

december 5, 2021 | second sunday of advent



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

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Advent Wreath Making! Families made seasonal wreaths from boxwood and pine branches. They will be able to light the purple and pink candles throughout the weeks of Advent.



December 5, 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,

Four issues to mention this week:

1. Thank you for **servicing others** at Thanksgiving! Thirty parishioners drove down to St. Anthony of Padua Thanksgiving morning to arrange meals for over 500 homeless in temporary shelters in the South Bronx. We loaded trucks with 225 boxes of essential cleaning and hygiene items for one of the shelters. And we spent the morning packing and delivering meals to all those homeless brothers and sisters and celebrated Mass with their parish community. Meanwhile, back in Brewster, the Franciscans and the Knights of Columbus, along with scores of volunteers, cooked and delivered nearly 300 meals to the local homebound. In all, we fed 800, and donated \$10,000 from our poor box to Fr. Joe Espaillat, the pastor of St. Anthony's. Thank you to all who gave their time, or donated items or money. You're awesome!

2. Our annual **Christmas Appeal** letter is an important part of funding our parishes each year, and it will be going in the mail to you this week. You're always good and generous in response, so I thank you in advance. We've been able to make important improvements and renovations this year, such as the roofs on the parish center and the rectory. In 2022, there will no doubt be more needs. Thank you for loving our parishes!

3. Feast of the **Immaculate Conception** this Wednesday is a holy day of obligation. Masses are Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm Spanish, and 8:30 am, 12 noon, and 6:30 pm Wednesday. Let's honor our Blessed Mother on her day! That night, we'll have adoration all through the night to pray for respect for all human life and an end to abortion. Join us!



4. I mentioned the **vocations crisis** last week... and this week it hit close to home. Fr. Joe Heim, a Maryknoll priest who has been helping us on weekends and one morning a week, called me to tell me that at age 88 with his health declining, he's got to retire. We also recently lost Fr. Joe Everson, who was reassigned by Maryknoll back to mission work. Fr. Tom Berg teaches full time at the seminary and Fr. Art Mollenhauer is the full time Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Bridgeport – they come on weekends to help.

Pray hard and encourage vocations. Encourage your own children and grandchildren. Only 86 of our 297 active priests are under age 50. That means parish life will have to change dramatically going forward, unless more young men step forward in response to God's call to the priesthood.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER

Dec 8, 7:30 pm to
Dec 9, 8:30 am

TODAY, MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED TO PRAY FOR LIFE. Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Lawrence O'Toole Church from 7:30 pm Wednesday, Dec 8 to 8:30 am, Dec 9. We will be united with parishes across the country in prayer to end abortion and all offenses against the dignity of the human person, to make reparation for those sins, and healing of those who are suffering.



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

- **Every third Monday of the month at Seasons of Praise** after priest's talk.
- **After every 11 am Sunday Mass in the gym** Our teams will be available for an hour and will get to as many people as possible.

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Sunday, Dec 19 • 2:00 pm

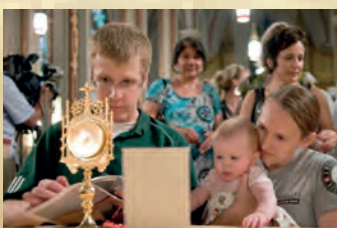
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Among the treasures will be relics of St. Helena, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history, many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry.





AD on cornerstone stands for Anni Domini- year of the Lord

laying our cornerstone

TINA GRANT

In October 1914, the cornerstone of our new stone church took place. The local paper reported, “the event attended by a throng of people probably surpassing the attendance at any like ceremony in the history of the village and by the presence and addresses of celebrants of unusual eloquence and popularity. Young men of the parish pressed into service a thousand feet of lumber which made very comfortable seats. The masonry walls of the church, the piles of lumber alongside the trees, piazzas of nearby cottages and autos lined up in front were also crowded with humanity. The clergy led by the choir and altar boys marched to the platform and all joined in songs of praise and invocation.” What a moment!

The priests who came in support of Fr. Phelan and St. Lawrence were Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle, Fr. Michael J. Henry, Rev. John J. Byrne, Rev. James J. Hackett, Rev. Walter J. Shanley, Rev. William J. Dullard, Rev. John C. Fogarty, Rev. Lawrence A. Murray, Rev. Thomas B. Kelly and Rev. Hyathie Foster. Fr. Burns, our former Pastor whose dream it was to build the stone church, and whose fundraising efforts made it possible, was sadly missed. He died February 1912.



