

january 16, 2022 second sunday in ordinary time

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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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march for life schedule

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- 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
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Reserve Your Seat: \$40



January 16, 2022

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,

In the Catholic Faith, the bishop is not just the person in charge of a diocese, but he is a direct successor to one of the twelve apostles Jesus appointed and empowered to pass on the faith and the grace of the sacraments. He is the one guided by the Holy Spirit to teach and sanctify Jesus' people and he represents Christ to a local Church. He appoints the pastors as his assistants and assigns them to a particular parish. So it is always a special grace when the bishop visits a local parish community.

This weekend we have the privilege of hosting our bishop, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, who presides over 2.5 million Catholics from Staten Island to Ulster County. He's celebrating our 5:30 pm Saturday Mass to conclude our celebrations of the 150 years since the parish of St. Lawrence O'Toole had its beginnings in 1871. We thank him for taking the time to celebrate the Eucharist with us and staying to meet our parishioners.

I want to say another word of thanks to everyone who made special Christmas gifts to the parish this year – I know these are uncertain economic times for many people but your generosity to our parish and our efforts to reach out to all are very much appreciated.

Next Friday (January 21) is the **annual March for Life** to Washington, and our parish bus is getting filled up – be sure to reserve your seat and join us to defend the dignity of every human life.

Check out the new **faith formation offerings** starting this month at the parish – there's something for everyone to help grow closer to God and to know our faith better.

Despite Omicron and all that, our **CYO** is going to get a season going after all. A bit late, and with quite a few precautions in place, but the games must go on!

Finally, we've hired a **new music director – Denise Bassett** from Brewster. She's a member of the Putnam Chorale and has played at a variety of churches over the years, and we're blessed to have found such a dedicated and talented director for our worship. She'll be gradually taking over the responsibilities as she frees herself from other commitments. We wish her all the best.



God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



2022 faith formation

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS

Jan 9 – Feb 20

8:00 am – 9:30 am

New York Room

IN PERSON

Our Story: *A Basic Introduction to the Bible for Catholics*

This program is a perfect opportunity for busy men who are curious about the Bible but haven't had the time to take a Bible study before. Mark Hart walks you through an overview of the Story of Salvation recommending the chapters that will best illuminate for you God's love story with his children.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/MensBibleStudy

Fee: \$20



HEBREWS: THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT

THURSDAYS

Jan 27 – Apr 7

9:30 am -11:30 am Large Conference Room

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm New York Room

IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Embark on a guided tour of the “Holy of Holies” of biblical theology. The book of Hebrews is like a little Catechism. Most importantly, Hebrews will help Catholics appreciate the astounding generosity of God as they see the wonders he has given us in the Church.

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THURSDAYS

January 27 – March 24

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

St. Lawrence

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SPANISH-Large Conference Room

