



november 14, 2021 the thirty-third 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

##### 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.

#### [stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

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**Getting ready for the Pig Roast!!**



**Are you in need of intercessory prayer and healing prayer?** The new **Arise Prayer Ministry** may be for you. A small team of trained parishioners will pray with you for whatever need you have: life struggles, temptations, family problems, grieving lost loved ones, emotional and physical healing, and so on. The team will call upon the Holy Spirit to intercede and bring his grace and light into your life and show you how the power of God changes things for the better.

**PRAYER SESSIONS BEGIN**

- **Starting November 15 and every third Monday of the month at Seasons of Praise** after priests' talk.
- **November 21, after the 11 am Mass**, and weekly thereafter. Our teams will be available for an hour and will get to as many people as possible.
- **November 23, after the 12 pm Healing Mass**

**Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick**  
**Tuesday, November 23 at 12pm**

All are welcomed since anyone may receive healing prayers, both Catholics and non-Catholics, those experiencing physical, emotional, spiritual or psychological illness, or those praying for a loved one.

**st. lawrence o'toole church**

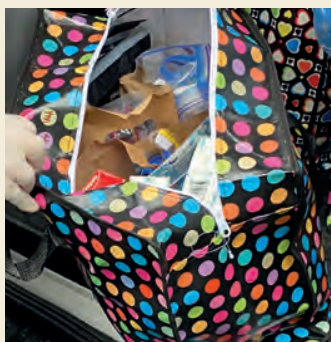
## 4 ways to give thanks by giving back this thanksgiving

**1. Make an urgently needed financial donation to help feed 500 Bronx homeless people.**

**2. Donate items** by placing them in the bin in the Narthex of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church by **Monday, Nov 22 by 12 noon. We are collecting only the following items** for families living in the homeless shelters in the city.

**Items needed are:**

- dish detergent (no more than 24 ozs)
- laundry detergent (if fluid, no more than 92 ozs)
- soap (if liquid, no more than 13 ozs)
- shampoo (no more than 26 ozs)
- conditioner (no more than 26 ozs)
- toothpaste (no more than 6 ozs)
- disinfectant/household cleaning products (no more than 30 ozs)
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- tissues
- women's hygiene products
- men's deodorant
- Bic razors
- shaving cream
- baby diapers (all sizes)
- Advil/Tylenol
- Band-aids
- Tums
- chapstick



**3. Help pack gift bags** in the St Lawrence gym: Monday, Nov. 22 at 4:00 pm and Tuesday, Nov.23 at 10:00 am

We will make up gift bags worth \$100 for each family using these items that are donated. **Gift bags will be transported to the Bronx on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 5:00 pm**

**4. Volunteer to help** on Thanksgiving Day at St. Anthony's Parish, Bronx, NY.

- 7:00 am — Meet in the rectory parking lot & carpool to St. Anthony's.
- 8:00 am — Work at St. Anthony's packing meals
- 10:00 am — Mass with St. Anthony parishioners
- 11:00 am — Finish packing food & deliver food to shelter
- 1:00 pm — Return to Brewster

**GO TO [stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving)**

to sign up to volunteer or donate or Text to Give Text -- GIVESLOT or GIVESH to 833-694-0460







November 14, 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,

As I've mentioned during the past couple of weekends, we are celebrating **150 years of our Church here in Brewster and Patterson**, and we have a wonderful legacy to share. How many tens of thousands of couples married, children baptized and confirmed, and souls we have buried and sent off to heaven in this century and a half! How many people came to the faith and discovered Jesus through our churches during these years...

**Good stewardship** of what we've built here must remind us of our responsibility to the future generations – to our children and grandchildren and beyond. We have to pass our Catholic faith in all its fullness and leave them a legacy of how to put the Gospel into practice.

A major part of our legacy is our service to the poor and less fortunate. We're doing that with our **Brewster Cares** for the local needy, by supporting our sister parish in the South Bronx, **St. Anthony of Padua**, and with the good work, our **Franciscans** and **Knights of Columbus** do.

One parishioner told me how he and his family decided they didn't need to continue giving each other gifts each Christmas – they have all they need - but instead give what they would have spent on themselves to **Brewster Cares** to support the poor. Isn't that awesome?

So... coming up:

We'll be starting up the **Brewster Cares Homeless Shelter** early December to help 20 local homeless have a safe, warm place to sleep each night. Volunteers needed... maybe you could cook or take a night sleeping over. Stay tuned for more information.

