



april abortion  
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april 10, 2022 palm sunday

st. lawrence o'toole  
& sacred heart parishes

### Mass schedule

#### St. Lawrence

##### Saturday Vigil

5:00, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

##### Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

5:30 pm

##### Monday-Friday

8:30 am

##### Rosary

7:45 am M-F

6:30 pm Monday

8:30 am Saturday

#### Sacred Heart

##### 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.

[stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

31 Prospect Street  
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845-279-2021

[sacredheartpattersonny.org](http://sacredheartpattersonny.org)

414 Haviland Drive  
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# REBOOT

a life-changing event

FEATURING INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED  
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CHRIS  
STEFANICK



## TICKETS:

\$20 General Admission

\$50 Family Rate (2 adults & dependent children)

real life  
catholic

# May 11 7-9 pm

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

95 Plum Brook Road  
Somers, NY 10589

TICKETS

[stlawrenceotoole.org/REBOOT](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/REBOOT)

Event sponsored by St. Lawrence,  
St. Joseph's and St. Elizabeth Seton



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your support of these critical ministries with your generous donations and tithes. We are able to do much more for so many people and make our parishes strong with your steady support. So far you have given the following to these important programs:

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 2-3

St. Lawrence O'Toole

TOTAL: \$18,118.76

Sacred Heart

TOTAL: \$2,460.47

Thank you again for your generosity. We know that God gives back to us one hundred fold in this life, and in the life to come, everlasting happiness. May he bless you and your families.



### CARDINAL'S APPEAL TO DATE:

St. Lawrence O'Toole — Pledged amount: \$36,625.00

Sacred Heart — Pledged amount: \$6,955.00



### UKRAINE COLLECTION

Knights of Malta

Collection to date: \$25,291.00

Essential Items for refugees in  
Poland — 34 Boxes



### BREWSTER CARES

DAY CAMP

FOR THE SOUTH BRONX  
PARISHES

Collection to date: \$52,207.25





April 10, 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,

Today we enter the most solemn week of the Christian year – **Holy Week**. It's the time we commemorate and relive the deepest mysteries that matter to us: our redemption by Jesus through his suffering, death, and resurrection. That mystery of the sacrifice of the Son of God is the key to our salvation. It's the most important moment in all of human history, because it means that we, in spite of the brokenness of our world and our own souls, have the gift of reconciliation with God available to us. It means there is hope for this world too, despite the wars and atrocities and the victims of greed and violence. Despite all of that, there is a good and loving God who will make things right, and his justice and mercy will have the last word.



We heard last weekend from **Fr. Jeff Couture** who spoke to 250 people gathered in the gym for his witness of his near death experience as a young man, and how it made him understand the need for conversion and confession and to live one's life for God. If you missed it, catch it at [stlawrenceotoolelive.org](http://stlawrenceotoolelive.org). It's a great reminder of our need for the sacrament of Confession.

Tomorrow night is **Confession Monday**, with confessions from **2:00 pm to 9:00 pm**, and our **Seasons of Praise Holy Hour at 7:00 pm** with **Deacon Art Weiner** from St. James. We'll also offer Confessions Good Friday and Holy Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Be sure to make a good Confession, especially if it has been a good while. All you'll lose is your sin and guilt, and you'll find a new, richer friendship with Jesus waiting for you.

Finally, a word of thanks to all who have given so generously to the recent appeals we have made for **Ukraine**, or for the upcoming **Brewster Cares Day Camp** for our sister parish in the Bronx, St. Anthony of Padua and for Our Lady of Victory. We'll bring up 200 kids this summer to Sacred Heart and we hope, with the help of several parishes, to give full scholarships to these needy kids. Thank you for being so awesome with your support!

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



Care & Prepare  
End of Life Education

## Vulnerability is a door to love.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE DINING HALL

**Saturday, April 30**

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Don't wait for an emergency. Be Prepared.