Sacred Heart

ENGLISH-Dining Hall

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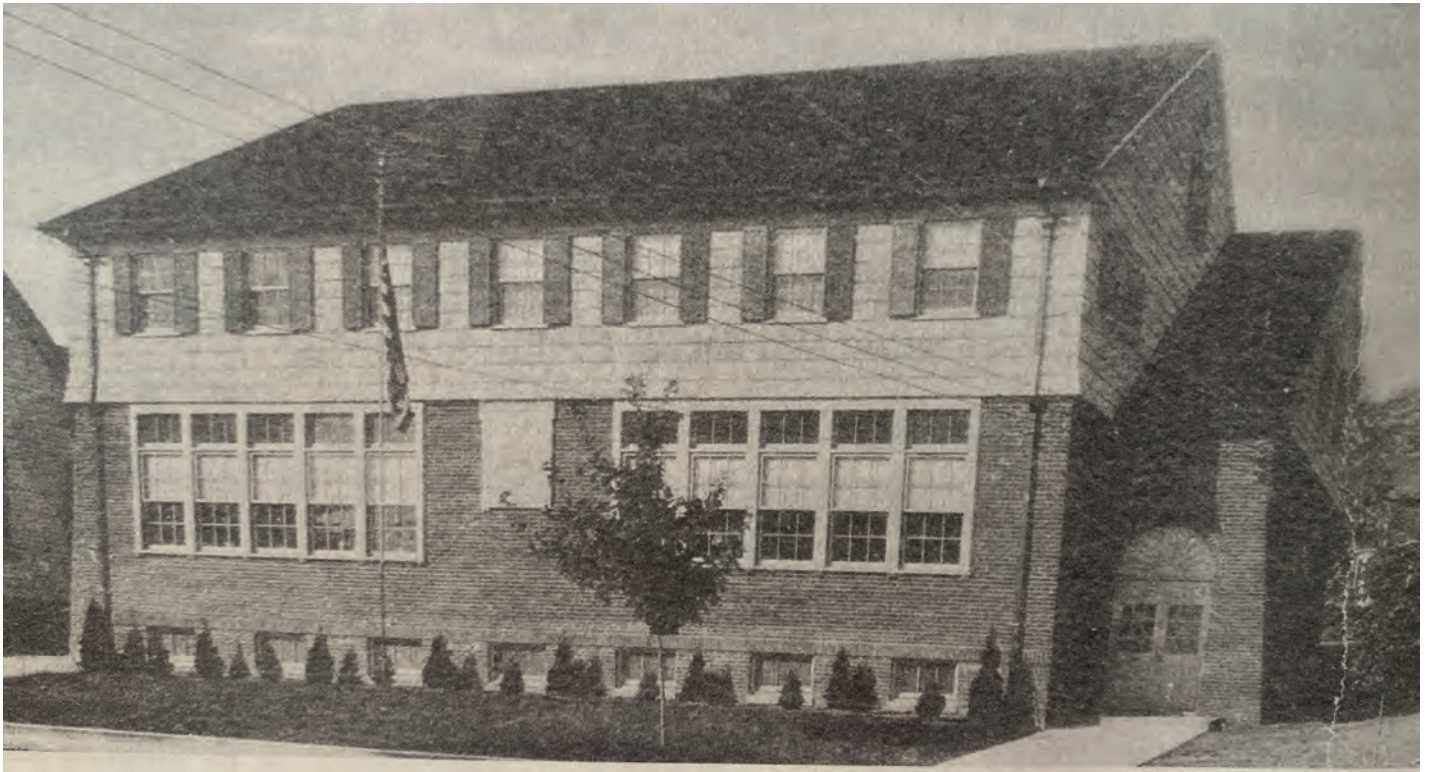
TUESDAYS

Jan 11 – Mar 15

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

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the school opens!

TINA GRANT

After Garden Street school opened, Fr. Barry continued to hold classes in our wooden church. He arranged with the Divine Compassion Order to have two nuns, Sr. Mary Aquino, and Sr. Mary Helena, teach on school days at St. Lawrence. Both nuns lived at the convent of St. Mary's in Katonah and commuted to St. Lawrence.

The Divine Compassion Order has a beautiful history. Mary Starr sought deepening spirituality to cope with deep suffering and multiple tragedies in her life as a child, wife, and mother. In 1870, her own heart opened to the "cry of the children" living on NYC streets. With Monsignor Thomas Preston, who supported her journey, she gathered family and friends to respond to the needs of abandoned, neglected, and abused girls and their families. The founding mission of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion began in 1870 when Mary Starr created the Association for Befriending Children and opened the House of the Holy Family in lower Manhattan. In 1886, the Sisters of the Divine Compassion were founded to support and continue the Mission of Compassion into the future. The Sisters also responded to the needs of the growing Catholic population, founding and staffing Catholic schools and parishes throughout the NY Archdiocese. Good Counsel Elementary and high School, as well as Good Counsel College, were developed on the Sisters' White Plains property. Mary rose above her difficult life and brought blessings to others.

Fr. Barry put into motion plans to build our parochial grammar school behind the stone church. He dedicated the annual church carnivals to assist in funding the building of our school. The carnivals were held for three days each year on the Electrozone Field in Brewster. A 1931 newspaper article welcomed all to come to