We'll be helping **St. Anthony of Padua for Thanksgiving** to feed and give essential items to 500 homeless in 225 temporary shelter apartments in the Bronx. Check this bulletin and go to [stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving) on how to volunteer or give this Thanksgiving.

The **Knights and Franciscans will provide meals for hundreds of our local homebound** friends on Thanksgiving – check the bulletin on how you can get involved.

What a great tradition to pass on to your kids and grandkids – that the holidays are about giving and serving. Jesus said, "I have come not to be served, but to serve..."

Let's do the same.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



Volunteers helping the Franciscans and Knights of Columbus with packing Thanksgiving meals for the homebound.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

new tickets available —  
a night out on the knights

Purchase tickets for the new '21-'22 program:  
Tom Radak at 845-279-7934 or any Knight of Columbus.

## lessons of charity, unity & fraternity on nov. 21

The St. Lawrence Council 1495 will be hosting the **Lessons of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity** on Sunday, November 21 following the 5:30 pm Mass. Parishioners are invited to attend as we hold our first public Ceremonial Degrees for members! These Ceremonials have been available to members only until now.

On this night we invite the public to join us. St. Lawrence Council has a long history as the right arm of the parish. We are committed to faithful and unparalleled service to our parish and the Church.

**Membership** in the order helps Catholic men, their families, and their parishes grow closer to Christ.

If this sounds like something you want to be part of, come see what we are about!

**Interested in joining**, contact Tom Healy at 845-490-8799, tomhealy57@hotmail.com, or [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join)

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your loved ones alive.

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# UPCOMING 150th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Thursday, Nov 25

**HELPING ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA HELP  
THE HOMELESS IN THE SOUTH BRONX**

TO DONATE, GET A LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED,  
REGISTER TO SERVE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

**[stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Thanksgiving)**



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Wednesday, Dec 1 • 7:30 pm • DINING HALL

**FR. MICHAEL BRUNO, S.T.D. IS A PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY  
at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie.**

Fr. Michael Bruno will give a presentation on "The Church in New York in the 1800s." He will give some fascinating insights on how the Church grew from a single parish in the entire state of New York in 1785. Plus, he will outline the main developments that led to the surge in the Catholic population in the city and northward to our area, culminating in the founding of St. Lawrence O'Toole in 1871.



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Sunday, Dec 19 • 2:00 pm • CHURCH/GYM

**EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS - TREASURES OF THE CHURCH**

Presentation by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

Our parish invites you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. There are over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be the relics of St. Joseph, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to the Blessed Mother and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.

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Saturday, Jan 15 • 5:30 pm • CHURCH/GYM

**150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS  
with CARDINAL DOLAN**

RECEPTION FOLLOWING MASS







Main Street in Brewster during 1905 blizzard.

## another open door

TINA GRANT

The popular phrase, “When one door closes another will open,” is a quote by Alexander Graham Bell. Yet, we all know times in our lives when God has opened and closed doors.



Fr. Thomas P. Phelan

On February 17, 1912, our Pastor Richard J. Burns died suddenly. He guided St. Lawrence through the turn of the century and put into motion plans to build a stone church. When Fr. Burns died, St. Lawrence suffered a great loss but God put in our path Fr. Thomas P. Phelan. He was a graduate of the last class at Troy Seminary and ordained May 30, 1898.

In May 1912, shortly after Fr. Phelan arrived at St. Lawrence, three hundred members of the Knights of Columbus journeyed from New York to honor their former chaplain whom they held in high esteem. St. Lawrence soon realized they had before them a special priest. What they did not know was the enormous effect Fr. Phelan would have on their lives and their parish. He served St. Lawrence for 12 years and proved, to be a man of many talents and a priest of great vision.

Fr. Phelan taught church history and patrology at Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining, gave over 500 lectures on Catholic historical, biographical, and controversial subjects, wrote four books, one novel, and multiple articles to the Ecclesiastical Review, the U.S. Catholic Annual, and the American-Irish Annual. He became Chaplain of the State Council of the Knights of Columbus and organized two courts of the Catholic Daughters of America – Court Maris Stella and Court Bernadine of Brewster. Fr. Phelan would be immensely proud of the **Heritage Weekend** we have planned for this weekend.



Douglas McRobie of Brewster in front of a WWI military airplane.

