

August 1, 2021 eighteenth 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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August 1, 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,

One of the great signs our parish is developing the way Jesus wants it is the dedication so many parishioners have to the poor. Our partnership with St. Anthony of Padua, our sister parish in the South Bronx is giving so much good fruit for both places. This week's clothing drive enabled them to help hundreds of poor families in their area... and the dozens of St. Lawrence adults and teens were enriched by the experience of living out what Jesus said, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered!

We're continuing to help the local poor and next weekend's **Midsummer Market** with vendors in the gym will benefit Brewster Cares, which serves the poor and homeless in our own area. Likewise, for the Golf Outing on September 10... all funds raised will support our winter homeless shelter here. Be as generous as you can with these efforts to help those in need. I find every time we give to others, God blesses us either financially or spiritually in some new way we don't expect. He can never be outdone in generosity.



Our cemetery on Turk Hill Road dates back to 1869 – even before our first little church was built in Brewster, and for more than 150 years our parish has buried its dead in this sacred ground. A Catholic cemetery is so important because it stands as a reminder that we must treat the bodies of our departed loved ones with great respect, because we believe in the resurrection of the body at the end of time.

We've started work on laying foundations for hundreds of new graves at the cemetery. Over the next few months that work will be done and we'll have plenty of space for full-body burials and a columbarium for interment of cremains for those who choose that option. But remember always to have a funeral Mass and burial for your loved ones – it is a sign of faith and charity for the dead.

Unfortunately, these days some people have lost their sense of the sacred and make no provision for the remains of their family members. As Catholics, we never scatter ashes in different places or keep them in the home. We must always treat them with love and care. It is a good idea to make plans in advance, so call our cemetery office.

Finally, thank you for your continued support through our **Centennial Gold envelopes** or **WeShare** to pay down our renovation loan – from \$3.8 million we are down to \$465,000, which we hope to finish off in less than four years.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill









## a small army delivers!

TOM DONOHUE



This May my wife, Yvette and I became parishioners at St Lawrence O'Toole parish. We could have easily just started attending Mass and appear as though we are good practicing Catholics but we wanted more. For us since late last year we have felt God's presence in changing the course of our lives. So we made the commitment to be active, living God's word. We asked Fr. Rich if

there anything we can help with, and he said " yes, we could use a hand moving donated clothes into the gym for the **Boutique Gratis** May 17 event." And so for a few hours for a couple of days we lent a hand moving clothes from the Parish Center attic to the gym. **Boutique Gratis** was successful, and there was plenty left to share with our sister parish St. Anthony's of Padua in the south Bronx on July 17. Fr. Rich said, "Julie Noce will be coordinating the effort, and she will reach out to you about details." Julie contacted me and we decided it best to stage everything the week of the move so that it's all located in the gym by July 16 to make it easier for volunteers to load the truck from the gym. Fortunately, we located a 26' truck and were able to rent it.

Each night and day from July 12 to the 15 we moved bags and boxes of clothes to the gym. By the 15th we had all the clothes in the gym ready to be loaded to the truck.

Friday, July 16 arrived, we picked up the 26' truck and were met at St. Lawrence gym by a small army of parishioners ready to load the truck. For the next hour we looked like ants bringing food to a nest. And just like that it was done. Later that day we picked up 1000 pieces of donated dry cleaning and called it a night and were ready for the trip to St. Anthony's.

We got an early start at St Anthony's on Saturday, July 17 and



in similar fashion we were met with an equal number of their parishioners to help unload and organize the racks and hangers. Three flights of stairs were no match for the human escalator of movers. An hour and a half after arriving the truck was fully unloaded, and clothes

were making it onto hangers. By early afternoon we became two parishes working in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit as active participants in living Jesus' message.





# spring/summer faith formation

## FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT NETFLIX'S SOCIAL DILEMMA + BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

AUGUST 20  
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

The Netflix documentary Social Dilemma and Bishop Barron's talk on Catholic behavior on social media are important messages for all of us to hear. Tech experts sound an alarm on their own creation as they watch it dangerously influence all of society. Bishop Barron challenges us to take a stand by rejecting the mean-spirited indignity and violation of charity and justice that is rampant on those platforms today. Join us for the two presentations followed by group discussion.

