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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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September 26, 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're off to a great start this September:

1. Our **Holy Spirit 101 Retreat** last weekend was a huge hit, with 120 people trained in the power of intercessory and healing prayer. Stay tuned for some serious action by the Holy Spirit!
2. Our **Early Childhood Learning Center** launched the new school year with a record number of kids. Thanks to Kim Santerre, our Director for her leadership.
3. **In-person Religious Education** is coming back strong, with more families registering every week from both Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence. Thanks to Theresa Scorca, our Coordinator, for her perseverance.
4. We raised \$45,000 for **Brewster Cares** from our **Golf Outing** with a great committee led by Jimmy King. I thank all who served and donated, and so do our poor and homeless. That's what goes on in just a week when you belong to an amazing parish.

And two things in October you need to get on your calendar right away!

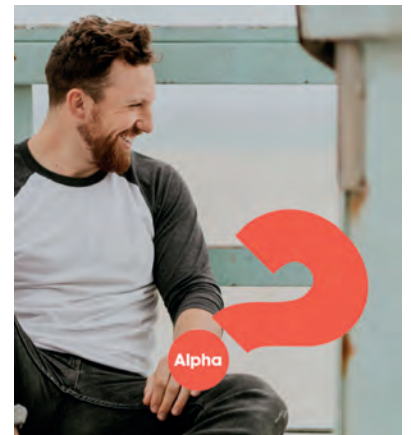
1. Our **150th Anniversary Gala is October 16**. We're celebrating an awesome history; a night out having fun with family and friends is just what the doctor ordered, especially after this miserable year and more of Covid! Get your tickets now – bring a table of friends and have a blast celebrating our legacy as Catholics in Brewster since 1871!
2. We'll be launching **ALPHA** on October 7 and running it Thursday evenings here at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, and also on Sunday mornings starting October 3 here. People have drifted away from Church for various reasons and even many people in the pews are struggling with faith. That's understandable in our crazy society. Those folks are all around us – in our families, at work, among our neighbors. To find Jesus again, they need our help... but how do we do it?

Alpha is a great, low-pressure, free and fun way to re-introduce people to Jesus. It's just a good meal together and a discussion about issues of faith, where no one is judged and no questions are bad questions. It's just about exploring faith and becoming friends. We let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

I bet you know some people who could use Alpha and maybe the Holy Spirit will lead them back to Jesus. The best way is to invite a friend or an adult child of yours who doesn't come to Church much... Alpha is for everyone.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill





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Alpha

Original pump organ for the wooden church



St. Joseph dates back to wooden church



god bless our priests!

TINA GRANT

By 1849, the railroad came to town and Brewster was on the map! In 1869, a town hall was constructed and we received our first newspaper, the Brewster Gazette. (The Gazette was ultimately succeeded first by Brewster Standard, then The Putnam County Courier.) In 1871, Putnam County Savings Bank was established, and hotels, businesses, mills, and factories grew. Tilly Foster Mine and Borden Milk Factory opened, churches were dedicated, and Fr. Lawrence McKenna made his mark at St. Lawrence O'Toole Roman Catholic Church! Fr. McKenna supervised the building and dedication of our first wooden church. He personally paid off the cemetery mortgage loan. He was our Pastor from 1869 until he died unexpectedly on August 27, 1875.

Fr. McKenna's funeral was held at St. Andrew's in New York City, where he had served under Fr. Michael Curran as a curate. St. Andrew's was the seed ground for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Both men had immigrated from Ireland and Fr. Curran took Fr. McKenna under his wing and continued to guide him when he was Pastor of St. Lawrence. When Fr. McKenna died, Fr. Curran saw to his burial at Calvary Cemetery, a Roman Catholic cemetery in Queens. Established in 1848, it covers over 365 acres, and is owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York and managed by the Trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Fr. McKenna is buried in the oldest section of the cemetery known as "First Calvary." Fr. Quinn, the Vicar-General at the time, delivered the homily and spoke of Fr. McKenna's "great devotion for his Church."

Fr. McKenna is buried in a grave deeded to Fr. Curran. Our first Pastor, who built our first church and personally paid off our ceme-

tery debt, is buried in a borrowed grave. I thought of Jesus laid in the borrowed tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. Burial in the hallowed ground of a Catholic cemetery reminds us of the burial of Jesus and expresses hope in our own resurrection when body and soul will be reunited.



Washing of the Feet from the original church!

How proud Fr. McKenna must have felt at his first Mass – standing in the very first Catholic church in Brewster, the church he had built for his faithful parishioners. A church that today is celebrating its 150th Anniversary! He will be remembered as our Pastor who gave us St. Lawrence O'Toole Church! Thank you to Fr. McKenna and all those who made it possible. In our church museum, we have the original pump organ, the statute of St. Joseph, and the water jug for Holy Thursday

Washing of the Feet from the original church!

Our next Pastor was Fr. Patrick J. Daly, also from Ireland. He studied at Our Lady of Angels College in Niagara and was ordained at Troy Seminary. He served at St. Rose in New York City for 8 years before coming to Brewster. In 1877, having only served two short years, Fr. Daly died as a result of a horse accident. He was 38. At his funeral, he was remembered for his expertness in Gaelic, the love his parishioners had for him, and his calm demeanor. He too is buried at Calvary Cemetery.

Our next Pastor would be Patrick J. Healy. As we will discover, he became our first resident Pastor. Brewster continued to develop and grow, and St. Lawrence O'Toole continued to thrive.



Victoria Harris, author of Holy Spirit 101



holy spirit 101!

