

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.

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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

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY TUESDAYS

January 11 – March 15 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Large Conference Room

Show your money who's boss!

Deafeated by your empty bank account? Pay-check-to-paycheck living is no longer an option. Dave Ramsey and his team of finacial experts will teach you how to take control of your money.

REGISTER: fpu.com/1142494



TRANSFORMED THURSDAYS January 27 – March 24 7:00 pm-9:00 pm St. Lawrence ENGLISH-Dining Hall SPANISH-Large Conference Room Sacred Heart ENGLISH-Dining Hall



Transformed will challenge you by exploring what the Bible has to say about every essential area of our lives: Spiritual, Physical, Mental, Emotional, Relational, Financial, and Vocational. The world is shouting for our attention with answers to our relationship struggles, solutions to our financial trouble, and explanations for our search for meaning. But the world's promises leave us empty and searching for more. God's Word is the only answer that promises to transform our lives from the inside out.

Be Transformed together.

REGISTER: **stlawrenceotoole.org/Transformed** 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.

REGISTER: **stlawrenceotoole.org/Hebrews** Fee: \$35



January 30, 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,

Thanks to all 37 parishioners and friends who joined us for the 49th March for Life in Washington, and all who contributed to make the trip possible...we joined hundreds of thousands of people urging our government to respect all human life and protect the unborn in the law. Our hope is that in June the Supreme Court will reverse the disastrous Roe v. Wade ruling from 1973 that made abortion legal up to birth in every state. If that reversal happens, we will continue to fight state by state to ensure protection for the unborn. If we don't protect the most innocent, no human life is safe from violence.

We're grateful to the Cardinal for his visit to close out our 150th anniversary celebrations and his kind words about our parish being a leader and model. Now we turn our attention to the task of building up the faith and passing it on, so that those who come after us will know and love God as we do.

That job is not going to be easy – we have many serious challenges to building a vibrant faith community. One of the most serious is the decline in priestly and religious vocations, and this is impacting our parishes very severely. There just aren't enough priests and seminarians around to staff all the parishes. Discussions and thoughtful planning are underway at the deanery and Archdiocesan level to address the shortages. No doubt major changes will be coming and not everything the Archdiocese does now will be sustainable. Just in the past few months here at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, two Maryknoll priests let us know they can no longer help us – Fr. Joe Everson was transferred and Fr. Joe Heim, at age 88, finally had to retire for health reasons. Pray for vocations and encourage them!



At the same time, we have some great news. Fr. Joe Espaillat, pastor of our sister parish St. Anthony of Padua in the South Bronx, and another priest Fr. John Bonnici were named auxiliary bishops of New York by Pope Francis. Fr. Joe has been at St. Lawrence many times, and we have enjoyed our close relationship with his parish. Our prayers and best wishes to our two new "bishops-elect"!

God bless,

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Fr. Richard Gill



marching for life

ALAN PATRIE

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you Jeremiah 1:4-5



For the 49th Anniversary of Roe vs Wade, our parishes made the pilgrimage to Washington DC to participate in the March for Life. About 40 of us gathered at 3:30 am at St Lawrence for the bus trip.

We arrived in Washington at St Patrick's Church, where Cardinal Dolan celebrated Mass for the New York contingent. It was inspiring to

hear the Cardinal and see all the Bishops and Priests (including Fr. Richard) offer this Mass for an end to abortion. The Sisters of Life were there as always and a great number of our Seminarians from St Joseph's Seminary.

The Holy Spirit filled us with a great anticipation of the day ahead as we left the church and headed to the March for Life assembly area. It was 20 degrees with a wind chill near zero, but it was

heartwarming to see people there from all over the United States, the vast majority were young people. If this cruel abortion pandemic on the human race is truly to stop, it will take our youth to make it happen.





This is a critical time as the Supreme Court will be making a decision on Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health and hopefully an overturn of Roe v Wade. With that, the regulation of abortion returns to the legislature. If this does happen, we will still have a long hard road in New York for as you know, New York has one of the most liberal sets of abortion laws. We must turn this culture of death into a culture of life. Let us pray for the perseverance to overcome this great evil. It starts right here, it starts right now.

