



december 12, 2021 third 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

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## RECONCILIATION MONDAY

# December 20

St. Lawrence Confessions

11:00 am-1:00 pm

4:00 pm-8:30 pm

NOTE: If you are planning to confess at a different parish Confession Monday, parishes across the Archdiocese will generally offer Confessions that same day from 11-1 and 6-8. Check with the parish for exact times beforehand.

# 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

## DEC 20

## TALK 7 PM



### **EUCCHARIST & CHRISTMAS**

**Deacon Art Weiner**  
St. James the Apostle  
Carmel, NY





December 12, 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,

Today we celebrate the appearance of Our Lady to an indigenous peasant man named Juan Diego in Mexico. It was 490 years ago that she appeared to him as a pregnant Mother Mary, assuring him not to be afraid or worried because she is our loving Mother in heaven. Her aspect and dress were that of an indigenous woman and this inspired the native peoples to embrace the Catholic faith as their own.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe** became the most powerful stimulus from 1531 onward in the New World, with the conversion of millions. As she appeared carrying the child Jesus in her womb, she became the symbol of the dignity of motherhood and all human life, from conception to death.



Those two themes – evangelization and the sanctity of all human life – remain the most important priorities for us Catholics today. They are key to a renewal of our culture in this 21st century as they were in the 16th century.

Our country is facing renewed debates on abortion over the coming years thanks to the pending Supreme Court decision. Today, the United States tragically has what are arguably the most permissive abortion laws in the world. It is legal to take the life of the unborn practically up to birth. That puts us in the same league as Communist China and North Korea.

Regardless of how the Court decides, there will be powerful elements of our society fighting to keep abortion legal. We know that we cannot rest until we have a society where every human life is welcomed in life and protected by law.

We'll be organizing a bus once again for the **March for Life in Washington on January 21**. Join us for a day to speak out in favor of God's gift of human life!

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. People are asking about Christmas this year... since it falls on a Saturday, the Masses Friday night and Saturday morning are **Christmas Masses**. The Masses Saturday night (starting from 4:00 pm) and Sunday are Sunday Masses for the **Feast of the Holy Family**. Both days are days of obligation, so everyone will be attending twice over the weekend.



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Friday, Dec 24

4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 10:00 pm English  
7:30 pm Spanish

### Saturday, Dec. 25

10:30 am Sacred Heart  
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am English  
12:30 pm Spanish

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil, Dec. 25

4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
5:30 pm English  
7:30 pm Spanish

### Sunday, Dec. 26

10:30 am Sacred Heart  
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm English  
12:30 pm Spanish

Note: **CHRISTMAS** is on Saturday this year, and you can attend either Friday Christmas Eve, or Saturday, Christmas Day. **SUNDAY** obligation remains in place, so we are required to attend twice. The Saturday evening Masses, as usual, are Vigil Masses for Sunday, which is the Feast of the Holy Family.

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### 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.



# SACRED RELICS of THE SAINTS

TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, Dec 19 • 2:00 pm

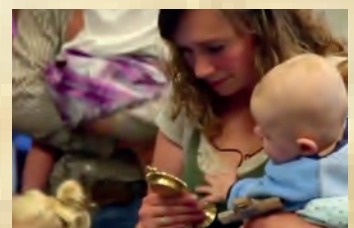
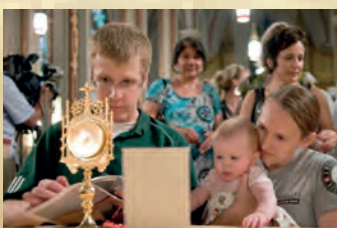
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Among the treasures will be relics of St. Helena, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a 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.





Fr. Phelan holding monstrance presented to him by the Knights of Columbus on the day the church was dedicated.