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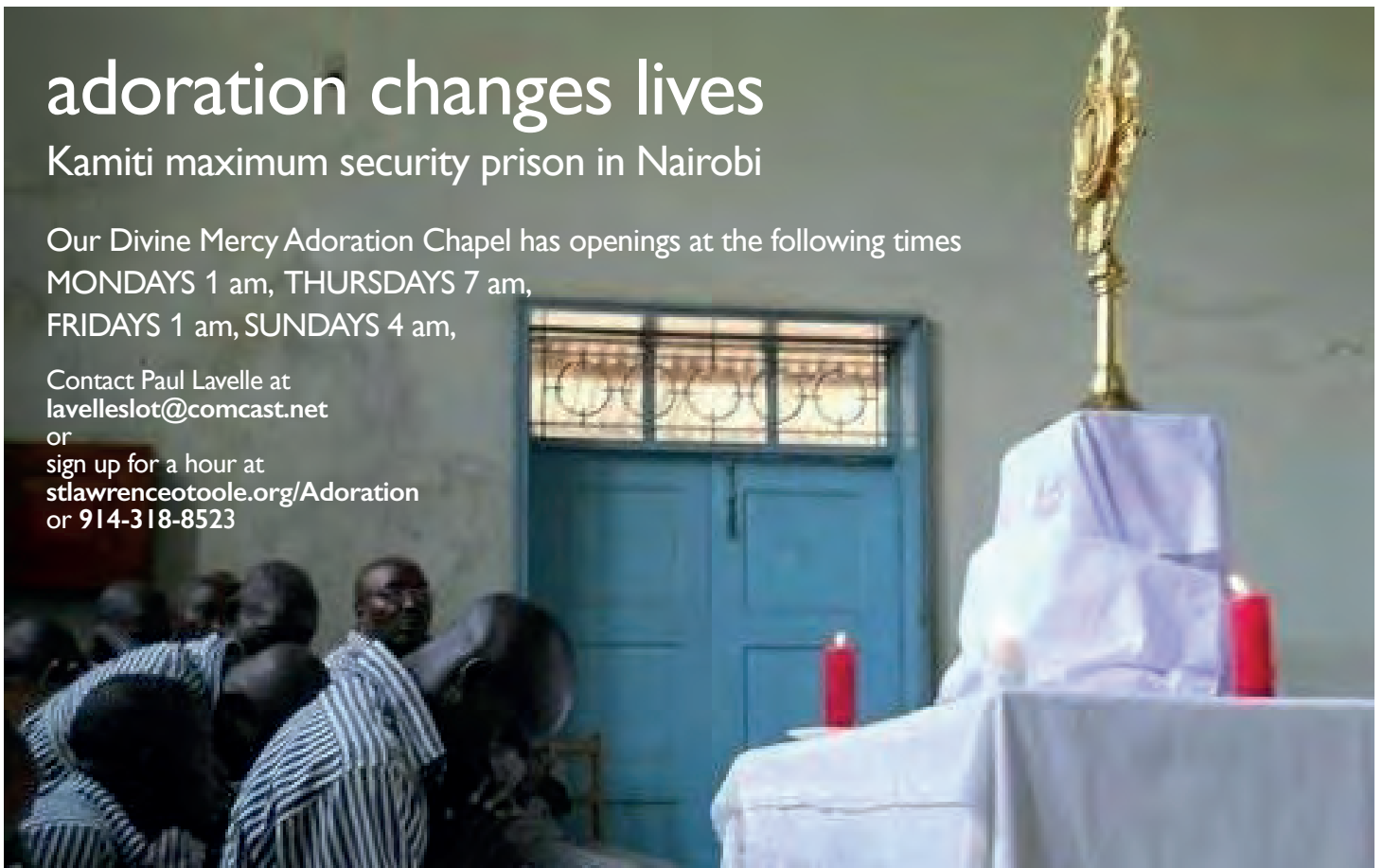


