

August 22, 2021 the twenty-first 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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### [stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

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August 22, 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 is the time of year for registering for religious education, so I encourage all parents in both churches to get their kids registered for our innovative **Family Program** for grades 1-4 and **Edge Program** for grades 5-8. This year we are bringing our Sacred Heart families together with St. Lawrence in one unified program. And we'll be back to in-person learning!

We've added talented new staff members this Fall: Savannah DeFelice, Taylor Sbat, and Jay Sulit. They join our experienced team of Theresa Scorca, Cecilia Britz, and Clara Segreti to make our program better than ever.

You may remember when we started these new programs several years ago, it was because we were convinced there was a better and more effective way to pass on the faith to our young people. We were convinced that kids would embrace the faith if their parents were engaged and were strong believers, so a huge part of the program is empowering parents to teach their own kids.



In-person session of the Family Program

Recently we got a letter from the Cardinal, who has ordered a review of traditional CCD programs because they aren't working effectively. They are looking for cutting-edge programs like ours to pilot in parishes in the hope of finding a better way to teach the faith. Our staff is leading the way!

At St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, we're always looking for the most innovative ways to reach people and help them grow in faith and prayer. As so many people are in need of healing and intercessory prayer and as much as we try praying for others, let's face it, we often feel we don't do a very good job, in spite of our best intentions.

We came upon an exciting ministry called **Arise Prayer Ministry** that teaches people to pray in teams for others, to make intercessory prayer, and to offer a prayer of healing alongside a person in need. Victoria Harris wrote a book on it called "Holy Spirit 101", and she'll be here giving a workshop Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18. We're hoping to make this kind of prayer a regular ministry at the parishes.

And coming up tomorrow, Monday – we're resuming our Seasons of Praise Holy Hours. We'll start at 7:00 pm in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. Come along and get deeper into your relationship with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



## rebounding!



TIM HOLLER

For those of you who don't know me, you probably know my mom, Lynda. If you do know me or know of me, it is probably because she has been asking for prayers from every corner of God's green earth. I would like to thank all of you for these prayers, as I have experienced a true miracle from God.

For the better part of the last 3 years, I have been dealing with an irritable bowel disease called, ulcerative colitis. When you have colitis, your body is attacking itself and weakening your colon, while causing inflammation and a whole host of other problems, medically and not. Over the three years since I have been diagnosed, I have been impacted in numerous ways and I have had to make changes in my life to make the most of the cards I've been dealt.

For example, my diet became more and more strict. For the last half-year or so, I have been living off five main foods including, meat, white rice, eggs, bananas, and peanut butter. My body responded best to these foods, but I was still not

functioning very healthily. I had to put as much trust as I could muster in The Lord, especially being a college athlete taking full semesters of credits and playing over 80 baseball games between the spring and summer seasons.

I could not be more blessed to announce I have experienced a miracle from God, healing me from all the issues in which I formerly dealt with daily. Throughout my struggles, I relied on the Eucharist, prayer, and scripture to propel me on.

My favorite passage in the whole Bible is Isaiah 43:2 which reads "***When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.***"

This miraculous healing has given me a whole new life and appreciation and a window into a life full of God's glory. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever.



## the story of the queenship of mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954, but Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

### REFLECTION

As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28–30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.





