

may 29, 2022 seventh 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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Confirmation May 19-20

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and devotion to the Eucharist, whose Christian joy

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to make our parish a place to encounter Christ for

those who don't know Him. Their consciences are

formed in the light of the Gospel

and the teachings of the Church.





May 29, 2022

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

We think of Memorial Day weekend as the official kick-off to the summer – the weather is getting awesome, things are growing, we get the bike and the running shoes dusted off and we're outdoors. The grill is going full blast cooking up our favorite meats and spending time with our favorite people.

But of course, Memorial Day is also about something much more serious and somber: the brave many who served in uniform and gave their lives. How good it is we take a day to give thanks to those generous men and women who died so that we could live in freedom. Across various wars and conflicts, even if we disagree about the wisdom of some of our government's decisions at times, Americans come forward to fight for our country. They risked it all to defend this unique and exceptional nation that is based on an idea that has lasted nearly 250 years: "a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights."



That is an idea worth fighting for and defending always. Happy Memorial Day! Let's pray for the dead: may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace, amen.

Meanwhile, we're gearing up for our summer **Vacation Bible School** for kids in June. We'll also be running our **Brewster Cares Day Camp** for kids from the Bronx – a total of 200 kids – over at Sacred Heart July and August.

We'll be sending some of our leadership team and staff out for a conference on best practices for parish outreach and renewal and we're always looking for the best ways to reach our community with initiatives and programs. It's part of what makes our parish great – as our vision statement reminds us. Check it out on the previous page and give it some thought on how we can make it better for creating disciples and reaching those whose faith is hurting and weak. It's what we're here for.

Finally, check out our pilgrimage to Italy and Lourdes next April... it will be a beautiful spiritual journey and maybe it's for you too.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Dill

Fr. Richard

P.S. If you haven't had a chance yet, don't forget to make a gift to the **Cardinal's Appeal** – it's his fund to help the poor parishes in the Archdiocese.



Thursday May 19, 2022 Confirmation with Bishop Walsh



Friday, May 20, 2022 Confirmation with Bishiop Walsh



affirming faith

DOMINICK RUSSO

The smell of Holy Chrism filled the church on Thursday and Friday last week. This pleasing aroma is a sign 67 teens were confirmed in the faith at St. Lawrence O’Toole. His Excellency, Bishop Gerald Walsh, presided over the Confirmations.

Our young people declared before God, and a very full church, that they will live out the truths and teachings of the Catholic Faith as well as strive to be examples of Christian love and charity in the world. In his homily, Bishop Walsh addressed the confirmandi, giving them some words to live by and challenging them to continue to grow in their faith. The Mass itself is beautiful in its own right, and yet seeing so many young people affirming their faith made it even more so.

Thank you to all the people who made these wonderful days possible, Bishop Walsh, Father Gill, Director of Religious Education Theresa Sorca, the EDGE core teachers, all the confirmation sponsors, the families of the confirmandi, all the parishioners of St. Lawrence O’Toole and Sacred Heart, and of course the confirmandi themselves.

From our new confirmandi:

“I liked what the bishop had to say, he gave us good advice on how to live as faithful Catholics.”

“I was thrilled that my whole family came. They showed me that my Confirmation was important to them too.”

“I had relatives take off work and travel to be at my Confirmation. Having their support made me very happy!”

“I liked looking around the church and seeing my friends in red robes like me. We have been going to class together for years. It was great to be confirmed together!”

“Thank you to my Edge teachers, they made classes fun!”