"I was moved by the participation of so many college students and young adults, many of whom traveled thousands of miles to march in support for the sanctity of life." -Maureen Herbstritt



The March for Life was such an inspirational day for me. So many people filled with hope and prayer that The Supreme Court will realize a person's a person no matter how small. I especially loved this quote on a sign carried by many teenagers. "I am the

Pro-Life Generation." God Bless the unborn. - Margi Murray

It was a blessing to unite with so many brothers and sisters in support of the unborn. What an inspiring, moving day. - Wendy Malichek















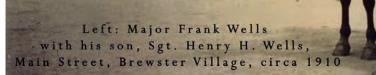


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welcoming fr. costello

TINA GRANT

In November 1931, two months after our parochial school opened, Fr. Thomas Barry was transferred to Immaculate Heart of Mary in Scarsdale, NY. The local newspaper described him as "endearing," and "in working to increase the power of the parish, Fr. Barry had the cooperation of hundreds of parishioners who responded generously to support the enterprises he undertook. The results are a credit to the parish and to the community." Undoubtedly, he will most be remembered for building our parochial school which stands today as a beautiful Parish Center.



Fr. Barry was succeeded by Fr. Lawrence J. Costello, who had quite the resume. Fr. Costello attended St. Joseph's seminary at Dunwoodie and the North American College in Rome. He was ordained in 1913. He was assigned to St. Charles Borromeo in Harlem and Our Lady of Good Counsel on the East Side. In 1918, he was in the National Guard as a Regimental Chaplain. As a great

administrator, he was well on his way to a path of high office. In April 1918, USA declared war on Germany. Fr. Costello was assigned to the 30th Infantry Division in France. After one year, he was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French Government for heroic action alongside French troops. He had been severely gassed and as a result, his heart was affected. He was rendered disabled. He returned to his parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel. In November 1931, when Brewster was experiencing the effects of the worldwide Great Depression, Fr. Costello became our Pastor.

At this time, the Wells Family (a prominent family in Brewster) donated their "Wells Pond" property to Brewster. Henry H. Wells born in 1877, contributed greatly to our community, especially the Brewster schools. Henry H. Wells Middle School is named after him. He served as Brewster Mayor from 1935 to 1947. Many of us remember him marching in our parades. How proud he was of our country and our town! He was well known, respected, and loved by many. He died in 1978. His service to his country and Brewster, which he dearly loved, will remain a part of Brewster's history.

Although Henry Wells was a parishioner of St. Andrews, he had a great admiration for our priests here at St. Lawrence. In December 1931, at a reception held for Fr. Costello, Mr. Wells delivered the heartwarming welcoming speech. He commended the priests and Sisters of St. Lawrence. "First, I wish to greet these Sisters who are training these young people. It is a fine thing to have in our community persons whose gaze is upward. I wish to greet Fr. Costello. As far back as my memory goes, we have had very able priests here." Mr. Wells described each priest he personally knew, and shared stories of the goodness extended by each and their influence on others. Mr. Wells concluded, "Fr. Costello, you have come here to follow your able predecessors. You will carry on their work. The whole community welcomes you. In your work, I wish you happiness."

Under Fr. Costello, our parochial school grew strong. He extended our cemetery property, was Trustee of the Brewster library, Chaplain for the Putnam County American Legion and Chaplain of Knights of Columbus. He was our first Pastor assigned an assistant priest, Fr. Jeremiah Quill. Fr. Costello also was an integral part of a new summer mission in Putnam Lake, Sacred Heart. As we uncover the history of Sacred Heart, we will discover the beauty within its own walls.

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January 16, 2022

Rich,

I am still on a high from last night's visit! Thanks for the generous stipend. Most of all, thanks for being an effective, zealous pastor. Any chance of getting a copy of your closing remarks! A grand "mission statement" of a lively parish!

Fraternally in Christ, Timothy Cardinal Dolan

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 Slootmaker • 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 · Rene Phoche · Karen Scott · Thomas Pavia · James Mc-Greco · Jackie Pasquale · Michael & Luise Lyons · Donna Tarr · Charles Gallagher · Jim Puckette · Doug Griffin · Bill Fallon · Paola Riso · William Harkins · Mary Jane McMahon · Matthew Mariano · Manuel Alphonso · Marilyn Ortiz

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

The Paschal Candle is dedicated for Toni Akanewich at the request of Betsy Hansbury.