Blessing of the cornerstone

Msgr. Lavelle blessed the cornerstone after it was laid - “In the name of Jesus Christ, I lay this stone and dedicate this church to the service and glory of our Lord.” Fr. Henry, our former Pastor used the trowel to smooth the cement which would hold in place the cornerstone.

The cornerstone box contained: copy of Brewster Standard newspaper, with the sketch of the life of Pastor Richard J. Burns and his eulogy delivered by Msgr. Lavelle, history of the parish,

names of the St. Lawrence Pastors, the Archbishop and Officers of the Archdiocese of NY, Officers of the Knights of Columbus, Court Bernardine, The Holy Name Society and Altar Society, names of contributors to the church and pew holders, programs of fundraisers held, list of all parishioners, US coins and Report of the 1913 Board of Supervisors of Putnam County.

Fr. Phelan introduced Fr. Henry, who was greeted with great applause. Fr. Henry congratulated Fr. Phelan, his old parish, and his old friends upon a celebration of importance.

Msgr. Lavelle also said, “paying high praise to Fr. Phelan and to the members and friends who had shown their true Catholic spirit by uniting in the erection and consecration of such a monument for the worship of Almighty God and then impressed upon his hearers the importance of striving to keep the faith.”

Fr. Henry read a poem by Samuel Dunlop:

“Upon this Sacred place, O Lord!
Shed forth Thy light divine.
The blessings Thou has't promised us,
Bid now, upon us shine,
And as this 'cornerstone' we lay,

Our prayers arise to Thee
That, Christ 'The Rock' as 'cornerstone'
The Eye of faith may see.
Thy priests be clothed with righteousness,
And ever dwell secure
Beneath the shadow of Thy love,
So, shall Thy church endure,
And may the flock that seek Thy fold,
Prove Christ, the 'Perfect Way'
That leads unto Thy church above,
And remains of endless day”

As one envisions this occasion, there is no doubt that our stone church, as was our wooden church, is built on faith and love.



helping st. anthony of padua pack meals for homeless

JUDY CALLAHAN

For the second time in two years, a group of volunteers from Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence O'Toole traveled down to the Bronx on Thanksgiving morning to our sister parish of St. Anthony of Padua. Teams of parishioners from St. Anthony had worked through the night cooking an incredible Thanksgiving feast. Upon our 8 a.m. arrival, we joined together with our brothers and sisters and packed nearly 800 Thanksgiving meals which were ultimately transported to homeless families at three different shelter locations. There were so many things that were amazing about this experience!



When we finished packing all the meals, we attended a Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated by Fr. Rich in both English and Spanish. Everyone felt welcomed and part of this parish community. Instead of a monetary collection, the Offertory

consisted of gifts of food which were donated to local food pantries. We had the opportunity to meet new friends and share a conversation with them. One phrase that I heard repeatedly was "all for the glory of God."

After Mass, the meals (and all the toiletries collected at St. Lawrence O'Toole) were loaded into vans and we were invited to assist with the distribution to the families. The recipient shelters are all owned and run by CAMBA, a not-for-profit dedicated to families in crisis.



In addition to delivering the meals and gifts door to door, we were able to tour a vacant apartment within the complex to see first-hand the inside of a homeless shelter that treats all its residents with dignity. The families living in the building are a mix of homeless families and tenant families, stressing integration

rather than segregation. The staff at CAMBA are incredibly dedicated and were able to give us an insight into the complex lives of the people with whom they work. I think we all know how fortunate we are to live as we do and know how important it is to remember to give thanks. To know something with your mind, but then to feel it in your heart is truly a gift of the Holy Spirit.

The ride home was a chance to share our reflections of the day with fellow parishioners and the conversation also turned to other opportunities for worship and a deepening of faith. I had so much more to be thankful for than when the day began.



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 ◦ Robert Schacht ◦ Johanna Dew ◦ Tony Greco ◦ Jackie Pasquale ◦ Michael & Luise Lyons ◦ Mark Mariano ◦ Donna Tarr

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

thank you!