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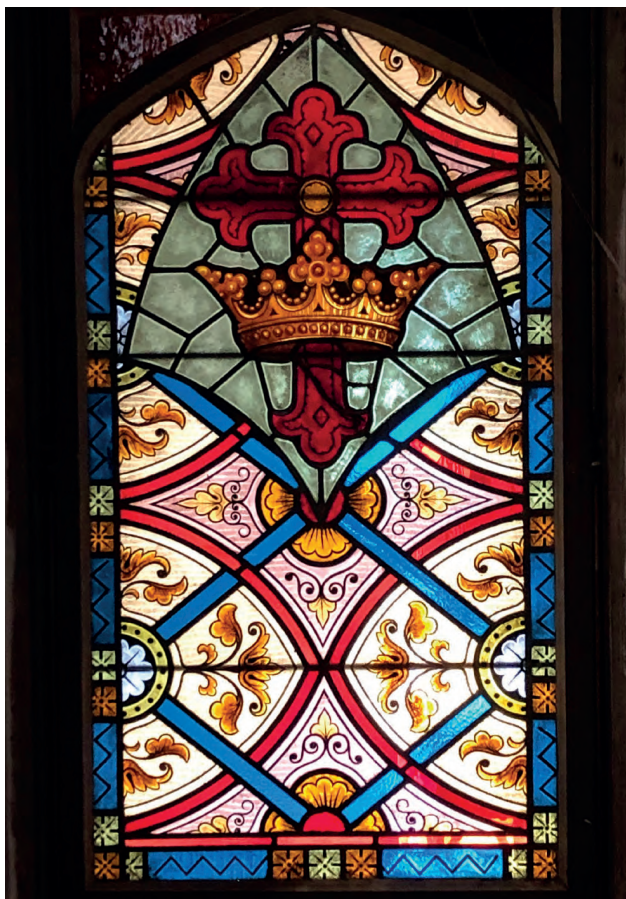
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Hidden stain glass window in St. Lawrence O'Toole Church



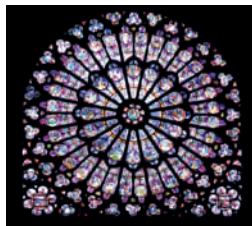
Location of hidden window is on the left side of the Holy Spirit stain glass window in choir loft.

## the hidden treasure

TINA GRANT

Catholic churches have long been known for their ornate and elaborate stained glass windows. In 1563, the Council of Trent addressed the role of sacred art. The decree made it clear that the purpose of sacred art, including Catholic stained glass windows, was to educate the viewer in Catholic doctrine and to allow the viewer a physical illustration of the truths of the Catholic faith. Years ago, many people could not read. While a priest read holy scriptures from the Bible, stained glass windows were able to convey scripture ideas through their specific scenes. The stories are told in the stained glass, and the stained glass fills the interior with God's light.

The Notre Dame Cathedral built in 1345 has a stained glass window that creates the impression of a rose of light often referred to as "A Window to the Heavens." How beautiful is that! Pope John Paul II remarked "Through stained glass and other types of Catholic art, the knowledge of God can be better revealed, and the preaching of the Gospel can become clearer to the human mind."



Notre Dame Cathedral  
"A Window to the Heavens"

Our church contains stunning stained glass windows. Yet, our church has one stained glass window whose beauty is hidden. As you look up to the Holy Spirit window, there is a window to the

left. The only way to see its beauty is if someone shines light through it from the other side, or you ascend a ladder to the next floor and look at it straight on.

Our stained glass window, pictured above, is magnificent. It displays a cross through a crown. The crown is a symbol of glory and victory over death. The reward awaits in Heaven where the victor will receive a crown of victory. The cross represents the suffering of Christ. The cross and crown is a symbol used by various Christian denominations. It has also been used in coat of arms.

The emblem is often interpreted as symbolizing the reward in heaven (the crown) coming after the trials in this life (the cross). When the cross and the crown are placed together, they symbolize Jesus who willingly died on the cross to defeat sin, death and the devil and who gives the crown of eternal life to all who believe in Him.

As I was in awe of its beauty, I could not understand nor confirm, why the window was placed in a location it could not be seen easily. Many churches were built to serve also as fortified churches. Our church, built on a hill, overlooks our town. The room above this window is the bell tower which leads to the roof. Perhaps the hidden window was a reminder to those who stood watch in the event our church was used in a defensive role. While we cannot readily see the window's beauty, we know it exists. Beauty lies deep, not just in objects, but within people. You may not always see it, but it is there. We have to look for the gifts and the blessings that surround us and are within us, to discover the treasures that may be hidden.