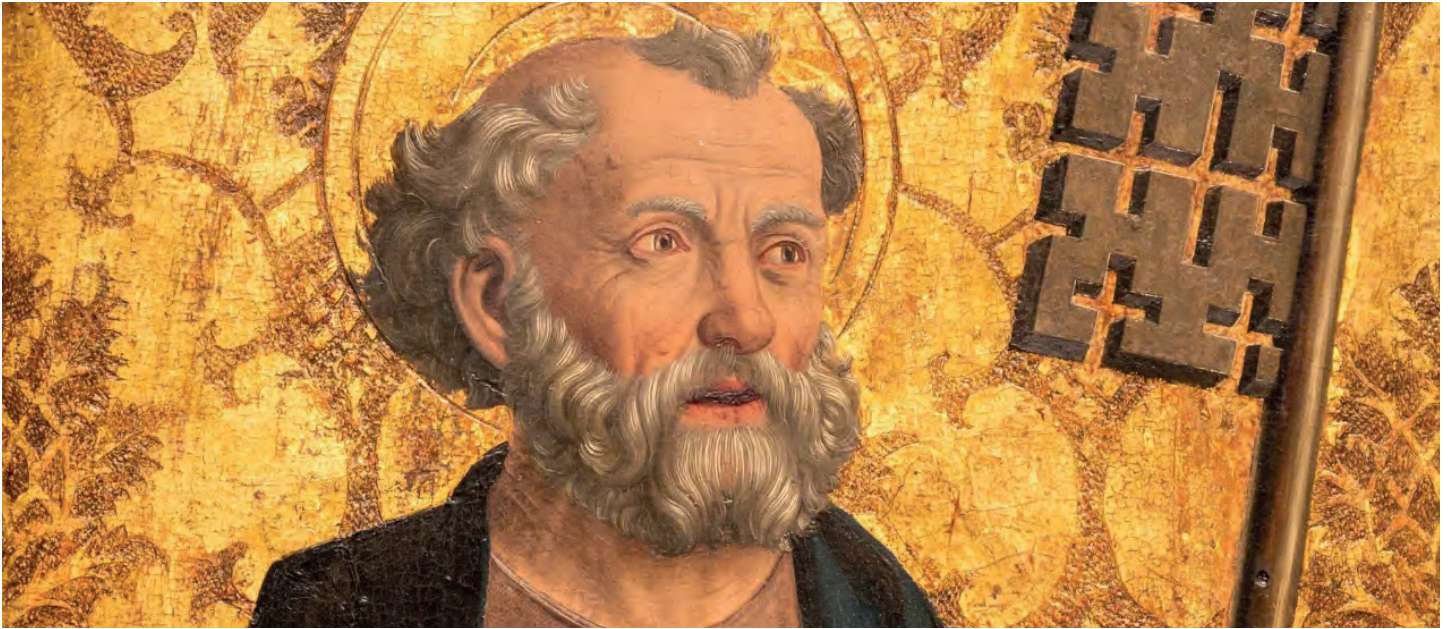
enjoy the fun and to "take a stroll under the moon by the beautiful riverside park." Gustave E. Steinbeck was retained to design the school and Kinkel and O'Brien were retained as building contractors. Last weekend's bulletin featured the architectural sketch of the school which pictured the wooden church alongside the school and the stone church in front. Featured here is our first school which opened in September 1931 with an enrollment of 110 pupils! The school consisted of a two-story brick building with four classrooms on the lower floor and the convent, for the Sisters, above the classrooms. The wooden church remained south of the school, and continued to be used first as an auditorium, then as a classroom. St. Lawrence finally had its own school!



The very first 8th grade graduating class was in 1933. They would be the first in a proud line of graduates from St. Lawrence. They were Shirley Durkin, Joan

Fischer, Joseph Flanagan, Margaret Kelly, Catherine Kiely, John Ledley, Alice Murphy, Francis Murtha, Francis Reardon, Emma Vichi and Elizabeth Waters.

St. Lawrence parish continued to grow and the desire for a Catholic education was on the rise. Our school would witness many changes throughout the years including two expansions and the number of Sisters of the Divine Compassion who taught at the school would increase over the years. The Sisters would eventually be joined by lay teachers. Our school remained active for nearly 80 years! As we visit its history, we will see how our school was an integral part of our parish life and why it will be remembered by those who were a part of its history.



breaking resolutions isn't what matters; the Bible's take on what to do next

ALTHEIA • TOM HOOPES

Fail Like a Christian. It's nearly three weeks into the New Year, and that means it is time to decide something very important: What will you do after you break your New Year's Resolution?

According to an often-cited Journal of Clinical Psychology report, more than 1 in 4 people who made serious New Year's resolutions will break them this week. In three more weeks, a third of resolvers will have given up on their resolutions. Six months into the year, only a third will still be hanging on. But the good news is that breaking resolutions doesn't matter. What matters is what you do after you break your resolution. The Bible says so.

After his resurrection, Jesus gives Peter a masterclass on what to do with failed resolutions. St. Peter failed early and often in his encounters with Christ — and at his resurrection, Jesus seemed to replay all of them for the leader of the Apostles.

Peter is taking the Apostles fishing when the risen Jesus calls out to them from the shore to “Cast the net over the right side of the boat.” The Apostles follow his orders, and bring in a haul of fish. This must have made Peter remember the first resolution he resisted with Jesus, when Jesus told him to set out into the deep and let his nets down for a catch. Next, Peter leaps into the water to get to the Lord on the shore. Into the water, not onto the water. This must have recalled for him the time he failed to follow his resolution to walk to Jesus on water.

After breakfast with the Lord, Jesus asks him three times “Do you love me?” which of course recalls the biggest resolution fail of Peter's life — the failure in his resolution to never deny the Lord. When Peter says “yes,” Jesus says, “Feed my lambs.” In each case, Jesus is showing Peter that his mistakes don't define him — he can always start again.

