

may 15, 2022 fifth sunday of easter

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

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First Holy Communions!



afternoon tea

LORETTA PUGLIESE

The Catholic Daughters of America, Our Lady of the Lake Court #2585, held its first **Tea Party** on Sunday, May 1st in the Sacred Heart Church Hall.

In honoring CDA's motto of Unity and Charity, officers, members, and guests of Our Lady of the Lake and surrounding Courts gathered for an afternoon tea social and enjoyed a banquet of delicious teas, appetizers, sandwiches, and desserts.

Many guests also went home with beautiful door prizes and gift baskets. Proceeds from this fund-raising event will support the Court's pledge to our **Parish Improvement Campaign**.

Our Lady of the Lake Court #2585 meets once a month on a Monday evening in the Sacred Heart Church Hall, and new members are always welcome! For more information, contact Court Regent Melody Salas-Curra at msalas@mccarthyfingar.com.



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May 15, 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,

Three things dominate the news these days. Maybe a comment from a Catholic perspective on how we ought to think about each:

1. **War.** The Church teaches that wars of national self-defense are just wars. This is clearly the case with the Ukrainians defending themselves from invasion. But “war is always a defeat for humanity.” The outbreak of war means the mutual respect, dialogue and good faith negotiation that needs to characterize relations between nations has failed and greed, lust for power and domination have won. Already the suffering of so many millions of innocents is the consequence of this failure. And war leads to dark new realities that no one can foresee when it starts. It seems unbelievable we are talking about possible nuclear war.

I'm so proud of our parishioners who have given nearly \$30,000 in aid for refugees. Let us do all the good we can. Thank you.

2. **Economic uncertainty.** Just a couple of years back the economy was humming along and everyone was confident. Then COVID came and the government responded with what many say were excessive reactions, lockdowns and unprecedented spending that has now fueled inflation and stock market declines as the mood turns pessimistic at the prospect of a deep recession.

We Catholics are reminded that government is not very good at solving our problems with handouts. We need to be both more self-reliant and take responsibility for our own lives. Families are the basic unit for supporting each other. Family unity creates strong bonds of love and fosters perseverance together in tough times. Build great families.

3. **Abortion.** We Catholics and other Christians have prayed and worked for 50 years that once again every unborn child would be welcomed into life and protected by law. If, as it seems will happen in June, Roe is overturned, the matter will return to each state to decide on, what if any, limits there will be on this heinous practice of killing unborn children.

Prospects in Albany for any right to life law are slim, even with “Catholic” politicians. May God have mercy on their souls. But we will continue to work toward that day, and in the meantime, we will speak up, we will march, and we will support crisis pregnancy centers, adoption centers, and help every woman who finds herself in a difficult situation to welcome her child as a gift from God.



That is what Catholics do.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

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-Patrick & Patrick Ford

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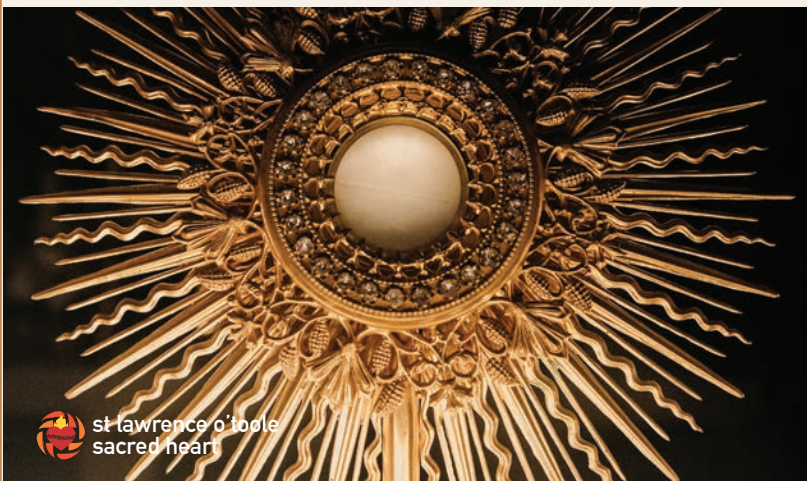
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Ganung house being moved to make room for the third and final expansion of our school.

faith & families

TINA GRANT

It was 1958. Brewster continued to grow and develop. Despite the 1953 school expansion, Msgr. Heaney and Fr. McCabe were faced with a need for a further expansion. However, our school was bordered by residential homes. There was no room to expand. Classes were held in the Grange Hall on Park Street, the Knights of Columbus building, the convent, and cafeteria.