While Brewster was quickly developing from rural farmlands to a flourishing town, world events made headlines. In April 1912, the great Titanic sank. Over 1500 lives were lost. In 1914, World War I, known as the Great War, broke out. Two hundred men from Brewster served in this war, which was responsible for the loss of over sixteen million lives. In 1918, when the war ended, Brewster held a Welcome Home parade for the soldiers. Fr. Phelan was there to welcome them home and thank them for their service.

John 15:5-8 states “I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit. . . So you will be my disciples.”

The land on which our wooden church once stood and our stone church now rests, was once bare. The seed that was planted on that bare land has grown into a beautiful parish of missionary disciples. It only took the vision of one and the faith of millions to have it bear much fruit. At the dedication of the first wooden church, Fr. Starrs spoke “We congratulate our Catholic friends and hope that the church may. . . be an element for good in our community.” Our missionary statement is “Create a parish of missionary disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.” St. Lawrence is certainly an element of good for our community. I am positive Fr. Starrs is giving a nod of approval to St. Lawrence in all that it has done and in paying tribute at **Heritage Weekend** to the early parishioners who made it all possible.

We will learn about who Fr. Phelan was and how he embraced the dream of Fr. Burns by building our stone church.

# seasons of Praise

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Holy Hour • Benediction •  
Praise & Worship Music

Confession available  
from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

## NOV 15

### TALK 7 PM



**THE EUCHARIST  
IN THE YEAR OF  
ST. JOSEPH**

**Fr. Tom DeSimone**  
Parochial Vicar  
St. Mary & St. Andrew  
Ellenville, NY



LYNDA HOLLER  
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### INVISIBLE INTERCESSORS



Last week, I Zoomed late into the night with my best friend from college. She had texted me the day before with news that her husband had died. He was twenty years older than us, and his health had been failing for some time. Jane, who is a strong Christian, shared how she had seen God working in their lives as they were seeking

medical care and making life-altering decisions. That He had sent the right people at the right time to answer their questions and provide the physical, emotional, and spiritual support that they needed so desperately. They didn't get the miraculous healing they prayed for, but her husband grew stronger in his love for Jesus

throughout his last days and was ready when God called him home. Jane was also ready to let go with confidence and trust.

My friend spoke fluidly and comfortably about her relationship with Jesus, the messages she received in prayer, and the firm guidance she recognized in his words. I was not surprised; I had seen her faith growing over the last 30 years. But I commented on how she has been open to trusting in Jesus when so many other people aren't.

You see, Jane comes from a very dysfunctional family and was not raised with any faith. She shared that, miraculously, all of her six siblings have become strong Christians too and recognizes that it is due to the prayers of her father's brothers. From age five, when her father died, her mother forbade them to see his family anymore. But Jane met with an uncle recently who told her that his family had continued to pray for all of them. Like most large families, there are many years between the oldest and youngest; they chose an assortment of spouses, moved to different areas, held diverse jobs, were influenced by dissimilar people, yet all were brought to Christ. The only logical explanation and constant denominator are the unfailing, trusting, faithful prayers of unseen disciples.

**Scripture:** Read James 5:19-20. What words stand out?

**Call to Action:** Pray unceasingly for loved ones to know Jesus. Do not give up! God will use your prayers to give them grace.



## pray for

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

Bridget Kenny ◦ Betty Dobbins ◦ Garecht/Pinzur/Sarlo Families ◦ Patricia Willis ◦ Catherine Sloomaker ◦ Demario Creaco ◦ Barry Newman ◦ Jerry Davis ◦ Danny Hernandez ◦ Russell Snyder ◦ 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 Iazzetti, Sr. ◦ Kevin Valle ◦ Dianne Lamoureux ◦ Kathy Farina ◦ Megan Gersh ◦ Adran Ramirez ◦ Jerry Ranieri ◦ Arlete Turturro ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Andy Quinn, Sr. ◦ Rene Phoche ◦ Karen Scott ◦ Thomas Pavia ◦ James McCaughey ◦ Dulio Prado ◦ Matthew Anthony ◦ Francisco Vega ◦ Robert Schacht ◦ Johanna Dew ◦ Tony Greco ◦ Jackie Pasquale

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)

## help needed: thanksgiving meals for homebound



The San Damiano Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans and the St. Lawrence Council #1495 Knights of Columbus will deliver a hot turkey dinner to anyone in Brewster, Carmel, Mahopac, Patterson or Putnam

Lake who is ill, homebound or alone on Thanksgiving.

**Contributions** will buy the food in quantities. Make checks out to SAN DAMIANO FRATERNITY and mail to Kathy DelBono, 40 Highview Terrace, Brewster, NY 10509.