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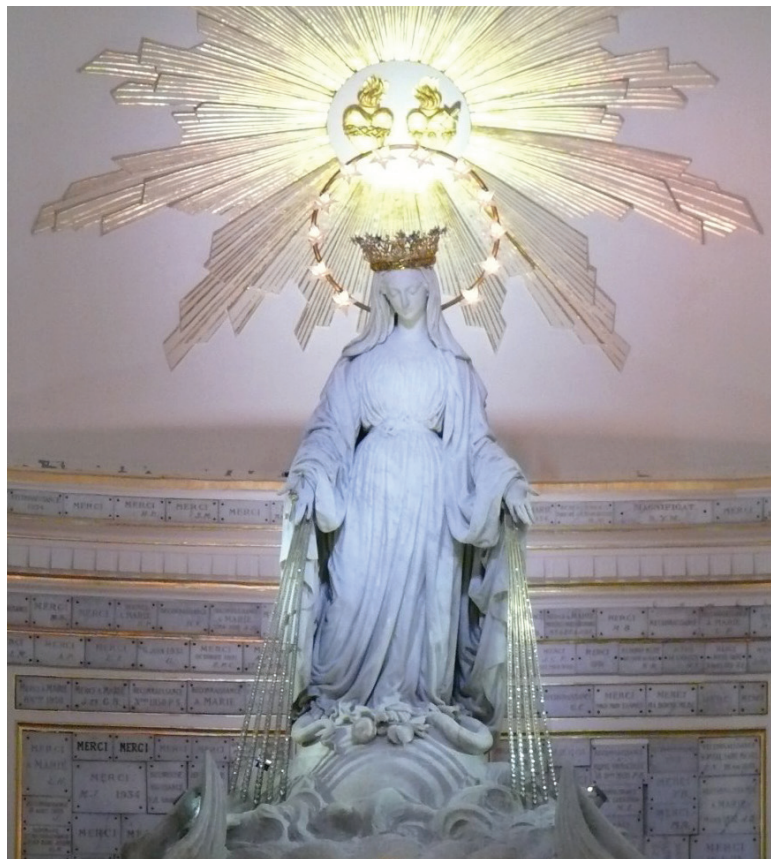
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- Sunday, April 16 - Day 1 - DEPART USA
- Monday, April 17 - DAY 2 - ROME
- Tuesday, April 18 - DAY 3 - ROME
- Wednesday, April 19 - DAY 4 - VATICAN CITY/ROME
- Thursday, April 20 - DAY 5 - ROME/VATICAN CITY
- Friday, April 21 - DAY 6 - ROME/ORVIETO/ ASSISI
- Saturday, April 22 - DAY 7 - ASSISI
- Sunday, April 23 - DAY 8 - ASSISI/ LANCIANO/
SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO
- Monday, April 24 - DAY 9 - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/ROME
- Tuesday, April 25 - St. Mark - DAY 10 - ROME/LOURDES

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Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Statue



The statue of the Blessed Mother at the Chapel of the Mother House of the Daughters of Charity, Paris France

queen of heaven

TINA GRANT

The month of May is devoted to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven. This custom began at the end of the 13th century. By 1700, it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome and then spread to the whole Church.

Our Blessed Mother Statue at St. Lawrence O'Toole has a beautiful history.

In 1953, parishioners Emily and Joseph Brookshires requested that a statue of the Blessed Mother be erected on our church grounds. God places people in our lives for a reason. Shortly thereafter, Edmond Amateis, a resident of Brewster and parishioner of Southeast Church contacted Fr. McCabe to secure a picture of the Blessed Mother. He was a gifted sculptor. He had sculpted several memorials in the US including the Liberty War Memorial in Kansas City and statues of the US Presidents under the commission of President Roosevelt. Mr. Amateis had been commissioned to design sculptures for Providence Hospital in Washington, DC, and the Sisters there requested a statue of the Blessed Mother. It was ironic Fr. McCabe recently returned from Paris having visited the Rue de Bac in the Chapel of the Mother House of the Daughters of Charity, where the devotion of the Miraculous Medal originated. The Chapel was home to a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother. McCabe shared the pictures he took in Paris with Mr. Amateis,

who admired the statue of the Blessed Mother in Rue de Bac so much that he used it as a model (with slight revisions) for the statue of the Blessed Mother he sculpted for Providence Hospital. The Sisters loved it!

Mr. Amateis then reused the mold and formed a second pressing of the statue of Blessed Mother for St. Lawrence. The cost to ship the statue was minimal and paid by our parishioners. The statue of our Blessed Mother in front of our parish center, facing Eastview Avenue, is the statue Mr. Amateis did for us! Initially, the statue was placed on the lawn south of our stone church where our present garden is. Our auditorium had not yet been built. During outside kindergarten graduations, the statue served as the backdrop. After our auditorium was built, the statue of the Blessed Mother was moved to the front of our stone church.