Fr. McCabe spoke to the residents who owned property surrounding the school in the hope that one would sell their property to the parish to provide the much-needed space. Fr. McCabe sighted vacant land for sale on the corner of North Brewster Road and Route 312, which would provide ample land for a new school, a playground and in the future, if needed, a second parish set up. The Archdiocese was approached and agreed to provide \$18,000 toward the purchase. Before the purchase was made, parishioner George Ganun, offered to sell his beautiful home south of the school to the parish. Weighing the options and expense, the parish purchased the Ganung property. Prior to the house being demolished, Mr. Kenneth Griffen bought the house and moved it north on Eastview Avenue where it sits today. This third and final expansion of our school is a part of our



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history that will remain momentous. Due to the generosity of a parishioner, we were able to continue to provide catholic education for our children. And, it had to be amazing in the 1950s to watch a house be lifted and moved to a different location, as shown above. If anyone can identify the young child directing traffic, please let me know! Each time I pass the former Ganung home I think of families like the Ganungs, Gilroys and countless others who with strong faith, persevere.

Knappe and Johnson, the architects for the expansion, submitted two plans. One consisted of a school on steel pilings. It would provide playground room and additional parking under the school. The second plan, and the one approved, consisted of a ten-classroom addition on two levels. It would consist of a larger cafeteria kitchen facility, boiler room improvements, and a nurse's office. The remodeled convent would include a new chapel and community room. A bridge would connect the school to an auditorium. The auditorium would be built south of the stone church. The new auditorium would accommodate Sunday Mass overflow, a gymnasium, and include a stage for theatre performances.

The cost would be approximately \$500,000. Fr. McCabe firmly believed catholic school education helped children grow in the presence of Jesus and added to the growth of the community. He said, "The combination of a parish and school creates an even greater opportunity for fellowship, friendship and service." Before the addition could be built, Fr. McCabe sought parishioners to head the Financial Development Fund with his motto "Building strong families makes the whole Church grow."



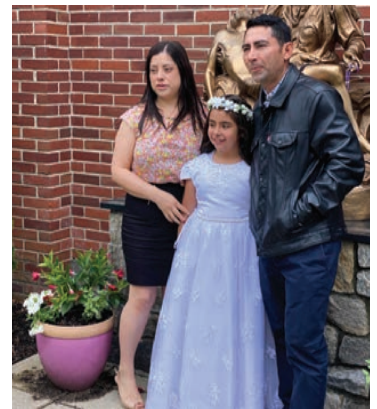
Sacred Heart First Holy Communion on April 23, 2022



St. Lawrence O'Toole First Holy Communion on May 7, 2022, 11 am



St. Lawrence O'Toole First Holy Communion on May 7, 2022, 1 pm



first holy communion

CECILIA BRITZ

Looking radiant with combed hair, bowties, veils and hair pieces, our First Holy Communicants were beauty and innocence itself. Sacred Heart and Saint Lawrence once again, witnessed children looking like little angels, as they walked down the aisle to receive Jesus for the first time.

As I stood by the stained glass doors at Sacred Heart, waiting for the little ones to settle down and line up for the procession; I could see sun rays beaming through and gently kissing these beautiful children. It made this image all the more extraordinary. I could see the love of God upon them, and I knew that He was smiling at them from the tabernacle. In a matter of minutes, these little souls would be united to Him like He had planned from the beginning of creation.



It was a beautiful moment, accompanied by head counting, fixing dresses, distributing flowers, looking at the clock and just making sure everything was ready for the start of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. This is always how Jesus operates, through the little cracks we leave unscheduled, through the short moments when everything seems to stop for a second and the love of God pours out right in front of us.

This is the love story of an almighty God whose heart desires nothing more than to unite Himself to us. The question is: what do we do now? What is your part in this? Let's put Jesus into the weekend schedule, so our First Communicants can continue to receive Jesus. Then our little one's hearts will continue to be filled with the truth, life and peace!