# spring/summer faith formation

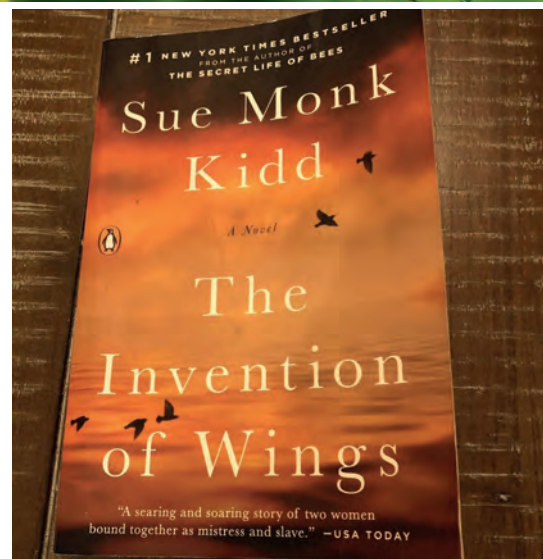
## WOMEN'S GIFT BOOK DISCUSSION – *THE INVENTION OF WINGS* BY SUE MONK KIDD

AUGUST 30

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Sue Monk Kidd presents a masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world. The story, set in early nineteenth century Charleston, tells of two American women who struggle to overcome the limits society has placed on them. Purchase and read the book on your own, then join us for insightful discussion.

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# seasons of Praise

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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## AUG 23

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## in memory of our dead

TINA GRANT

Catholic cemeteries are a matter of continuity with our faith life. Throughout our faith journey, the Church celebrates significant moments - Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, and Death. Catholic cemeteries play an integral role in our life as Catholics. They are blessed grounds, places of prayer and deep respect for the deceased, our loved ones.

Vatican II stressed, "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole mystical body of Jesus Christ, the church has honored with great respect, the memory of the dead." Pope John Paul II wrote, "Let us never lose sight of the ultimate goal of life, which is paradise and eternal life with Jesus Christ."

Prior to 1868, most of the Catholics from Brewster were buried at St. Joseph's cemetery in Owensville (Croton Falls). On May 15, 1868, William and Nancy Ferris in Brewster sold 5 acres of their property which fronts Route 22 to Archbishop John McCloskey for \$1,628. Fr. John Orsenigo, pastor at St. Joseph's, helped secure the land and Fr. McKenna paid off the cemetery mortgage "out of his own pocket." There is a chain link fence at the cemetery that separates St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery from the Methodist cemetery that existed before our cemetery.

Knowing that St. Lawrence Cemetery was established in 1868, I wondered why our cemetery had headstones dated prior to 1868. My research shows that when the Diocese of New York was established in 1808, the Catholic population was 15,000 and covered all of New York State and northern New Jersey. There were four priests serving three churches, two in New York City and one in Albany.

St. Joseph's parish was established in 1845 on land near Rt. 22 and the train station in Croton Falls (then Owensville).

In 1893, St. Joseph's church caught fire due to a passing locomotive and burned to the ground. In 1894, it was rebuilt but because it was constructed near a drainage area of the Croton River, the church and the cemetery were moved. In 1902, the chapel and rectory were relocated across Mahopac Avenue. In 1903, the land was purchased (next to Ivandell Cemetery) in Somers for St. Joseph's cemetery. The remains of the church founders and early parishioners were reburied. It's possible the remains of those from Brewster were reburied in St. Lawrence cemetery. That would answer the question of why we have headstones that pre-date the cemetery itself.



Entrance to St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery

Later, in a visit to St. Lawrence in 1934, Cardinal Hayes blessed our cemetery and its new sections. In 1956/1957, Thomas Maguire (who built our school and hall in 1959/1960) became the owner of part of the land given to St. Lawrence that contained an old stone residence which he reconstructed and made it his home. He agreed to allow access to the cemetery by providing a new road and water facilities for the future. Msgr. McCabe secured \$20,000 for a cemetery fund and established the payment of perpetual care when graves were purchased.

When we consider the thousands of headstones spanning our cemetery grounds more than 150 years later, it's striking that all these Catholics understood what matters most - that they go on to eternal life and our bodies should be buried in sacred ground, to await the resurrection on the last day.

## pray for

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

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 ◦ Joan DiGioia Lucas ◦ Robbi Blacharski ◦ Judy McDermott

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 **James Callahan** at the request of Helen & Ted Rozzi.

The Tabernacle Candle at St. Lawrence is dedicated for **Damian Mancini** at the request of his Family.