The Blessed Mother Candle is dedicated for **Chuck Gallagher**

mass intentions

Saturday, January 29

4:00PM Sacred Heart 5:30PM 7:30PM

Intentions of Judy McDermott Henke and Anthony Families Spanish

Intentions of Adalia Rosamilia

Bridget Ward

Evelyn Rice

George Taranto

Robert Rickard

Kav & Bill Sullivan

Spanish

Marianne Gallacher

Sunday, January 30

8:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM Sacred Heart 11:00AM 12:30 PM 5:30PM

Monday, January 31 8:30AM **Tuesday, February 1** 8:30AM

Wednesday, February 2 8:30AM Toni Akanewich

Thursday, February 3 8:30AM

Friday, February 4 8:30AM

7:00PM

Saturday, February 5 4:00PM Sacred Heart 5:30PM 7:30PM

Sunday, February 6 8:00AM 9:30AM

10:30AM Sacred Heart

11:00AM 12:30 PM 5:30PM

St. Lawrence O'Toole Society

Souls of St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

James Kawulicz Bernard Boffi Spanish

John LaGuardia Lucia Stagno Marie Penza & Deceased Members of the **Catholic Daughters** Alfonso Pilla Spanish Gilbert Verdugo

PLAN NOW FOR YOUR ETERNAL RESTING PLACE

Single or double plots or columbarium for interment of ashes are available.

Contact the Cemetery Office at 845-279-2021 x201 for more information

ST. LAWRENCE CEMETERY 20 Turk Hill Road, Brewster, NY 10509

Come and pray before the ed Sacrament, participate in Mass pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together for Our Lord to d his mercy to his Church id to the whole world.

7:00 pm-Mass 7:45 pm-Adoration 8:00 pm-Benediction









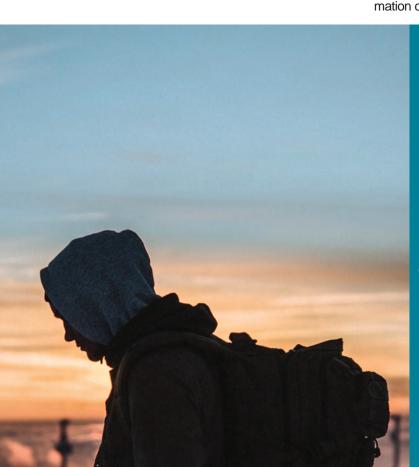
LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

VIBRANT FAITH



Parishioners and visitors often comment on how active our parish is. How we have such a diverse variety of programs and events; how our ministries are focused on serving the parish and the needy. How we are striving to become a parish of intentional disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus inspires others. People outside of Brewster

and Patterson are seeing it too. Outsiders are talking, and those comments have reached the top. Cardinal Timothy Dolan began his homily at our 150th Anniversary Mass with these words:



"When I was coming in, Father showed me the Eucharistic Chapel. I am familiar with the many programs of Catechesis and adult faith formation that you have and of course when we do that right, when we put Jesus first, when we put learning, interiorizing our faith first, then everything else is going to work out."

"...everything else is going to work out." That is not just a comforting statement. It is words of Truth from a successor of the apostles. It has a universal context and means that if we prioritize Jesus in our life, we personally, our parish, our community, our nation, and our world will be put right. Over the last three weeks we have been reflecting on how our prayers, good works, and suffering helps our brothers and sisters around the world in unknown ways. The same occurs when we put Jesus first; when we make learning and internalizing our faith a priority. It changes lives; it changes hearts; everything works out.

Father Rich's strategy for St. Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart Parishes is that everything we do must be for the purpose of drawing people closer to Christ – every staff member, every ministry, every event. We do not exist just to provide the Mass and Sacraments as products on a checklist to a community of consumers. That doesn't change the world, but actively participating in a vibrant faith community does.

Scripture: Read Matthew 6:33. What stands out? **Call to Action**: Act with vibrant faith. Register for a faith formation class, join a ministry, volunteer to help the needy.

With your help Brewster will be much warmer this winter.

Living without basic shelter during winter is especially dangerous. As part of our mission to serve others, Brewster Cares provides a **Homeless Shelter** every winter offering shelter, food, and basic hygiene for those in need.

> Please donate a meal or volunteer. Every contribution is appreciated. Sign up here:

signupgenius.com/ go/60b0448aba629a3fe3-brewster2



parish support st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of January 23	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,054.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 7,700.74
	Total \$ 13,754.74

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of January 23	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,451.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 738.92
	Total \$ 2,189.92

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.

MAYBE YOU'RE **©NE OF US**

parish staff

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Rev. Thomas BergWeekend Associate	е
Fr. Art MollenhauerWeekend Associate	e
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