**Dinner Referrals** come from parishioners, family, friends, neighbors, and social service agencies. Contact Cathy Quaranta at 845-661-6783.

**Volunteer:** to deliver meals. Contact Cathy Quaranta at 845-661-6783.

## anniversary bracelets



Check out the beautiful limited edition bracelets designed for St. Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart to celebrate 150 years.

Be sure to select St Lawrence in the drop down box at checkout and 20%

of your total order will be donated!

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## mass intentions

### Saturday, November 13

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Souls in Purgatory  
5:30PM Sadie DeStino  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, November 14

8:00AM Mildred Fusco  
9:30AM Thomas King, Sr.  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bridget & Thomas Cairney  
11:00AM Suor Filomena Lamorte & Family  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Myles Tomblin

### Monday, November 15

8:30AM Mona Kuzava

### Tuesday, November 16

8:30AM Eleanor Duff

### Wednesday, November 17

8:30AM Theresa Howe

### Thursday, November 18

8:30AM Clare Durr

### Friday, November 19

8:30AM Roberta Wallace

### Saturday, November 20

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Don Parfitt  
5:30PM Ellen & Ted Galgano  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, November 21

8:00AM Judy Bruen  
9:30AM Raymond Pellecchia  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Esther Gasper & Elizabeth Turnyanszki  
11:00AM Bianchini & LaMorte Families  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM William Bergen

## Magnificat companions

The Catholic Daughters at St. Lawrence are selling Advent 2021 and Lenten 2022 Magnificat companions after Mass at St. Lawrence on November 20 and 21. The cost is \$5 each or a set for \$8. Contact Donna Iazzetti at [diazzeiti@gmail.com](mailto:diazzeiti@gmail.com) or 845-803-6367 if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

## st. anthony of padua's gets a new roof!



This past Easter we had asked for donations to help St. Anthony with a new roof. Here is the updated roof! Thank you everyone.





## surviving the holidays

From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Group

EDIE DEVITO



Let me begin by saying I recently experienced the death of my husband, followed by several other family members this year. As emotions grew uncontrollable at times, and with the encouragement of my family, I found it difficult but necessary to explore St. Lawrence O'Toole's bereavement group to seek comfort and understanding. At times, I felt uncomfortable sharing private feelings, but I must admit that eventually, I eased into this safe environment where others

also feel free to express their emotions.

At first, I didn't think I would complete all sessions. I told myself that I would survive on my own without the need for this group. But after watching a weekly video, discussing our views and sometimes private moments, we developed friendships, bonding as we began to learn from each other's grief.

This group led me to attend Grief Share's **Surviving the Holidays** session last Sunday. Everyone who had experienced the loss of a loved one was invited to attend. As usual, I hesitated, being in denial that this would also be helpful to me. But I accepted the challenge and joined many others to learn strategies for handling the upcoming holidays and social events. It made me focus on looking ahead to avoid some sadness and despair. Without this guidance, I would

have avoided thinking ahead to the holiday season, because it somewhat frightened me as to how I might react.

Instead, this session was an inspiration to me as it recommended that we prioritize holiday activities, then only do the ones that we enjoy the most. We discussed starting new holiday traditions and not feeling obligated to accept invitations to events that will be too difficult this year. They also suggested that we could ask party hosts to understand if we decide not to come the day of the event or leave early. That it is natural for the emotions of grieving people to change several times a day. I was also reminded to be thankful to God for my blessings and trust in Him that I will be able to overcome the fear of these celebrations ahead.

As I continue to attend St. Lawrence's weekly **From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Group**, I am beginning to choose to embrace the warm and happy memories I possess, rather than dwell heavily in the past. Just getting to know the kindness, understanding and compassion that surrounds this atmosphere, I leave the bereavement group with comfort and look forward to next week's session. I must admit what comes to mind most often and find it so comforting, is when I reminisce my favorite Christian song, "Be Not Afraid." I thank the Good Lord for his blessings and trust Him that He will walk alongside me in this unknown path that lies ahead.

Join our **From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Group**, begins Saturday, December 11, 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM in the Large Conference Room.

Register at [stlawrenceotoole.org/griefshare](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/griefshare).  
Any questions, email: [slotbereavement@gmail.com](mailto:slotbereavement@gmail.com).

## parish support st. lawrence parish support

### Weekend of November 7

In Pew Collection	\$ 10,008.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,017.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,025.19</b>

## sacred heart parish support

### Weekend of November 7

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,686.00
September <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 393.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,079.43</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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