

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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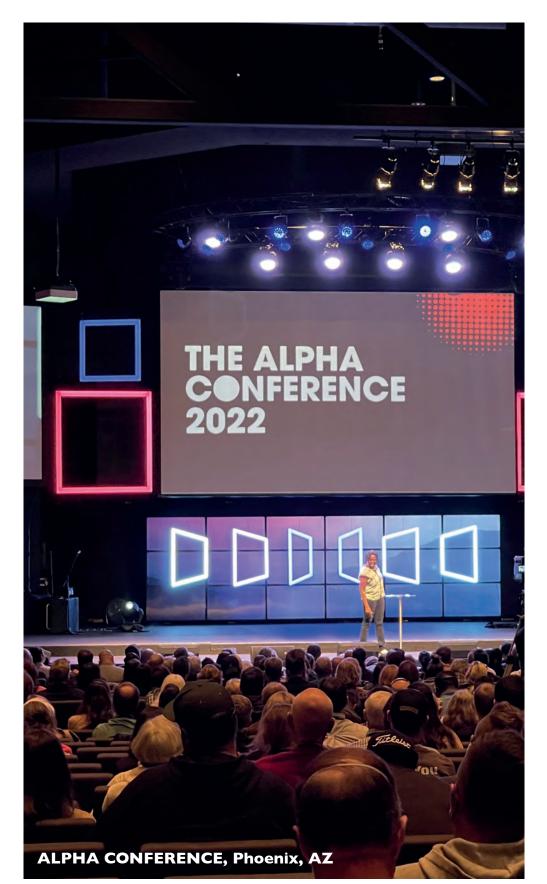
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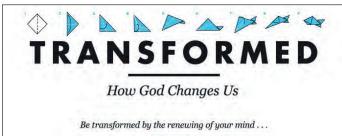
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st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes



2022 faith formation



ROMANS 12:2

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.

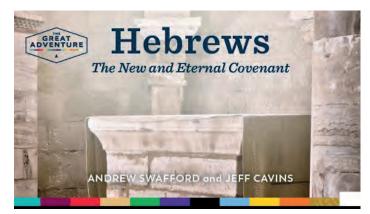
Be Transformed together. REGISTER: **stlawrenceotoole.org/Transformed** Fee: \$20

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





February 6, 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,

St. Lawrence will enjoy an unusual blessing on **Sunday, February 13 with the visit of a large group of seminarians from St. Joseph's Seminary** in Yonkers. These generous young men have stepped forward to offer their lives to serve the Church as our future priests. They'll be here at the 9:30 am and 11:00 am Masses to meet and greet, spend time with families and young people, and give us a good dose of hope for the future. Let's pray for them that God continue to guide them and make them holy priests. Join us at one of those Masses to meet them and encourage them.

This month we'll also have the blessing of a pastoral visit from our Episcopal Vicar, **Bishop Jerry Colacicco** – at the 11:00 am Mass on February 27. He is the bishop overseeing the northern counties, including Putnam, for Cardinal Dolan. We'll give him a huge welcome and thank him for his leadership and service to our people.

Another blessing coming fast will be the **Episcopal Ordination March 1 at St. Patrick's Cathedral of two new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese**: Bp. John Bonnici and Bp. Joseph Espaillat. Bp. Joe is a wonderful friend of St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, and currently pastor of our sister parish in the South Bronx, St. Anthony of Padua. He's been up to St. Lawrence many times, and last year preached our Holy Spirit retreat. We'll be organizing a bus for all parishioners who would like to attend the ordination that day.



All that happy news comes with the need to face the sad reality of our declining numbers in the priesthood. At a meeting of all the priests of Dutchess and Putnam Counties, Bishop Whalen laid out the numbers – at the current pace, of our 297 priests today, only 174 will be in active service by the year 2035 – 13 years from now. That is a serious crisis we have to face, and it will unfortunately bring about hard decisions about how many parishes need to be merged or closed, and how Mass schedules may need to be reduced.

We also need to intensify our prayer and our efforts to encourage young men to consider the **priesthood** and the possibility that God is calling them to serve his people. I'm open to ideas and initiatives. Without priests, there is no Eucharist. We can't live without the Eucharist.

God bless,

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Fr. Richard Gill



love listens

DENISE BASSETT



I had no idea what **ALPHA** was, but knew it was an opportunity to learn more about faith, fellowship, prayer and how to pursue a closer relationship with Jesus.

Hundreds of people from around the country attended, all races and religions. Catholics and Protestants prayed together and we were united in Christ without division. I've always

loved Contemporary Christian music and had tears in my eyes as the entire auditorium was singing together, praying together, and offering our hearts and songs in praise to God as one.

I am especially grateful for getting to know my travel partners: Julie, Linda and Rosy from the Spanish choir. We all were deeply moved by our experience at Alpha. We laughed, cried, and prayed together. What a beautiful gift from God to experience God's grace.