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*Sharing God's Gifts*

### St. Lawrence

Goal:	\$77,000
Pledged:	\$62,360
Gifts:	184
Average:	\$339
Percentage of goal:	82%

Goal:	\$11,500
Pledged:	\$11,915
Gifts:	53
Average:	\$225
Percentage of goal:	103%

Thanks for continuing to support the Cardinal's Appeal in these hard times. This appeal provides the funds for the Cardinal to support poor parishes around the Archdiocese.

## mass intentions

### Saturday, August 21

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

Jerzy Serafin  
Mary & Robert Cleary  
& Kathleen King  
Spanish

7:30PM

### Sunday, August 22

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

Anne Hagopian  
Ellen Jane Knox  
Louise Castelluccio  
Margaret Crowley  
Spanish  
Margaret Ann Blakeley

### Monday, August 23

8:30AM

Rocco & Lucy Ceo

### Tuesday, August 24

8:30AM

Deceased of Kilcoyne Family

### Wednesday, August 25

8:30AM

Vera Lundy

### Thursday, August 26

8:30AM

Parmenio Sanchez

### Friday, August 27

8:30AM

Eddie Brady

### Saturday, August 28

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

Mike McDermott  
Dotty & Jack Lahm  
Spanish

### Sunday, August 29

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

Toni Akanewich  
Elizabeth & Maryann Feroletto  
Bill & Joseph Lewis  
Julius Dellabate  
Spanish  
Michael Brady

## time to register for religious education: grades 1-8

We love your kids and we love helping them grow to understand how much God loves them and watches over them. We want every kid in our religious education programs, Family Program or EDGE, to know and experience the love God has for them now and throughout their lives.

Our program works with you as parents to help you show your children that faith is about the joy of being loved unconditionally. When we grasp that we come from God and are going back to him, our lives get deeper and more peaceful and we put all our challenges into perspective.

TO SIGN UP: Go to [stlawrenceotoole.org/Religious\\_Ed](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Religious_Ed) for the **Family Program** grades 1-4 and/or the **Edge** grades 5-8.





LYNDA HOLLER  
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



**In the Ordinary—Swim or Float**

Sitting poolside last week on vacation, I watched two little girls swimming like fish. At one point, I noticed the older girl helping her sister float. It brought to mind a reflection I read by Fr. Thomas Green about swimming versus floating,

with regard to our spiritual lives.

“If we want to reach a goal that we ourselves have chosen, we would be well advised to learn to swim rather than to float. The swimmer is intensely active and is going someplace; the floater yields to the flow of the water and savors fully being where he is. He, too, is going someplace, but that is the concern of the current

which carries him. His major decision is whether to trust the tide. If he does not, he must guide himself by his swimming strokes; if he does, he can relax and surrender himself solely to the tide, and live fully in the present moment.”

Fr. Green goes on to say, “...we must decide whether we want to swim or float.” His teaching helps me to recognize that in periods of suffering, God is striving to make floaters out of swimmers. We cannot swim endlessly, eventually, we tire and must float. And once we learn that the tide can carry us up and down through waves of all sizes, floating becomes a more peaceful and reliable method to weather the storm than trying to stroke and kick our way through uncharted waters.

My son, Tim, who has been very sick for over three years, tells his story in this week’s bulletin. He has suffered much, and this metaphor of swimming and floating is very meaningful to us.

Tim chose to float; he trusted the direction Jesus was carrying him. I have learned much by watching Tim float. Trusting leads us the way that Jesus has chosen for us which is always superior to our own way.

**Scripture:** Read Isaiah 43:2. Have you recognized God with you in your deep waters?

**Call to Action:** Become conscious of God’s desire for you to surrender to his tide. Pray about how you can be more trusting.



# come to believe

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# parish support st. lawrence parish support

## Weekend of August 15

In Pew Collection	\$	6,380.00
July WeShare weekly	\$	6,212.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,592.04</b>

# sacred heart parish support

## Weekend of August 15

In Pew Collection	\$	1,924.00
July WeShare weekly	\$	461.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,385.42</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.

MAYBE YOU'RE  
**ONE OF US**

# parish staff

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