## dedication of our stone church

TINA GRANT

Following the laying of our cornerstone on October 4, 1914, Fr. Phelan supervised the construction of our stone church. It had to be awesome to watch our church being built – to witness the laying of the stones, each serving as a stepping stone to the other. How emotional it must have been to watch many of the stained glass windows from the wooden church be placed in the stone church. No doubt people were in awe of its height and splendor. Upon its completion, what a proud moment for those who participated, to stand back and appreciate what was before them.

The dream of Fr. Burns, completed by Fr. Phelan, and supported by the parishioners and community, was finished. The dedication date was set for Sunday, June 27, 1915. On the eve of its dedication, at 2:30 am, carpenters worked to put together and situate 100 pews that were delayed in transit from Detroit. On dedication morning, bright flags and bunting were displayed and pews filled to capacity. The weather played havoc in surrounding towns, but in Brewster, the sun shone brightly.

Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle, present at the laying of our cornerstone, was present. Rev. Francis J. Duffy, Pastor of the Church of Our Savior, would deliver the dedicatory address. Also present were a large delegation of visiting clergy, Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, and the choir. The Solemn High Mass was officiated by Fr. Phelan, assisted by Rev. James J. Hackett and Rev. John J. O'Brien. Fr. Phelan extended thanks to Charles W. Griffith, Charles W. Fagan, and Charles E. Scheuber who furnished granite and other material

for the church, to the parishioners and to all friends who contributed to the church's erection. Msgr. Lavelle sprinkled pillars and side-walls with holy water and prayers. The dedication rites were made and the ceremonies ended.

Msgr. Lavelle remarked how he felt very much at home in Brewster. He extended gratitude to Fr. Phelan and his congregation upon completion and occupancy of the new church. Fr. Duffy, a friend and schoolmate of Fr. Phelan, praised Fr. Phelan, "Fr. Phelan very early in life gave unmistakable promise of piety, persuasion and executive ability in exactly the right proportions to ensure success in a country parish. It was, therefore, not surprising to his seminary colleagues to learn that his leadership and devotion had inspired the worshipers of the Church of St. Lawrence O'Toole to erect to the glory of God a new edifice which he hoped would be accepted by all as a gateway to heaven."

The Knights of Columbus presented Fr. Phelan with a handsome monstrance. "On behalf of the New York Headquarters, Knights of Columbus, I offer to you for use in this handsome temple of God, this monstrance, from which, when duly blessed and put to its sacred uses the Divine Redeemer will, at your hands, give comfort, hope, and benediction to the people who reverently kneel to the one, true God."

Our stone church dedicated over 100 years ago is the stone church we have today. It has been renovated, but its foundation, stone exterior, and cornerstone are intact as is the architecture within. It truly is our gateway to heaven, giving us comfort, hope, and benediction. Each time I walk in those doors, I find peace. The Gilroy Family opened their home for Mass and our wooden and stone churches were built to glorify God. That has never changed. How blessed we are to have our church, our faith and each other.



## God of covenants

CECILIA BRITZ



At the **Family Program**, we have been learning about God and His Covenants. Our families discovered how a covenant, as opposed to a contract, doesn't exchange goods and money. In a covenant, people exchange each other, and they enter into a sacred agreement of love with God. We use the example of a bride and groom. They exchange their vows, give their lives to each other, call upon the name of God to help them keep their promises, and wear their wedding rings as a sign of their covenant.

The understanding of a covenant led us to our main question: **Why would God want a covenant with us?** Simple: because He wants us to be more than just his creatures. He wants us to be his daughters and sons: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:18).

As you can see in the pictures, we learned more about the Ark of the Covenant of Moses and how everything inside the Ark was a foreshadow or a 'spoiler alert' to what the final and eternal covenant of God the Son is: 'The New Covenant.'

In October, families made a scaled down model of the Ark of the Covenant. Using playdough for the mana (representing the Eucharist), a tree stick for the staff of Aaron (representing the priesthood), and an index card with a printout for the tablets of the 10 commandments (representing how Jesus wrote his law of love in our hearts).