Julie and I went hiking the day we flew in. Confused by construction, driving in circles to find our destination we finally parked at the lot for our hike to the rock. We hiked through the



desert trails to the ancient "Hole in the Rock." We enjoyed the beautiful sunset and began our descent back to the car. We knew where the car was, so we thought. The sun had set. So we quickly walked around in the desert trails for an hour looking for our car; it was now dark. I prayed, knowing God would keep us safe. We found the ranger station and called

for help. The police arrived and drove us back to our car. We were looking in the completely wrong area. We were much further away. We laughed and laughed all night.

In my own life, when caught up in the business of life or feeling lost, I always asked God for help and guidance. **ALPHA** teaches us to rescue, to save and be strong. It's ok to give yourself permission to ask for help. Just like being lost on the desert trails. Jesus was our guide.

At the **ALPHA Rise and Shine** session, we learned about people marked by disappointments and those who are broken, or don't feel good enough, or held back by statements made by others. God supports us! We have New Dreams! New Vision! "*Say YES to whom you are*" Each and every one of us is a gift from God.

ALPHA is all about the Love of Jesus, "*Love Listens*" as they say. It's a beautiful opportunity to grow and pray together through worship and music.



ny auxiliary appointed by pope francis will be one of world's youngest bishops

CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Pope Francis on Tuesday appointed two new auxiliaries for the Archdiocese of New York, one of whom will be one of the world's youngest bishops.

Born on Dec. 27, 1976, Espaillat will be the youngest bishop in the United States once he is consecrated.

The 45-year-old is the director of the Hispanic Catholic Charismatic Renewal for New York archdiocese.

Espaillat launched a podcast and YouTube series called "Sainthood in the City" in 2021.

In a video promoting the launch, Espaillat, who also goes by Father J, said that the podcast would include discussions on faith, music, sports, fashion, and pop culture. "We're going to talk about Pop Smoke. We're going to talk about Kanye. We're going to talk about Kim Kardashian. We're going to talk about everything under the sun, and Cardi B," Espaillat said. Bishop-elect Joseph A. Espaillat takes part in the podcast and YouTube series 'Sainthood in the City.'.

A featured speaker at Steubenville Youth Conferences, Espaillat says that he loves ministering the sacraments, playing softball and basketball, writing poetry and rapping.

He was ordained in 2003 and has served as the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua parish in the South Bronx since 2015.

Espaillat attended Cathedral Preparatory School in Manhattan before studying at Fordham University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy in 1998.

While in St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, New York, Espaillat earned a Master of Divinity degree in Theology and a Master of Arts degree in Theology, specializing in Church history.

He has served as a director of youth ministry for the Archdiocese of New York, a pastor at St. Peter's parish in Yonkers, and as a parochial vicar at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Manhattan.



the birth of sacred heart

TINA GRANT

St. Lawrence O'Toole parish and parochial school continued to thrive under Fr. Lawrence Costello.

In 1930, the State Line Golf and Country Club with the New York Daily Mirror Holding Co., bought five farms in Patterson, NY, totaling 1,111 acres. The New York Daily Mirror Holding Co. was a land development company run by Warren and Arthur Smadbeck who bought failing farms and other large tracts of land to build recreational communities to be used by New York City residents. Morlock Brook was dammed, flooding the area of Valleyville (now known as Putnam Lake), creating a 200-acre lake. The area around Putnam Lake was divided into 11,000 plots which were to be occupied by summer cottages, general stores, restaurants, gas stations, dance pavilions and taverns.

In 1932, approximately 2,000 homes were built. Some homes were only for summer use, but some homes had been used year around. Yet, there had been no Catholic Church in this community.



Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Hance who lived in Putnam Lake since 1920, realized a need for a place to hold Catholic Mass and turned to Fr. Costello. The Hances offered their home to hold Mass, much like the Gilroys offered their home in Brewster before our first wooden Catholic Church was built. Mr. and Mrs. Hance promised to

build a church in Putnam Lake and dedicate it to the "Sacred Heart."The "Sacred Heart" known as the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is viewed as a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for mankind." Fr. Costello contacted Cardinal Hayes, who approved the use of the Hance's home for Masses and the building of a Catholic Church!

On July 2, 1933, the first Mass was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Hance, with eighty-two people in attendance. In July 1933, the local paper reported, "The Development of Putnam Lake as a Catholic Settlement is progressing very rapidly. Mass is said every Sunday at 9 am in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hance. Each Sunday the number present at Mass has grown, until last Sunday 221 were present."

In December 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Hance gifted an acre of their land to St. Lawrence O'Toole with the right to build a Catholic Church in Putnam Lake within five years. The new deed was placed in the Christmas Crib. Spencer Hance designed the church and with the help of his fellow parishioners, erected the church by the summer of 1934. The local pastors donated gifts of candles, vestments, ciboria, pews, organ, altar, and a monstrance. The outpouring of generosity was overwhelming!