For more information and to register:

[stlawrenceotoole.org/CareandPrepare](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/CareandPrepare)

Fee: Free-will offering

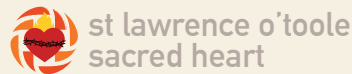


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# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



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## RECONCILIATION MONDAY

**ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE**  
Confessions 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## HOLY THURSDAY

**ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm Bilingual

## GOOD FRIDAY

**ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE**  
Confessions 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm  
Celebration of the Passion 3:00 pm  
Way of the Cross (Spanish) 7:30 pm

## HOLY SATURDAY

**ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE**  
Confessions 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Blessing of Food 1:00 pm  
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

## EASTER SUNDAY

**ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE**  
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am  
12:30 pm Spanish

**SACRED HEART**  
9:00 am  
10:30 am

## mega RAFFLE



**\$25,000**  
cash  
GRAND PRIZE

DRAWING at 7:30 pm

SECOND PRIZE: \$2000  
THIRD PRIZE: \$1000  
FOURTH PRIZE: \$1000

EARLY BIRD PRIZE: \$1000  
DRAWN ON MAY 8, 2022  
MOTHER'S DAY

monday, july 4



PROCEEDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ST. LAWRENCE AND SACRED HEART FAMILY PROGRAM



the **CARDINAL'S**  
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*Sharing God's Gifts*

### SACRED HEART

Goal \$11,000.00  
Pledge \$6,955.00  
Number of Gifts 33  
Average Gift \$210.76

### ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE

Goal \$77,000.00  
Pledge \$36,625.00  
Number of Gifts 100  
Average Gift \$366.25

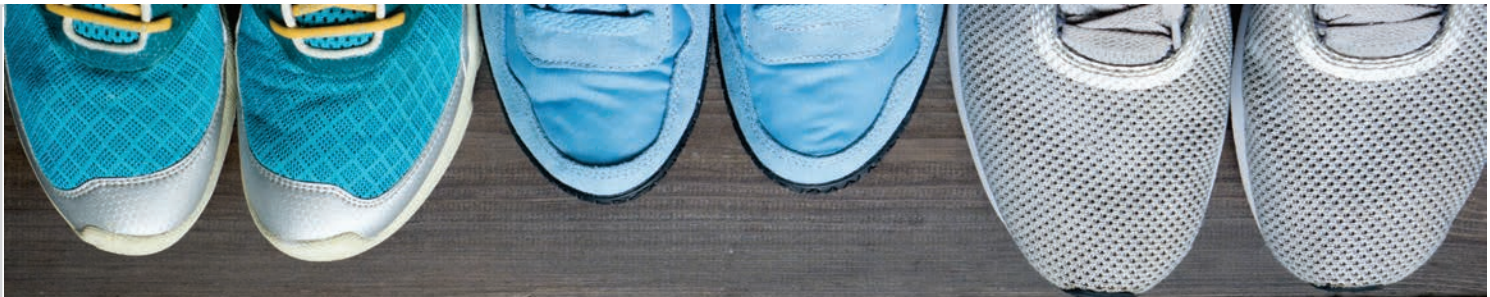


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# RUN FOR A CAUSE

APRIL  
**23**  
8 AM



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*Life*

WALKING TOWARD  
*Eternity*  
Making Choices For Today

DARING TO WALK THE WALK  
JEFF & EMILY CAVINS

TUESDAYS

April 19 - June 7

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

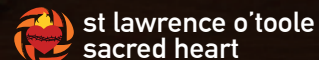
Parish Center

*Walking Toward Eternity* is an inspiring series designed to help us live our faith more fully. Through daily prayerful meditation with Scripture (lectio divina), you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ.

This study shows how to put our Catholic faith into practice through prayer and action. The result is real, often-profound change as we begin living as God intended us to.