Mark's rise from Biblical ignominy to Biblical glory. Mark, who was also known as John, was a notorious failure in his Christian mission. He came from a great Christian family which Peter knew he could count on after getting miraculously released from prison. Barnabas and Paul relied on Mark in their next missionary journey — until it got too tough, and Mark quit. His work ethic, or lack thereof, later caused a rift between himself and Paul, which then ballooned into a rift between Barnabas and Paul. Nonetheless, tradition says this is the same Mark who wrote the fourth Gospel and is depicted as a lion in iconography. His failures were notorious, but by trying again, he rallied to become one of the most decorated and celebrated saints of all time.

My favorite example of how to break resolutions comes from the Way of the Cross. Jesus Christ shared all things with us except sin. That meant in his will, he never failed to complete a resolution. But among the things he shared with us was our weakness — as is shown in the three falls depicted in the Stations of the Cross. They aren't in Scripture, but they are a great example about how to handle failure.

His first fall tells us not to worry even when failure comes right away. In one station, Jesus accepts his cross. In the very next one, he falls. That's a huge consolation for those of us who fail at the first hurdle. If that happens, and it will, simply do what Jesus did: Get back up.

His second fall teaches us not to worry when we fail after getting help. Three things happen in succession: his mother consoles him, Simeon helps him, Veronica comforts him — and then he falls again anyway. The lesson? Don't be discouraged even if your personal failure is compounded because you seem to be failing your support team, too. Try again.

His third fall comes when the end is in sight. Right as he arrives at his goal, Calvary, where he will redeem mankind, Jesus falls once again. And that should be a consolation to those of us who don't — quite — perfectly finish what we begin: Keep at it.

Which fall best describes how your resolutions have gone? Don't let them define you. Define yourself by what you do next!

pray for

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

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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

St. Lawrence O'Toole

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mass intentions

Saturday, January 15

4:00PM *Sacred Heart*
5:30PM The Souls in Purgatory
Franchesco Monteleone

Sunday, January 16

8:00AM Rachele Roso
9:30AM Mary Clarke
10:30AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00AM Edward Richardson
12:30 PM Lawrence Marcil
5:30PM Spanish
Madeline Doherty

Monday, January 17

8:30AM Viola Maria Libera

Tuesday, January 18

8:30AM Tullio, Pauline & John DeGrassi

Wednesday, January 19

8:30AM John & Anna Anderek

Thursday, January 20

8:30AM Diane & John McSpedon

Friday, January 21

8:30AM James Pascarella

Saturday, January 22

4:00PM *Sacred Heart*
5:30PM Mary, Tommy & Betty Hughes
7:30PM Shirley Giglio
Spanish

Sunday, January 23

8:00AM Lucy Mancuso
9:30AM Robert Jets
10:30AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00AM Marianne Gallacher
12:30 PM Jennifer Giudice
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John LaGuardia



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DIVINE ECONOMY



Annually, Father Rich teaches us about the important role of stewardship. How tithing generously with our money helps support the parish and our neighbors in need, while teaching us to trust that God is generous to those who are generous to others. I have learned by experience and observation that God's Divine Economy encompasses far more than just financial exchange.

Over the years I have found myself surrounded by very kind people: family members, friends, acquaintances, strangers. When I have been in need, someone would always appear with the solution to my problem. Sometimes it can be presented as

traditional money or goods or services, but we can recognize the divine economy, rather than the worldly one, when we are not expected to repay the giver.

Just as I don't understand all the complexities of the US financial economy, I cannot begin to comprehend the vast intricacies of the divine one, but I know it is in my best interest to participate in it. It may mean making a meal for a family suffering hardship, donating a stimulus check to someone who needs it more, driving an elderly person to a doctor's appointment, and on and on. They all could have a dollar value attached to them, but givers in the divine economy participate by the nudging of the Holy Spirit and are only looking for the satisfaction that God can give.

We are only true citizens in the divine economy if we participate as both giver and receiver. Most people struggle with accepting help. They feel weak or out of control if they accept help without paying back in kind. But that response removes the divine from the transaction and stalls the whole economy. For full optimization, we all must be participating as both giver and receiver. Some days we give without expecting repayment and other days we receive, simply say, "Thank you!", and pay it forward when the Spirit calls.

Scripture: Read Luke 14:12-14. What stands out?

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Weekend of January 9

In Pew Collection	\$ 6,008.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 7,700.74
Total	\$ 13,708.74

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of January 9

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,522.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 738.92
Total	\$ 2,260.92

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

DECEMBER

Gold Envelopes	\$ 3,156
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 5,000
WeShare	\$ 1,262
TOTAL	\$ 9,418

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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