

december 19, 2021 fourth 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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Prepare the way



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

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

DEC 20
TALK 7 PM



EUCHARIST & CHRISTMAS

Deacon Art Weiner
St. James the Apostle
Carmel, NY





December 19, 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,

I wonder what Christmas of 1871 was like...

It was the **first Christmas for that little band of Catholics in Brewster** at the brand-new church they had built and opened under the guidance of Fr. Lawrence McKenna. Prayer, sacrifice, sweat, and relentless determination to succeed made it happen. I'm sure as they gathered for Midnight Mass, they gave great thanks to God for allowing them to celebrate the Eucharist and welcome the newborn King.



One hundred fifty years later we'll do the same thing this Christmas, giving thanks to our good God for sending us his Son – and the greatest gift of the Eucharist we share in, just like our forefathers in the faith. We pass our faith on.

Today we are thousands of Catholics in our towns of Brewster, North Salem, and Patterson, and we feel the responsibility to live and grow the Catholic faith from here outward to as many people as we can reach. We know we have to live Christian charity in practice and by doing so, give a witness to others of our Catholic values. We'll do that... for another 150 years. For example:

Our **Brewster Cares homeless shelter** opened this past week, and we're looking for volunteers and support for our local homeless. Last year we managed to help three local homeless get settled in permanent housing. Check the bulletin for how you can get involved. Brewster Cares is also offering ESL for adults and tutoring for kids here in our town, and we're planning a literacy program for adults who can't read or write in their native language.

You've been generous all year in giving to our **collections for the missions and the poor**, so we'll donate from that fund \$10,000 to our sister parish in the South Bronx, St. Anthony of Padua – so they can continue to be a beacon of hope in a tough part of town.

We're sponsoring a bus for the **March for Life** in Washington on January 21, so our parishes can witness the sanctity of all human life from conception until natural death. You can join us by signing up – info in this bulletin. Let's pray 2022 is the year that Life Wins!

Monday we've all got some unfinished business – it's **Confession Monday** and we'll have two priests going from 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm. I'll also hear confessions in the morning from 11:00 – 1:00. And all parishes will have priests available. It's time for us all to prepare for Christmas week. I'll also hear Confessions Friday, Christmas Eve, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Get good with God before Christmas. We take everyone – no matter how long it's been – it's time.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Richard Gill

CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE

9:00 am-12:00 pm

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JANUARY 21, 2022

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march for life schedule

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, JAN. 21, 2022

- 3:30 am Coach Bus Leaves Brewster, NY
- 10:30 am Cardinal Dolan Mass for the NY Pilgrims
- 1:00 pm March up Constitution Avenue to Supreme Court and Capitol Building
- 3:00 pm Finish marching
- 3:30 pm Bus back to Brewster, NY
- 9:10 pm Arrive at St. Lawrence O'Toole

Register at stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLifeBus
For more information contact Maureen at 845-279-2021
Reserve Your Seat: \$40



SACRED RELICS of THE SAINTS

TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, Dec 19 • 2:00 pm

CHURCH/GYM

PRESENTATION BY FR. CARLOS MARTINS, CC



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.





First Communion class 1924, Fr. Phelan in first row on left with another priest.

farewell fr. phelan

TINA GRANT



The dedication in 1914 of St. Lawrence's stone church was memorable. At that time, one easily could see our church as it overlooked Brewster, like a shepherd to its sheep. The time and heart a priest gives his parish is remembered. Each remains a part of the parish and the parishioners they help mold. Fr. Phelan remained our Pastor until 1924 when he transferred to Holy Trinity Church in Mamaroneck and built a stone church to replace their older structure.

Fr. Phelan dug the first sod, laid our cornerstone, and dedicated our stone church. The Brewster Standard printed his heartfelt farewell address, which was beyond reproach and gave a clear understanding of why he was so embraced.