On Friday, Sept. 17 and Saturday Sept 18 our Gym was filled with 120 participants to learn about the Holy Spirit. Our presenter was author Victoria "Torrie" Harris, who



came up from Dallas, from Arise Ministries, to give the retreat. Our group was a combination of our parishioners, St. James in Carmel, St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Victory from the Bronx. We were graced with Nick Carter who played the harp and sung the **Our Father** in Spanish. There was a buzz the moment we started that never left! Here are a few participants recollections of this powerful experience:

KATHY DEL BONO

I absolutely loved the retreat. I felt it was truly a blessed event. I received many blessings just by participating with all of God's people. We could see and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as Torrie Harris spoke and taught us about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how to discern prophetic words, the types of healing prayers, and how to pray for miracles. We participated in what we had learned, and practiced how to pray to the Holy Spirit. Our hearts had things inside of us that some of us did not even know were there. As the day progressed, you could see and feel the Holy Spirit working and healing. I experienced joy, and peace from this experience.

JO-ANN ADORNO

My experience at the Arise Ministry workshop was powerful. I sat with a group from the Bronx and immediately felt a kinship with them. We prayed, cried and wrapped our arms around each other and felt the presence of the Holy Spirit.

LYNDA HOLLER

On Saturday morning, in the first practicum of the retreat, we experienced a physical healing in our small group! Three of us prayed with a man with a shoulder injury. When we began, he told us that his pain level at that time was a 4. When we finished, he moved his shoulder around and said, "It isn't even clicking! There is no pain at all!" I checked back with him several times throughout the day and still no pain. Praise God!

MAUREEN HERBSTTRIT

The Holy Spirit 101 Retreat was nothing short of incredible. After praying with a woman who has been experiencing chronic pain that she rated as a level 7, she reported that it improved drastically to a level 4. We continued to ask for the Holy Spirit's healing on her and she said the pain lessened even more. God is Good.

PEG SMITH

What an amazing day! Spirit means "breath." That is what happened. The Holy Spirit breathed anew on the attendees. I went there happy and left feeling joy filled. I am excited to see the wonders He has in store for us.



pray for

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

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 ◦ 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 ◦ John McCabe ◦ Ava DiBenedetto ◦ Noah Martinez ◦ Thomas Concolato ◦ John Taylor ◦ Marie Taylor ◦ Angelica Rivera ◦ Jason Morales ◦ Brianna Martinez ◦ Carole Manley ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ Larry Iazzetti, Sr. ◦ Kevin Valle ◦ Dianne Lamoureux ◦ Kathy Farina ◦ Megan Gersh ◦ Adran Ramirez ◦ Jerry Ranieri

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

dedications

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cyo basketball registration

Sacred Heart-St Lawrence CYO Basketball Registration for the 2021-2022 girls and boys CYO basketball season (grades 3 through 12) will take place on Wednesday, **September 29 from 7-9pm** in the St Lawrence Gym. The registration fee of \$225 must be paid at the time of registration by cash or check (no credit cards).

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mass intentions

Saturday, September 25

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Richard Lucas
5:30PM Gilbert Verdugo
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, September 26

8:00AM Theresa Howe
9:30AM Michael Carleton
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson
11:00AM Anthony Magliocco
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Donald LaMere

Monday, September 27

8:30AM Dorothy & Eugene Kurka

Tuesday, September 28

8:30AM Intentions of Ted & Suzy Banes

Wednesday, September 29

8:30AM John Murowski

Thursday, September 30

8:30AM Toni Akanewich

Friday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 2

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Intentions of Judy McDermott
5:30PM Florentine El Bouchenni
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, October 3

8:00AM Judy Bruen
9:30AM Maiorino, Pellecchia & Durante Families
Edward Richardson
Ryan Anthony Rutledge
Spanish
Xavier Salaman
10:30AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00AM
12:30 PM
5:30PM



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LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

would be enticed by the big orders and would be afraid to turn them down. Since the cost of the materials: yarn, buttons, zippers, thread, and overhead: power, lights, heat, machinery maintenance was included in the \$1.10 price, little was left for labor. I heard one story where the factory owner approached the retailer asking for an increase of 10 cents so that his employees could afford meat once a week; the retailer said, "No."

James writes, "Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts." Doesn't it sound like these words from the first century are written to reprimand employers today? That retailer was in a position of power, making sure it obtained the riches it desired with no regard for the suffering it inflicted.

As consumers, it is important for us to look at what we are buying and carefully consider if we are paying too little. I have stopped shopping at retailers that charge too little for their merchandise because I know that they are taking advantage of someone in the production chain. Most of us would be better off owning less and paying more for better quality and the hopes that our money is helping to pay our neighbors around the world a living wage.

Scripture: Read James 5:1-6. Can you think of a real-world story that illustrates his message?

Call to Action: Become aware of retailers that do not treat their employees and suppliers fairly, then do not patronize them.



Ordinary – Shopping with James

Today's Second Reading from James reminds me of a real-world situation that has impacted the way I shop. In an earlier life, I worked in the fashion industry as a sweater designer. I would travel to Asia and meet with the managers of sweater factories to negotiate for my private label clients. I worked with small retailers, but I would hear stories of the big chains and their negotiating power.

One big retailer would, for instance, tell a factory that they would order thousands of dozens of a sweater, but only agree to pay \$1.10/piece because they intend to retail it for \$9.97. The factories



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sacred heart parish support

Weekend of September 19

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August WeShare weekly	\$	448.38
Total	\$	1,948.38

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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