The San Damiano Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans and the Knights of Columbus, St. Lawrence Council #1495, extend a heartfelt thank you to all the donors and volunteers who prepared, packed, and/or delivered turkey dinners to those who were ill, homebound or alone in our community on Thanksgiving. Along with the 300 meals that were delivered, the warmth of God's love was shared with our brothers and sisters. This year marked the 25th Anniversary of this event, in memory of Judy Bruen, John Del Bono, Antoinette Akanewich, and Michael Brady, and it continues to be a beautiful sign of our faith!

meditation on the crèche

The San Damiano Fraternity welcomes you to a **Franciscan Christmas** meditating on the Crèche on Friday, **December 17** from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm in the Church; followed by refreshments and celebration in the Parish Center Large Conference Room 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

quo vadis: a young men's discipleship group

Jesus wants you to follow him, but how? Quo Vadis is a new group, meeting weekly, for high school and college-age young men in Dutchess and Putnam Counties who are serious about their Catholic faith and interested in discovering God's will for their lives. Come for prayer, a shared meal, and real conversation with brothers in the faith and local priests. Quo Vadis is held **every Friday evening at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in LaGrangeville**, starting **December 10**. No weekly commitment is needed. Call Fr. John Wilson at (845) 227-1710 to RSVP or for more information. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

mass intentions

Saturday, December 4

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Marianne Gallecher
5:30PM Grace Marcello
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, December 5

8:00AM Paul Pember
9:30AM Patrick & Florence Sheerin
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Marianne Gallecher
11:00AM Gregory Taylor
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Antonio Galizia

Monday, December 6

8:30AM Richard Floto

Tuesday, December 7

8:30AM The Fitzgerald & Holler Families
6:30PM James Callahan
7:30PM Spanish

Wednesday, December 8

8:30AM Intentions of Susan & Ted Barnes
NOON Toni Akanewich
6:30PM Kathy Civetta

Thursday, December 9

8:30AM Michael Bozza

Friday, December 10

8:30AM Souls of St. Lawrence
O'Toole Cemetery

Saturday, December 11

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Maralyn Vander Drift
5:30PM Michael Carleton
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, December 12

8:00AM Laura DeLeo
9:30AM Robert Rocco Russo
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Bill & Joseph Lewis
11:00AM Terrence McConnell
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Madeline Rozzi

dedications

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** is dedicated for **Michael Carleton** at the request of the Carleton Family

the winner is...

Marylee Terwilliger is the winner of the Silent Bazaar that was drawn on Thanksgiving Day. Congratulations.





LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

GOD'S WORD IS COMING



In the first year of the presidency of Joseph Biden, when Kathy Hochul was governor of New York, and Pete Harkham was senator and Kevin Byrne assemblyman, and Tony Hay our Town Supervisor, during Francis' papacy, with Timothy Dolan Cardinal of New York, Fr. Richard Gill pastor of St.

Lawrence and Sacred Heart Churches, the word of God came to people in Brewster and Patterson.

When Luke began today's Gospel naming the local, regional, and religious leaders of the time, he gave credibility and historical context to the story that followed. He also made the point that

God didn't call upon any of those influential people to make his announcement. He came instead to a rogue who was unknown to the important leaders at that time.

John the Baptist answering God's call was certainly an important vignette in God's Story of Salvation, but there are countless others: In the third year of the presidency of Bernardino Machado and under the spiritual leadership of parish priest Father Ferreira, Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal.

In the first year of the presidency of Stanisław Wojciechowski, during the papacy of Pius XI, Jesus began conversing with Maria Faustyna Kowalska.

The Word of God is continuing to come to us today in the midst of leaders who give credibility to the place and setting of our story, but who may not be the protagonists of it. Very often it seems to be the simple Bettys and Bobs that are inspired to step out of their comfort zone and do something extraordinary for God's Kingdom. As disciples, we must listen for God's instructions; we must be willing to respond with our own unique talents, charisms, and experiences. Imagine if John the Baptist, the Fatima children, and St. Faustina weren't listening.

Scripture: Read Luke 3:1-2. What stands out?

Call to Action: Pray that God makes his words clear to you so you can fulfill your part of the Salvation Story.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE • MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec 7 — 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm Spanish

Wednesday, Dec. 8 — 8:30 am, Noon, 6:30 pm



CHRISTMAS

MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec 24 — 4:00 pm Sacred Heart
4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm Spanish, 10:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 25 — 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
10:30 am Sacred Heart, 11:00 am,
12:30 pm Spanish

Saturday Vigil, Dec. 25 — 4:00 pm Sacred
Heart, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm Spanish

Sunday, Dec. 26 — 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
10:30 am Sacred Heart, 11:00 am,
12:30 pm Spanish, 5:30 pm

parish support

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Weekend of November 21	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,342.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,017.19
Total	\$ 12,359.19

Weekend of November 28	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,391.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,017.19
Total	\$ 12,408.19

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of November 21	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,254.00
September <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 393.43
Total	\$ 1,647.43

Weekend of November 28	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,498.00
September <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 393.43
Total	\$ 1,891.43

MAYBE YOU'RE
ONE OF US

parish staff

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
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