## pray for

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

Martinez ◦ Jodee Koontz ◦ Jason Morales ◦ Ilyya 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 ◦ Lettie Friis ◦ JoAnn Montalbano ◦ Tim Holler ◦ Joan DiGioia Lucas

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 for the intentions of **Vincent Lambino** at the request of his Mom & Dad.

The Blessed Mother Candle at St. Lawrence is dedicated for the intentions of **Vincent Lambino** at the request of his Mom & Dad.

The Tabernacle Candle at St. Lawrence is dedicated to **Toni Akanewich** at the request of Bernie Konicki.

## o'toole seniors

The monthly meeting is on August 9 at 1 pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall. Please join us!

## mass intentions

### Saturday, July 31

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* John D. Barrese  
5:30PM John DelBono  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, August 1

8:00AM Fred Merkel  
9:30AM Charles Morganti  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Maria Angie Salas  
11:00AM McCluskey & Ebert Families  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Francesco Monteleone

### Monday, August 2

8:30AM Bill Fisher

### Tuesday, August 3

8:30AM John DelBono

### Wednesday, August 4

8:30AM Toni Akanewich

### Thursday, August 5

8:30AM Dranja Gjonaj

### Friday, August 6

8:30AM Msgr. McCabe  
Scholarship Fund  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Society  
7:00PM

### Saturday, August 7

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Don Parfitt  
5:30PM Rodolfo Cornelio, Sr.  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, August 8

8:00AM Toni Akanewich  
9:30AM Julius Dellabate  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson  
11:00AM Razzino Family  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Daniel Antinucci



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6:00 pm—Confessions  
7:00 pm—Mass  
7:45 pm—Adoration  
8:00 pm—Benediction



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JOHN 6:35

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### Amazing Parish - Engage

The closing exhortation at Amazing Parish is as relevant to parishioners here at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart as it was to the attendees in Kansas City. Archbishop Alexander Sample of Portland, Oregon, challenged us by revealing

that there are three ways to respond to the anti-Christian culture that seems to surround us.

The first strategy employed by many is to capitulate to the culture. "Go along to get along." Succumb to a society that defies God's laws and Christ's teachings. We see a great many people buckling to this way of thinking.

The second strategy is to adopt a bunker mentality. Archbishop Sample explained that many in the Church are doing this right now. "They are hunkering down where it is comfortable, where they have things just the way they want them. Their premise is: 'Let the rest of the world go the way it will go, but we will be safe and secure here.'"

His final strategy is to engage the world as it is, with all of its faults and dirt and misdirection. To truly trust and believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is divine Truth. To acknowledge that the Church is a divine body, founded by Jesus Christ to teach, guide, and help sanctify us. To take pride in the knowledge that God has a mission for each of us that cannot be accomplished by any other. To be part of a community that wants to lead others to heaven, not focus on ourselves alone. And to engage those within our own circle of influence.

Conferences like Amazing Parish reveal that Catholics from around the country are hungry to learn from exciting Catholic educators and to spread the Good News of Jesus to their communities. It is clear that we are part of a new age for the Church and I believe we are feeling it here at St. Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart. We are an important part of the big revitalization that God is working in his Church today. Believe it and then share it. Engage!

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:18-20. What is God saying to you?  
**Call to Action:** Introduce yourself to someone new at Church each week.



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## Weekend of July 25

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May WeShare weekly	\$	5,991.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,345.35</b>

# sacred heart parish support

## Weekend of July 25

In Pew Collection	\$	2,425.00
May WeShare weekly	\$	479.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,904.17</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 loan payment

We just made another quarterly payment of \$36,562 on our loan, which brings our current balance down to \$465,000 (from an original \$3.8 million!). At this rate, we will finish paying it off in 2025, less than four years from now. Thank you to every one who has given or made a pledge, and those who use the Centennial Gold envelopes or **WeShare** every month to help pay this down. This has shown the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners and how much you love the renovations to the Church and Parish Center.

# parish staff

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