At our most recent Family Program in November, our families visited three stations. **THE TABERNACLE AND THE ARK OF**



**THE COVENANT** displayed in a scaled down model of the Old Testament tabernacle with its furniture and other elements taught in the Bible. **OUR CHURCH TODAY** was experienced in our Parish Center chapel

with Eucharistic Jesus in the tabernacle. At the **JESUS IS OUR NEW COVENANT** station, children got to touch and see unconsecrated hosts, incense, priest vestments, an adoration monstrance, a tabernacle with lock, and sacred vessels for the Mass and other sacramentals.

**Why do we care about elements of the Old Covenant if we already have a New Covenant?** Because God has been pursuing us for thousands of years. We want our families to know that they are wanted, longed for, and desired by their Creator, our God, Abba. They are making connections between the Old and the New Testament, and little by little they are understanding how their lives are worth living because they were purchased with the blood of the perfect Lamb, Jesus Christ.



After break, we will learn about the **Heart of the Father**, and how he has loved each of us into existence as well as how vocations and the Church help us grow closer to the God of Covenants.

For more information about our Family Program, or to register please contact us at [familyprogrambrewster@gmail.com](mailto:familyprogrambrewster@gmail.com)

## 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 ◦ 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 ◦ Charles Gallagher

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)

## 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 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 Terence McConnell  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Madeline Rozzi

### Monday, December 13

8:30AM Intentions of Catholic Daughters  
Spiritual Bouquet

### Tuesday, December 14

8:30AM Ellen Hunt

### Wednesday, December 15

8:30AM Judy Bruen

### Thursday, December 16

8:30AM James Lynch

### Friday, December 17

8:30AM Ellen Hunt

### Saturday, December 18

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Intentions of Aaron &  
Andrew Brondo  
5:30PM Judy & Paul Bruen  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, December 19

8:00AM John Cordil  
9:30AM Giamundo & Paduano Families  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson  
11:00AM McCluskey & Ebert Families  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Catherine Monti

## dedications

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Tabernacle Candle** is dedicated for **Gregory Taylor** at the request of Marianne Taylor

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Francisco Vega** at the request of Janice Nastasi







LYNDA HOLLER  
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

### UNITED ANTICIPATION



I love to reflect on the universality of the Catholic Church. At this very minute, as I write or you read these words, 1.2 billion people around the world are worshiping in the Catholic tradition. The church buildings may be small and humble or ornate and grand. Thousands may be gathered in stadiums or a pair of faithful in a tiny chapel. They may be responding to the traditional Latin or one of the hundreds of languages the Catholic rites have been translated into.

Separated only by distance, babies and converts around the world are being baptized into the same Body of Christ. Prisoners are participating solemnly in the Mass in their jails, as are cloistered religious in their convents and monasteries. As I waited in line for Confession last Friday night, I reflected on all the others being cleansed by Jesus through this sacrament too. Couples somewhere are celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony with their families and friends, while others gather to witness their loved ones receiving the Last Rites.

As we walk up to receive Communion, let's imagine all the people around the world doing the exact same thing at that exact same moment. As we are consuming our Lord Jesus, countless others are too. Imagine a world map with red pushpins marking every person on their knees in Adoration right now and blue pins for those praying the Rosary.

Now, we are awaiting the birth of our Lord and Savior together as a worldwide community of faithful. Let us use all the opportunities the Church gives us to make Advent a holy season and may these images inspire us to unite in spirit with our Catholic brothers and sisters. May we draw deeper into the beauty and mystery of Advent and the fulfillment of Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.

**Scripture:** Read Acts 9:31. What stands out?

**Call to Action:** Pray daily for Jesus to show you how to put your faith first in this season of hustle-bustle.



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## parish support

### st. lawrence parish support

<b>Weekend of December 5</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 9,294.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 5,948.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,242.89</b>

### sacred heart parish support

<b>Weekend of December 5</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,458.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 379.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,837.07</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

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
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- Fr. Art Mollenhauer.....Weekend Associate
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