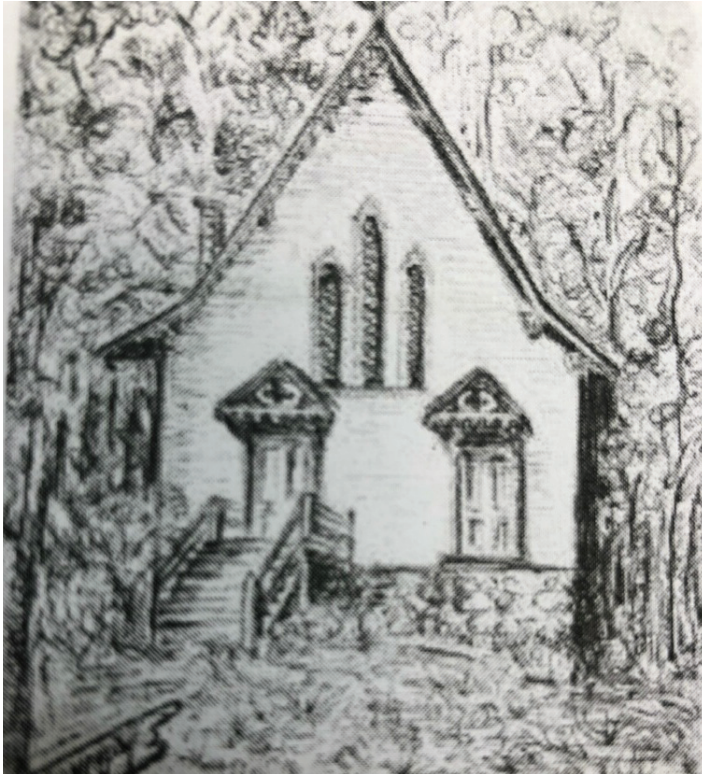
FEE: \$28

Register: [stlawrenceotoole.org/WalkTheWalk](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/WalkTheWalk)



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Sketch of St. Bernard's as a church.



St. Bernard's today as a private home.

## a quaint part of our history

TINA GRANT

Tucked within the history of our parish, is St. Bernard's Church in Towners, NY. It was a mission church of St. Joseph's Church in Croton Falls. When St. Lawrence Church became a permanent parish in 1877, the Towners parish became its mission church. The mission church was transferred to Sacred Heart Church in 1957, when Sacred Heart became a permanent parish.

In February 1875, the construction for St. Bernard's began. In July 1875, David Haines, Commissioner for the Town of Patterson, and a well-known and generous farm owner, hosted a fundraising picnic for St. Bernard's. In August 1875, with his fundraising efforts and those of many, the church was completed. On September 26, 1875, St. Bernard's was dedicated. Vicar General Quinn of New York performed the dedicatory services assisted by Rev. Patrick J. Healy, who became St. Bernard's first pastor. When Fr. Healy became our pastor in 1877, St. Bernard's became part of his jurisdiction.

The church was beautiful. It was wood and measured 58'x 35'. The main altar was flanked by a side altar displaying a statute of the Blessed Mother. On the front and rear walls were stained glass windows and the side walls held tinted windows to allow in the natural light. The construction of the church cost \$4,500. At completion, the amount of \$2,700 remained unpaid. History reveals one Mother M. Alphonsa Lathrop loaned money for the church's construction. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne. She founded Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne, NY, and became a Servant of Relief for Incurable Cancer. Rosary Hill is well known in ministering to people with terminal cancer. Its

mission statement is "We cannot cure our patients, but we can assure the dignity and value of their final days."

In 1924, before our pastor, Fr. Phelan was transferred, the debt was paid off to Mother Lathrop.

The Catholic population continued to grow in the Hudson Valley. In 1956 four Sunday Masses were held at St. Lawrence, three at Sacred Heart and one at St. Bernard's.

In 1957, St. Bernard's was not properly maintained due to disuse, and it began to deteriorate. St. Bernard's last Mass was held in the summer of 1962.

In July 1970, Rev. James T. Breen, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church appealed for assistance from parishioners in Patterson to renovate St. Bernard's. At that time Sacred Heart Church was renting quarters in Christ Episcopal Church in Patterson to meet the needs of its growing parish. Despite the appeal and the good intentions of parishioners, St. Bernard's church closed and was sold to a private owner.