"When I came to you as Pastor, our only place of worship was the little old church that had served so well for many years. There was no debt to confront and nine thousand dollars in the treasury for the contemplated new church. St. Bernard's church in Towners needed thorough renovation, and a mortgage of two thousand dollars has burdened its little flock since 1877. The cemetery was neglected and encumbered by the debris of years. Today the new church is a reality, fully equipped and free from debt. St. Bernard's church has been entirely renovated, and the cemetery may now be truly God's acre. Your generosity and whole-souled support enabled me to accomplish these wonders. In return I endeavored to be most careful of the funds of the parish. I leave you without a cent of debt

on either parish. Your new Rector will have a substantial balance for all ordinary expenses. In addition, I am leaving him some extra funds. I have always been most methodical in my financial dealings, providing for the future needs of the parish. When our organ was installed, I had accumulated a fund, and with the returns from the efforts of the Dramatic Circle, was enabled to pay for the instrument at once. No special collection was needed for the installation of the organ. Education is dear to the heart of the Archbishop, and someday he will request you to open a school. There is a generous amount in the savings bank for that purpose, accumulated during the past twelve years.

Special collections have been few, and I have preached the Gospel of Christ rather than the collection of money. I loved to beautify the House of God. I loved to care for the cemetery where our ancestors in the faith sleep their last sweet sleep. If those whose names are inscribed on the monuments of the cemetery or on the windows of the clerestory of the church could speak, they would proclaim with trumpet tongues your generosity and your fidelity. Your sacrifices in the cause of God and country may never be adequately appreciated in this world, but they are written in the Book of Life, and on that last great day, the Lord will reward you for your goodness. There is no spot on earth dearer to me than Brewster, no edifice more beautiful than our own House of God, no people more beloved than the parishioners of St. Lawrence O'Toole."

There could not have been a dry eye in the house as people listened to the words of the Pastor whom they loved. At the dedication ceremony, Msgr. Lavelle referred to our parish as a gateway to heaven. Fr. Phelan died on March 26, 1936. I am sure his journey led him straight home into the arms of the Lord whom he served so faithfully and loved so much.



alpha retreat 2021

TINA PENNACCHIA

The Alpha Retreat during the first weekend of December was very successful for both Sacred Heart and St Lawrence O'Toole Churches. The Dining Hall was filled with joy, laughter and great conversations. The attendees told me that they really enjoyed the icebreakers we played getting to know each other. There were six Alpha groups gathered for the retreat. Many attendees we hadn't met before.

The Human Bingo was the best social interaction we've ever had at St. Lawrence, where the attendees had to find out certain characteristics from each other in the group and then had them sign their bingo card—these blocks ranged from finding someone “nominated for a prestigious award” to “backpack across Europe.” Suddenly, I had a line of people who learned that I could sign their block of “ate a worm from the Tequila bottle.” Hysterical!! People enjoyed “Guess that Christmas song” and they



laughed at the two joke tellers who shared the jokes as I said a line in English and Maria translated that line into Spanish. The meals from Kobacker's Market and Country Kitchen Brewster was plentiful and simply delicious.

Most of all, we watched amazing Alpha videos “Who is the Holy Spirit and What does He do?” and “How Can I be Filled with the Holy Spirit.” Afterward, we enjoyed our table discussions about these profound videos. Prayer time was very well received by all the attendees, and many of them had never been prayed with before. The attendees told me how it moved them because the prayer team seemed to reach their hearts. They realized that The Holy Spirit was with them all day and they felt so very blessed. We still have two more weeks left of our 2021 Alpha program and we're all on a spiritual high.



Next time Alpha comes to our churches, be sure to attend as it will open your hearts to overwhelming joy, strength and peace from The Holy Spirit. It's unforgettable and you'll never feel defeated or alone in life again. Plus, you'll get to know your neighbors and it takes fellowship to the next level. Try it—I promise, you'll get a lot out of it!

