations to remember also.

Note: As we celebrate the 150th Anniversary this year, please share any stories and pictures you have of St. Lawrence. They will be included in our history so we can pass it on as a legacy for future generations. Send to [cgrant@mgsllawyers.com](mailto:cgrant@mgsllawyers.com).

## 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](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 **Michael Keegan** at the request of Geraldine & girls.



**Viviana Pacurucu** is interning for Brewster Cares this summer. She made this delicious snack for the kids at the camp last week.

## mass intentions

### Saturday, July 17

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

Gladys, Philip & Mary O'Connor  
Michael Carleton  
Spanish

### Sunday, July 18

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

Gregory Blank  
Michael Keegan  
Intentions of Judy McDermott  
Bisogno Family  
Spanish  
Peter McParland

### Monday, July 19

8:30AM

Kasper Todd Kristian

### Tuesday, July 20

8:30AM

Helen Bozza & Joseph Racciopi

### Wednesday, July 21

8:30AM

Robert Cocuzzo

### Thursday, July 22

8:30AM

Patrick & Kathleen Stokes

### Friday, July 23

8:30AM

Fred Merkel

### Saturday, July 24

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

Don Parfitt  
Anne Clifford  
Spanish

### Sunday, July 25

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

Maria Cianciulli  
Mary Mitchell  
Intentions of Vincent Lambino  
Marylou Lamb  
Spanish  
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**Amazing Parish - Circle of Influence**

The world can seem very big and disordered, and we can feel very small and insignificant. News reels are broadcasting disturbing messages from all corners of the planet straight to our phones and living rooms. We want to make a difference, but where do we start?

At Amazing Parish, they showed us a diagram – a small circle inside a larger circle. The outside circle represented our Circle of Concern. Contained within are issues like world peace, poverty, depression, and so forth. The big-ticket concerns that can leave us feeling discouraged and helpless.

The inside circle is our Circle of Influence. It is much smaller, but it is personalized for each of us. No matter how old or educated or traveled we are, we have our own circle of influence. Whether we know a lot of people or not, it doesn't matter. The people and experiences within our own sphere can be influenced by us. That is empowering.

Some people can shape world peace from within their circle of influence, but most of us are called to impact the world on a smaller community level, one issue, one person, one day at a time. We see in the Gospels that Jesus worked that way. Although his circle of concern was the entire world and every being contained in it, during his earthly life, he kept his circle of influence small. He healed, cured, raised the dead, expelled demons, and forgave sins one person at a time. He looked each person in the eyes, touched them, made them feel important, loved. I imagine that personal interaction was as powerful to the recipients as the healing they received.

We need to do the same. To be attentive to the needs and concerns of the people in our own circles. Touch, listen, love them. If each of us loves and heals the people within our own circles, we will be solving world peace, poverty, and depression too.

**Scripture:** Read Matthew 8:1-3. What stands out to you?  
**Call to Action:** Consider your circle of influence and pledge to make positive impacts within it.



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# parish support

## st. lawrence parish support

<b>Weekend of July 11</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,613.00
May WeShare weekly	\$ 5,991.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,604.35</b>

## sacred heart parish support

<b>Weekend of July 11</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,094.00
May WeShare weekly	\$ 479.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,573.17</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.

## centennial renovations

<b>June</b>	
Gold Envelopes	\$ 3,134
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 1,000
WeShare	\$ 1,404
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,538</b>

We have made another quarterly payment of \$36,000 and our loan balance is now down to \$495,000 from the original \$3.8 million. We are hoping to pay down the rest of our renovation loan by sometime in 2025. Thank you for your generosity.

# parish staff

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