Each Sunday, think about your child's First Communion. Think back of the sun rays kissing their innocent face, and think of God smiling at them. While you live this image again, be certain that for Jesus they are always His children. More than your own child, more than all parents and guests, Jesus was always the one who had been waiting for this day. And from now on, He will be waiting for you, your child and your whole family so He can fill your hearts with His almighty love.

Congratulations to all our beautiful First Communicants!

- Thank you parents for standing firm in sharing your faith with your children.
- Thank you Fr. Richard for your vocation and for being our Pastor.
- Thank you to all our teachers for giving yourself in every lesson.

pray for

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

Judy McDermott ◦ 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 ◦ Jim Puckette ◦ Doug Griffin ◦ Bill Fallon ◦ Paola Riso ◦ William Harkins ◦ Mary Jane McMahan ◦ 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 ◦ Angelo Narciae ◦ Fred Tedone ◦ Mary Curcio ◦ Ann Biondi ◦ Rich DiVenuto

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: SLOTT.SH.Office@gmail.com

dedications

St. Lawrence O'Toole

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

Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary Candle** is dedicated for the **Intentions of Maria Emelia Valente**

bible collection

The Knights of Columbus Council 1495 is organizing, through CLI Prison Alliance, a Bible Donation to provide those in prison with a new or slightly used Bible. Bibles can be dropped off in the gym entrance from May 13/14 to June 5. Cash for new Bibles will also be accepted and can be dropped off on Sundays to Mike Tarr at the Donut table.

mass intentions

Saturday, May 14

5:00PM
7:30PM

Louis G. Sarro
Spanish

Sunday, May 15

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

Gregory Pochodaj
Ronnie Durante
Bill & Joseph Lewis
Marianne Gallacher
Mary Mitchell
Spanish
Dotty & Jack Lahm

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

Monday, May 16

8:30AM

Eileen Fernandez

Tuesday, May 17

8:30AM

Intentions of Alianna Simone

Wednesday, May 18

8:30AM

John Lynch

Thursday, May 19

8:30AM

Peggy Soravilla

Friday, May 20

8:30AM

John Moran

Saturday, May 21

5:00PM
7:30PM

Michael Carleton
Spanish

Sunday, May 22

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

Kathleen Aughauin
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Thomas Killeen

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GET TO KNOW JESUS



The mission of our parishes is to draw every man, woman, and child in Brewster and Patterson into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Not too many years ago, having a personal relationship with Jesus was a new concept for me; it might be for you too. I grew up in a devout Catholic home, never missed Mass on Sundays and holy days, was taught to be obedient to God and the Church, but no one ever talked about having a personal relationship with Jesus.

It isn't a new idea or teaching, just a corrected focus. God has always wanted to have a personal relationship with each of

us. That is why He created us in his likeness and has gone to such extravagant lengths over the last 4000 years to proclaim His love for us. He has revealed the stories of Old Testament patriarchs, kings, prophets, New Testament disciples, and centuries of saints, so we can learn from their witness. He even designed each of us with a God-size hole that only a relationship with Him will fill. No amount of money, exercise, popularity, notoriety, or earthly distraction can fill that void.

Once we focus our heart on getting to know Jesus, our relationship with Him can mature from obedience to love. And love changes everything. When we love someone, we want to make them happy. We want to do things to please them; we don't want to disappoint them. The same goes for Jesus.

The beauty of this arrangement is that through a personal relationship with Jesus, our life is transformed: we become happier in this earthly life AND we put ourselves on the right path to heaven. We have a large community of people in our parishes that are choosing to know and love Jesus personally. You can too. Make that choice today.

Scripture: Read John 14:6. What stands out?

Call to Action: Connect with parishioners who are also striving happiness here and in heaven. Learn from each other. Email me at slotlynda@gmail.com to find out more.

parish support
st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of May 8

In Pew Collection	\$ 8,480.00
March <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 7,617.76
Total	\$ 16,097.76

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of May 8

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,509.00
March <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 557.47
Total	\$ 2,066.47

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

APRIL

Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,215
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 1,000
WeShare	\$ 1,319
TOTAL	\$ 4,534

We made another payment last month of \$36,000 and our debt is down to \$371,792.00. At this rate we hope to have it paid off in 2025. Thank you for your continued support in our Gold Envelope Centennial program

parish staff

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