

#### 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 Daily Rosary 9:00 am

St. Lawrence Cemetery Plots and cremation niches are available for purchase. Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201 call to schedule an appointment.

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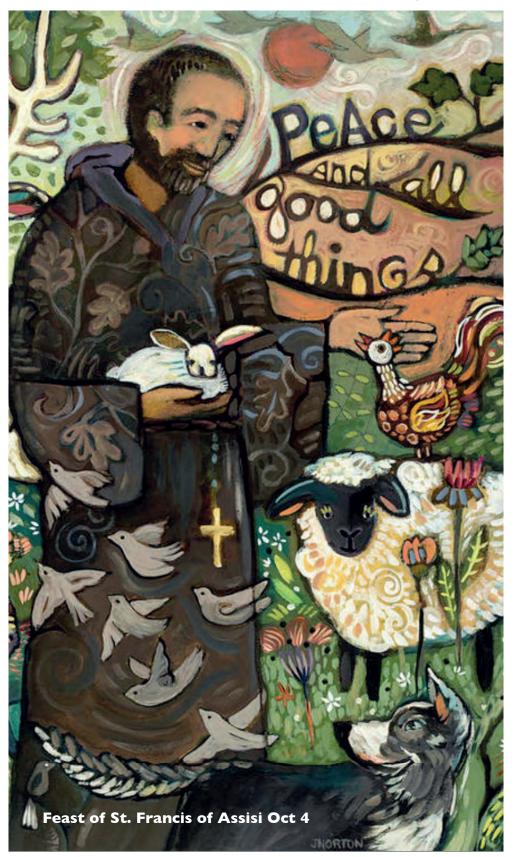
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october 3, 2021 the twenty-seventh sunday in ordinary time

#### st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes



#### OCTOBER 16, 2021 THE AMBER ROOM COLONNADE I STACEY RD, DANBURY, CT • 5 PM-10 PM

CELEBRATING 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S FIRST CHURCH

Grab some friends for a night of dancing and fun! \$175 per person

Includes: Cocktail Hour, Surf & Turf Entree, Salad, Dessert, Coffee or Tea, Wine, Beer, & soda. Cash Bar for liquor

For more information contact: Betsy Hansbury 845-392-3052 or betsyhansbury@gmail.com

Reserve your spot today! stlawrenceotoole.org/gala2021



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October 3, 2021

## while we're at it

**OUT VISION** Create a parish of missionary disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.

Dear Friends,

Here are the big items this week you want to get on right away:

1. Today, October 3, we have the **Annual Blessing of Animals** – 12 noon at Sacred Heart and 2 pm at St. Lawrence. Bring Fido and Frisky outside the Church and we'll get them blessed.

2. **Alpha** starts today, Oct. 3, at St. Lawrence for the Sunday group with breakfast, and the Thursday night group this Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7:00. We have Adult, Young Adult, and Spanish Alpha at St. Lawrence, and Alpha Sacred Heart as well. Come along and bring a friend you want to help get back to God and faith. Register at **BrewsterAlpha.com** 

3. Next Saturday, October 9, at noon is the **Brewster Cares Fundraising Luncheon** at Las Mañanitas to raise funds for the homeless shelter this winter. Come along to get introduced to the good work of Brewster Cares and help our local homeless. Register at **weblink.donorperfect.com/BCLuncheon**.

4. Register today for the **150th Anniversary Gala Dinner/ Dance** at the Amber Room. We'll celebrate the great history of our parishes and have a blast. RSVP at **stlawrenceotoole.org/Gala2021** 

**Congratulations** to Janet Ward, Desiree Turtenwald, and Alexa Ward who were all received into the Catholic Church at St. Lawrence last weekend.

We were hoping **Cardinal Dolan** would be here for the weekend of the anniversary, October 23/24, but he had a conflict. His secretary promised he would come for Mass on January 15 instead, so we're working on organizing something that night.



Welcome to the Church Janet, Desiree and Alexa!

Stay tuned for more details about our **Heritage Weekend** November 13/14, the Feast of St. Lawrence O'Toole where we'll be celebrating our history. We'll look back at life as it was in Brewster in

1871 with presentations on the times, the lifestyles, the music, the food and the faith. There will be fun activities for kids – all to appreciate the better where we've come from over 150 years and what has changed, and what has stayed the same.

God bless,

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Fr. Richard Gill



Summer Camp









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#### A Little From You Makes A Big DIFFERENCE





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RSVP weblink.donorperfect.com/BCLuncheon

## Ever wonder your purpose? <u>You</u>'re not alone.

Alpha is about people who gather over a meal while exploring what their faith means to them in the world today. There are no wrong answers, no one judges you – there's just honest conversation and friendly support from people exploring things that make life matter. You'll make new friends and get to know Jesus and the Holy Spirit better.