It was an incredible feat. The finished wooden Catholic Church was of Gothic architecture. How proud the parishioners and the Hances had to be! Fr. Costello was filled with joy as he celebrated Mass on Sundays with over three hundred in attendance! Putnam Lake had their first Catholic Church!

On September 23, 1934, Cardinal Hayes dedicated Sacred Heart Church and blessed the new section of St. Lawrence Cemetery. Fr. Costello was very blessed to be Pastor of two parishes – a true testament of the growth of the Catholic faith and the evangelization of our parishes. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Hance were true disciples. They are to be commended for their persistence in securing a church for their community. They shared the blessings bestowed upon them and as a result Sacred Heart was born and grew into a beautiful active parish.



meet the seminarians! Feb 13

9:30 am & 11:00 am Masses their schola will sing at St. Lawrence O'Toole

- Meet and greet at donuts in gym after the Masses
 - Meet families at the Family Program
- Snacks with Edge and High School kids after the 11:00 am

pray for

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

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 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

Eric Ursprung Emily Plourde - Duane Lynche

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.

o'toole seniors

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall. All are welcomed.



Questions-contact: Vincent LaRusso (845) 278-0239

mass intentions

Saturday, February 5

4:00PM Sacred Heart James Kawulicz 5:30PM Bernard Boffi 7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, February 6

8:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM Sacred Heart

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

Monday, February 7 8:30AM

Tuesday, February 8 8:30AM

Wednesday, February 9 8:30AM

Thursday, February 10 8:30AM Friday, February 11 8:30AM

Saturday, February 12

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

Sunday, February 13

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

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

Toni Akanewich

Amelia Pigat

Patrick Martin, Sr.

Msg. McCabe Scholarship Fund

Nancy Distefano John DelBono Spanish

Irene Bayersdorfer Baby Wyatt & Family Edward Richardson May Ortiz Spanish Kevin Walsh

"to-go"ITALIAN DINNERS

Friday, Feb. 25 • Curbside pickup 5-7pm, 11 Eastview Ave • Cheese Ravioli with meatball & sausage • Penne a la Vodka • Fresh Bread • Salad • Tiramisu (Gluten free pasta available on request)

Pre-Paid Price: \$20 per dinner • RSVP by Wednesday, February 23, 2022 • Email: reservation@kofc1495.org • Make checks payable to KofC St Lawrence Council 1495 or pay electronically via PayPal to PayPal@KofC1495.org



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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



LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

RIGHTEOUS ACTION



One of my favorite Catholic thinkers, Peter Kreeft, illuminates another aspect of the divine economy in his book, *Doors in the Walls of the World*. He quotes a Jewish saying made famous by Schindler's List. "He who saves one life saves the world."

He explains, "One meaning of that saying

is that each individual is a whole world, not just one of many ingredients in the world of objects, but a unique subject in whom the whole world is reflected in a unique and unrepeatable way. So whoever destroys a man destroys the world. Another way to

say exactly the same thing is that each of us is responsible for all of us."

Beyond the obvious message that each of us is precious to God and was created for a specific purpose, Kreeft reflects on the historical events where the action or inaction of people impacted the world. Think of Abraham who negotiated with God to save Sodom and Gomorrah. God agreed to spare the two cities if there were ten righteous men. There were only four; the cities would have been spared if there had been six more saints.

Let's reflect deeply on this compelling insight from Kreeft: "There is a legend that in every age God spares the world the destruction it deserves only because there are a certain number of Abrahams, righteous men and women who keep the world alive by their righteousness and their prayers, by the mass and the gravity of their righteousness reverberating on the walls of the Divine Mercy. No one but God knows who these righteous are or how many there are. You may be one of these righteous persons. The life you save or fail to save maybe the life of the whole world. For to everything in time there is a limit, a number. And no one knows what that number is until it's too late."

Scripture: Read Genesis 18:20-33. What stands out? **Call to Action**: Your action and inaction is impacting all of us. Strive to be one of the righteous ones who saves the world.

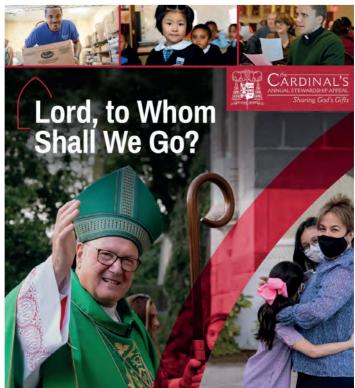
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parish support st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of January 30	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,600.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 7,700.74
	Total \$ 14,300.74

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of January 30			
In Pew Collection	\$	909.00	
December WeShare weekly		738.92	
-	Total \$	1,647.92	

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.

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