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 ◦ JoAnna Dey ◦ Tony Greco ◦ Jackie Pasquale ◦ Michael & Luise Lyons ◦ Mark Mariano ◦ Donna Tarr ◦ Charles Gallagher ◦ Jim Puckette ◦ Doug Griffin ◦ Bill Fallon

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

mass intentions

Saturday, December 18

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

Monday, December 20

8:30AM Lena Serra

Tuesday, December 21

8:30AM For the Unborn Children

Wednesday, December 22

8:30AM Theresa Howe

Thursday, December 23

8:30AM Rudolph Elezovic

Friday, December 24

8:30AM Ellen Jane Knox
4:00 PM *Sacred Heart* Gladys O'Connor
4:00 PM Edna & Joseph Allen
5:30 PM Myles Tomblin
7:30 PM Spanish
10:00 PM Robert Yates

Saturday, December 25

8:00 AM Patrick Disbrow
9:30AM Antonio Lamorte & Family
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Mike McDermott
11:00AM Quinlan & Dinardi Families
12:30PM Spanish
4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Souls in Purgatory
5:30PM Barbara McGuire
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, December 26

8:00AM Angela Zapata
9:30AM Michael Keegan
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Marianne Gallacher
11:00AM Giovanni Malandrucolo
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Carmen Gloria Roman

dedications

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Paschal Candle** is dedicated for **John LaGuardia** at the request of Betsy Hansbury

The **Tabernacle Candle** is dedicated for **Quinlan Family** at the request of Alma Quinlan

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Quinlan Family** at the request of Alma Quinlan

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We can count on Luke's telling of Mary's Visitation with Cousin Elizabeth in the last expectant days of Advent. This year, I have been meditating on Mary's Magnificat, her beautiful, psalm-like response to Elizabeth at their greeting. Interestingly, I saw "Christmas with The Chosen,"

in the theater last week, and they had highlighted that inspiring Marian message in their Christmas story.

One of the translations begins with, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior." The word "magnifies" stood out to me and I started thinking about what a magnifying

glass does. It doesn't actually make anything bigger; instead, it makes the targeted object clearer and easier to understand. It allows us to look closer and see the object in a way that we couldn't perceive with our eyes alone. Mary's soul does that for us. As we witness Mary's relationship with our Lord and how God lovingly interacted with her, it can make God's love for us clearer and easier to understand.

Mary's Magnificat echoes her Old Testament matriarch, Hannah, from 1 Samuel 1:2. Both women exalt in the Lord for the good things He has done for them. The Church tells us that the Magnificat is the song both of Mary the Mother of God and the entire People of God for the graces received and salvation won for us through Christ. So, it is our song too. Try praying those words as your own. It felt wrong to me at first because I feel too small for that powerful declaration. But I believe Mary must have felt small too; yet she confidently proclaimed and then shared them with Luke the Gospel writer, so the message wouldn't be forgotten, and we could echo her as she had Hannah.

In the movie, Mother Mary admits to Mary Magdalene that God must have spoken those words through her. He taught her to pray, so now she teaches us. Let us echo her iconic words, so our own souls can magnify God's love to others.

Scripture: Read Luke 1:46-55. What stands out?

Call to Action: Read Mary's Magnificat every day until Christmas to unite yourself with Jesus' Mother and exalt in the good God that is coming on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec 24

Sacred Heart

4:00 pm

St. Lawrence

4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 10:00 pm English

7:30 pm Spanish

Saturday, Dec. 25

Sacred Heart

10:30 am

St. Lawrence

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am English

12:30 pm Spanish

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, Dec. 25

Sacred Heart

4:00 pm

St. Lawrence

5:30 pm English

7:30 pm Spanish

Sunday, Dec. 26

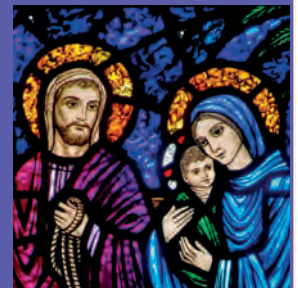
Sacred Heart

10:30 am

St. Lawrence

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.

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of December 12

In Pew Collection	\$	9,613.50
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	5,948.89
Total	\$	15,562.39

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of December 12

In Pew Collection	\$	2,009.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	379.07
Total	\$	2,388.07

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.

centennial renovations

November

Gold Envelopes	\$	2,563
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$	1,300
WeShare	\$	1,532
TOTAL	\$	5,395

We have made another quarterly payment of \$36,000 and our loan balance is now down to \$435,000 from the original \$3.8 million. We are hoping to pay down the rest of our renovation loan by sometime in 2025. Thank you for your generosity.

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