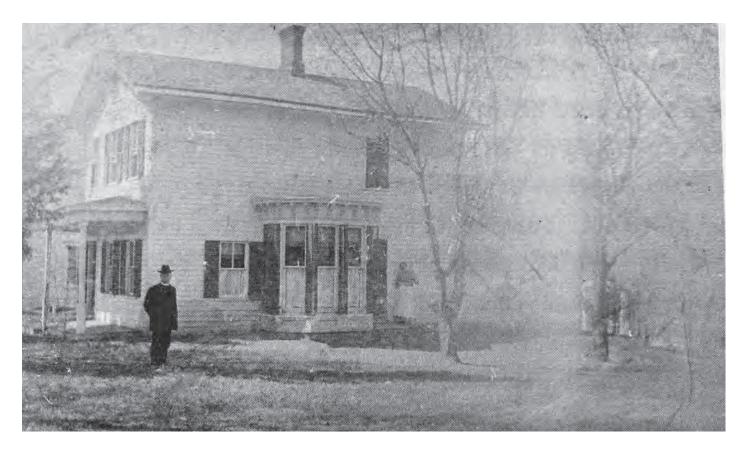


ST. LAWRENCE: ENGLISH: Thursdays 7-9 pm OCT 7-DEC 23 Sundays 9-11am OCT 3-DEC 19 SPANISH: Thursdays 7-9 pm OCT7-DEC 23 YOUNG ADULTS Thursdays 7-9 pm OCT 7-DEC 23

**SACRED HEART** Thursdays **7-9** pm OCT 7-DEC 23

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#### great growth

#### **TINA GRANT**

After Fr. Patrick Daly died in 1877, our next pastor **Fr. Patrick J. Healy,** was born in 1846 in County Cork, Ireland. In 1850, he came to America. He studied at St. Francis Xavier College in NYC and Troy Seminary. In 1870, his first assignment was at St. Bernard's in NYC, where he assisted in its planning and building. Upon his transfer in 1872, his parishioners at St. Bernard's presented their beloved priest with a generous check for \$2,000. His second assignment at Pawling, NY included Dover Plains, Towners, Patterson, and Beekman. While at Pawling, the church was destroyed by a fire that pointed to arson. Fr. Healy rebuilt the new church at a cost of approximately \$7,500.00. In 1875, he erected the church in Towners and called it St. Bernard's for the affection of his first assignment. In 1877, the Pawling church closed and later he became pastor of St. Lawrence.

In 1878, Walter W. Weed sold his Brewster property on Prospect Street to Fr. Healy and St. Lawrence had its very own rectory! Fr. Healy became our first resident Pastor. The first rectory is pictured here and was later renovated to include a large porch. I remember sitting on the steps as a little girl in the 1960's while my dad and Msgr. McCabe would have long conversations. In 1970, it was replaced with today's rectory.

Meanwhile, the Statue of Liberty was being assembled and erected in the harbor, a gift from France, commemorating the alliance of France and America during the American Revolution. Part of the inscription on the Statue of Liberty reads "Give me your tired your poor...", a motto St. Lawrence continues to uphold.

Between 1880 and 1882 Brewster experienced several fires which destroyed the town hall, newspaper office, and half of Main Street, which were rebuilt. In 1885, Fr. Healy purchased the Walter Brewster House later known as St. Lawrence Hall, used for dances and picnics.

An interesting note is Fr. Healy's brother was Dr. Dennis Healy, a Brewster resident. Dr. Healy attended to the many men, who over the years, were injured working in the Tilly Foster mines, some of whom Fr. Healy laid to rest. As brothers, they worked together in difficult situations bringing comfort and peace to others. Their sister, Margaret Spence, inherited and lived in the former Walter Brewster home on Oak Street. Later it would be sold to the Knights of Columbus and then owned by the Landmarks Preservation Committee of Brewster.

In 1886, New York State issued to St. Lawrence a Certificate of Incorporation legally establishing us as a parish corporation. St. Lawrence was thriving, and the number of parishioners grew. Fr. Healy began the undertaking of enlarging our wooden church.

In 1889, Fr. Healy died from vascular heart disease. His obituary described him as a "quiet, unobtrusive, honest citizen. His church work was earnest and progressive, and all his business dealings bore the stamp of integrity." His funeral was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and he is buried at Calvary Cemetery. I find it fitting many of our priests are buried at Calvary, the name given in Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified.

Fr. Healy's contributions to St. Lawrence and his parishioners were tremendous. Fr. Healy certainly provided a giant steppingstone in the development of our church and our parish community.



#### September 22 - October 31

Join other Christians for 40 Days for Life! 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. Or stand and peacefully and pray during a 40-day vigil outside in the right-of-way of **Planned Parenthood of Danbury,** 44 Main Street, Danbury, CT, Help spread the word about this community outreach. For more information or to volunteer contact Peg or Sharon at **Danbury40DFL@protonmail.com** 

Sign up for the Danbury vigil at **40daysforlife.com/Danbury** 



Sacred Heart 12 noon

St. Lawrence O'Toole







#### WE ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH THIS MINISTRY!

What an amazing turn out at the Holy Spirit 101 Retreat on September 17 and 18! Plans are in the works for prayer teams praying with people after a Mass and at Seasons of Praise.