Last weekend I traveled to Towners to see the once active parish church and what it had become. On a narrow road, on a small mountainside, sits what was once St. Bernard's Church. It is now a home pictured above. As one can see from the recent picture, the stained glass windows remain, and skylights have been added. The two doors that welcomed parishioners back in the day when it was a church, remain. I could easily visualize parishioners going in and out of those front doors and the activity of the parish. Beautiful then, and beautiful now, it is comforting to know that a church once loved and embraced by parishioners of that era, is loved today by those who call it their home.





# there is a heaven!

JUDY CALLAHAN

Our God is real, He is love, He forgives and our faith needs to be nourished. If you weren't able to attend Fr. Jeff Couture's talk on April 2, it's my hope that this short article will encourage you to view the video on [stlawrenceotoolelive.org](http://stlawrenceotoolelive.org). Fr. Jeff began with some background on his early life, outside influences and his rebellion that ultimately led to drug and alcohol use, a total rejection of God, joining a metal band, dropping out of school in the 9th grade and leaving home at age 18. Father impressed upon parents and young people his conviction (through his near-death experience) that friends and music are two of the biggest influencers of young people.

When an overdose took his life at age 19, he found himself standing alone in purgatory. He immediately understood that there is a God and that everything his parents and the Church had tried to teach him was true. He could see and feel the extreme goodness and love of heaven ahead of him and sense the darkness and despair of hell behind him. He instantly knew that he had not lived a life that allowed him to enter heaven. His Guardian Angel revealed himself and took him back to earth to watch his life played out. He saw all the sins he had not confessed and intimately felt how they had damaged his soul and harmed the people around him. Returning to purgatory, he was told he was going to hell but as soon as he began to feel sorry for his sins, Jesus appeared. He told us that Jesus looked like the Divine Mercy image of him with the red and blue rays streaming from his heart. Jesus forgave him and told him to "Do unto others as I have done unto you." With that, his Guardian Angel pushed him back into his body

and he was given a second chance. It has taken years for him to process what had happened and continues to confer with his spiritual advisor, believing that more will be revealed to him through spiritual exercises.

Fr. Jeff also stressed the importance of intercessory prayer for one another and the souls in purgatory, because he ultimately learned that it was his father's daily rosary for him that produced the graces he needed for Jesus to grant him a second chance. He explained that purgatory is not a punishment; rather, it is an opportunity for reparation of our souls so that we are prepared to enter heaven.

Fr. Jeff's transformation since that life-changing experience has been gradual, but his immediate reaction included a return to church and most importantly to the Sacrament of Confession. We were reminded of God's mercy and how important it is that we ask for it. Father explained that the sins we confess in the confessional are forgiven, but we will be held accountable for those that we do not confess. A sincere confession is the best way for each of us to prepare now for our unknown day of judgment.



## 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 ◦ Kathy Farina ◦ Megan Gersh ◦ Adran Ramirez ◦ Jerry Ranieri ◦ Arlete Turturro ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Rene Phoche ◦ Karen Scott ◦ Thomas Pavia ◦ James McCaughey ◦ Dulio Prado ◦ Robert Schacht ◦ JoAnna Dey ◦ Tony 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 ◦ Tim Kurth ◦ Lorraine Kucmierowski ◦ Kevin Palmer ◦ Kristin Stevens ◦ Brian Seibert ◦ Manny Claro ◦ Michael McCluskey ◦ Mark Amoroso ◦ Jerry Davis ◦ Carmen Serrano ◦ Maria Casillo ◦ Kiera Koval ◦ Michael Bonilla ◦ Gail Rampolla

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)

## dedications

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Paschal Candle** is dedicated for **Elizabeta Novosel** at the request of her son Gabe.

## o'toole seniors

Our next meeting for the O'Toole Seniors will meet on April 11 at 1 pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall.

## jericho march rescheduled april 30

Jericho March in support of Life is rescheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 3 pm. The march will begin at the driveway of Planned Parenthood, 44 Main Street, Danbury and will circle around the adjoining blocks a total of 7 times. Each time around is 1 mile. Those who complete the course will have marched a total of 7 miles.



## mass intentions

### Saturday, April 9

5:00PM  
7:30PM Salvatore Calise  
Spanish

### Sunday, April 10

8:00AM Shirley Giglio  
9:30AM Tony Gasson  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Florence Genez  
& Marianne Gallacher  
11:00AM Adopted Children, their  
Parents & Birth Parents  
12:30 PM Victoria Santos  
5:30PM Victor Ziminski

### Monday, April 11

8:30AM Intentions of the CDA  
Spiritual Bouquet

### Tuesday, April 12

8:30AM Liam O'Driscoll

### Wednesday, April 13

8:30AM Andrew Vasquez

### Thursday, April 14

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Friday, April 15

12:00PM Stations of the Cross  
3:00PM Celebration of the Passion  
7:30PM Way of the Cross (Spanish)

### Saturday, April 16

1:00PM Blessing of Easter Food  
8:00PM Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 17

8:00AM George Taranto  
9:00AM *Sacred Heart* Margaret H. Fitzpatrick  
& Clara Osowitz  
9:30AM Hugh Power  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* William Zambraski  
11:00AM Drew Durkin  
12:30 PM Spanish

## camp veritas 2022

**Camp Veritas** is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at five locations in 2022:

**June 27-July 2** at Clongowes Wood College in Ireland

**July 24- July 30** in Emmitsburg, MD

**July 31- Aug 5** in Lake Placid, FL

**August 8-13** at Lake Champion in Glen Spey, NY (10th-12th grade)

**Aug 14-Aug 20** at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY (7th-9th grade).

**ENROLLMENT IS OPEN.** Early bird rates (before 4/1/21) \$400 and \$450 after that (\$450/500 for Lake Champion). More details can be found at [campveritas.com](http://campveritas.com). Email [admin2@campveritas.com](mailto:admin2@campveritas.com) for more info.





LYNDA HOLLER  
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

**ROUSING INSIGHT**



Back in high school, I thought my English teachers were full of baloney. When we analyzed literature, they taught us that everything the author includes is purposeful: colors, scents, time of day, word repetition, sentence length, on and on. I believed they were giving the writers far too much credit and teachers just got a kick out of making the stuff up. In

the decades since, I have grown to appreciate those lessons. I especially find it relevant in reading Scripture. If we consider that human authors can skillfully craft their stories with words that maximize their meaning and relevance, imagine how effective the Holy Spirit can be.

When we begin studying Scripture, we are taught that the Old Testament prophesizes the New Testament and the New Testament fulfills the Old. One of the proofs that Jesus really is God is that the Old Testament prophets wrote of Him centuries before He was born.


This weekend's First Reading from Isaiah is a perfect example. He wrote: "The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them." 800 years later, Jesus' "well-trained tongue" was effective during his earthly ministry and continues to be both arousing and comforting today through the Gospels.

Isaiah prophesied the dark days the future Messiah would endure too. "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pluck my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." It is fascinating to see Jesus' Passion documented centuries before his torturers were conceived.

Reading Scripture is one of the most effective ways to get to know Jesus. Drawing on our English lessons helps too. What is the significance of each line? Why might the author have used that word? Is there another similar story elsewhere? Reading in this way is prayerful. We not only learn our story, but we give the Spirit permission to draw us into it.

**Scripture:** Read Isaiah 50:4-7. What stands out?

**Call to Action:** Join Walking to Eternity, beginning April 19th and learn prayerful meditation with Scripture.




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*Father, Forgive Them, for They Know Not What They Do: Forgiveness and the Cross of Jesus*




**ARISE PRAYER MINISTRY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PRAY WITH YOU.**

**HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

 **st lawrence o'toole sacred heart**

**CONFESSIONS**  
**April 11**  
2:00 pm-9:00pm



## parish support st. lawrence parish support

### Weekend of April 2

In Pew Collection	\$ 10,501.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 7,617.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,118.76</b>

## sacred heart parish support

### Weekend of April 2

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,903.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 557.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,460.47</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.

## parish staff

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