For those who attended the HOLY SPIRIT 101 RETREAT and are interested in the next steps, go to stlawrenceotoole.org/ariseprayer complete the interest form to become part of a prayer team.

Once we have your name and email, we will provide meeting dates to review our mission and give team members an opportunity to practice praying together.

Contact Loretta Lestrange at 845-661-8098 with any questions.

## 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 Slootmaker • 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 Consolato • John Taylor • Marie Taylor • Angelica Rivera • Jason Morales • Brianna Martinez • Carole Manley • Michael Taylor • Larry lazzetti, 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

Blessed Mother Candle at St. Lawrence is dedicated to **Frances Arcello** at the request of the DeVito Family

#### sacred heart memorial bricks

Final opportunity to purchase a Memorial Brick orders are being taken. Order forms available during coffee & donuts.

#### get your orders in for the K of C Lawn Crèche \$80

Made from PVC material. Crafted by the Knights (lawn tie-downs included). Contact Bruce Colombraro at

845-279-6461, or bac13@comcast.net, Andrew Simmons at 203-241-3746 for more info.

Free delivery in Brewster/Southeast -Check payable to: St. Lawrence Council #1495 Mail to: St. Lawrence Council #1495, P.O. Box 268, Brewster, NY 10509



#### mass intentions

#### Saturday, October 2

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Sunday, October 3 8:00AM 9:30AM

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

Monday, October 4 8:30AM

Tuesday, October 5 8:30AM

Wednesday, October 6 8:30AM

Thursday, October 7 8:30AM Friday, October 8 8:30AM

Saturday,October 9 4:00PM Sacred Heart 5:30PM 7:30PM

Sunday, October 10 8:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM Sacred Heart 11:00AM 12:30 PM 5:30PM Intentions of Judy McDermott Florentine El Bounchenni Spanish

Judy Bruen Maiorino, Pellecchia & Durante Families Edward Richardson Ryan Anthony Rutledge Spanish Xavier Salaman

John DelBono

Patrick Martin, Jr.

**Richard Hudson** 

Judy Bruen

Souls of St. Lawrence Cemetery

Angelo Gutierrez Pasquale Galizia & Family Spanish

Lucy Mancuso Ellen Lawlor Bill & Joseph Lewis Tom & Molly Healy Spanish Lorraine Aversano Albano



Get your 150th Anniversary swag for St. Lawrence & Sacred Heart after the Sunday Masses.



LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

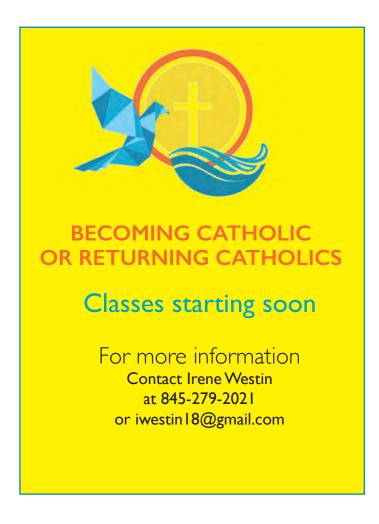


#### In the Ordinary – Besa

A keyword in the Albanian culture is "**besa**," which is understood to mean: "word of honor" or "to keep one's promises." Mother Teresa took that word very seriously. In her mind, if you give

your word to someone, you give yourself.

Besa has a sacredness to it like a vow, oath, or covenant. We don't use the word "covenant" very often in our culture, so its meaning may be unclear to many. Scott Hahn explains the difference between a contract and a covenant: "A Contract is an exchange of property in the form of goods and services ("That is mine and this is yours"); whereas a covenant calls for the exchange of persons



("I am yours and you are mine"), creating a shared bond of interpersonal communion."

In today's Gospel, Jesus is questioned about divorce. Marriage is defined by the Church to be a covenant because a husband and wife give themselves to each other. Jesus says, "For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

In Matthew, Jesus cautions about taking oaths and vows lightly. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.' But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

We are living in a time and culture where many people make promises they do not keep, take oaths with no regard for the gravity of their words. It can cause us to doubt the truth of words and those who profess them. In stark contrast, we can have no doubt in the sincerity of God's promises. Jesus, the Word Himself, made a covenant with us: He is ours and we are His. He gives his Word to us; He gives Himself.

**Scripture**: Read Matthew 5:33-37. What stands out? **Call to Action**: Be watchful of your words and don't make promises you can't keep.

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#### parish support st. lawrence parish support

#### Weekend of September 26

In Pew Collection		\$ 6,603.00
August WeShare weekly		5,854.59
	Total	\$ 12,457.59

#### sacred heart parish support

## Weekend of September 26In Pew Collection\$ 1,824.00August WeShare weekly\$ 448.38Total\$ 2,272.38

**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.

# MAYBEYOU'RE

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