When our parish school was active, each May the students crowned Mary. Before the crowning, they attended Mass together. They walked around the block praying the Rosary. The second graders wore their First Holy Communion attire. Neighbors came out on their lawns to join in prayer. At the end of the Rosary, students gathered before the statue of the Blessed Mother. A ladder was placed before the statue. An eighth-grade girl chosen by her peers, would ascend the ladder and crown Mary as songs were sung.

May, the month of renewal, continues as the month devoted to our Blessed Mother. The children of our parish continue to crown the Queen of Heaven. Our Blessed Mother statue is connected to the story of the Miraculous Medal in Paris, to the statue in Rue de Bac and reflects the generosity of our parishioners and a famous sculptor. God put everyone together and gave us an incredible gift.

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 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 ◦ Angelo Narciae ◦ Fred Tedone ◦ Mary Curcio ◦ Ann Biondi ◦ Rich DiVenuto ◦ Ava DiBenedetto ◦ Noah Martinez ◦ Steve Distefano

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 **Elizabeta Novosel** at the request of her son Gabe.

Sacred Heart

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

The **Altar Flowers** are dedicated for **Gerry Duffy** at the request of Meg and Scotty Cairney

wedding anniversary mass

We will be celebrating 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries of St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart Couples of 2022. Join us, **June 5 at the 10:30 am Mass** at Sacred Heart Church. Couples will be recognized. A breakfast will follow Mass for the couples and their families, sponsored by the Sacred Heart CDA. To Register: Contact Meg at 279-5214 or e-mail mcaimey@aol.com

mass intentions

Saturday, May 28

5:00PM
7:30PM

Maffalda Claire (Maffie)
Spanish

Sunday, May 29

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

Marie Gasparini
Scott Hollab
Madelyn Nicpon
Mary Ortiz
Spanish
Kay Kealy

Monday, May 30

8:30AM

Margaret Peggy Romano

Tuesday, May 31

8:30AM

Deceased members of the
Katalenic Family

Wednesday, June 1

8:30AM

Michael Calvert

Thursday, June 2

8:30AM

St. Lawrence O'Toole Society

Friday, June 3

8:30AM

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

7:00PM

Saturday, June 4

5:00PM
7:30PM

Michael Viola
Spanish- Andrew Vasquez

Sunday, June 5

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

Marco DelGatto
Usher & Duffett Families
25/50 Anniversary Mass for
Married couples
Pasquale Palmieri
Spanish
Maryann & Ed Mulvihill

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

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ASCENDING HOMEWARD



It is clear to me that God has a sense of humor and one evidence is a verse in the Ascension Thursday's first reading. Jesus gives his farewell speech to the disciples, then floats up and away into the sky. Understandably, the disciples stand staring up at the clouds trying to process Jesus' gravity-defying trick. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that two angels appear and say, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" I don't know if angels have a sense of humor too, but they delivered the Father's one-liner perfectly!

Our ancestors called the sky, "the heavens." They knew that God's eternal home was not above the clouds, but they gave reverence to the unknown world above and beyond their sight. Today, science has trained us to refer to what is above us as "outer space" and non-believers only see the gases and galaxies. Even though we understand that Jesus does not reside in the sky, there is great significance in the action of Jesus leaving by ascending rather than descending or disappearing.

Jesus is leading us home. He wants us to follow Him, to trust him and allow our spirits to soar far beyond the limits of our sight and understanding. Our earthly bodies may be grounded, but our souls need to stay focused on Jesus and steadily ascending heavenward.

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Since we know we can't reach the Father in a rocket ship, and Jesus is the only one who has explained and demonstrated the way to heaven, we must stay focused on his way and the divine world that can only be seen with the eyes of our soul.

Scripture: Read Acts of the Apostles 1:9-12. What stands out?

Call to Action: Meditate on the Scripture and put yourself in the scene. How might you have reacted to Jesus' ascension? Would you have had any questions for the angels?

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Weekend of May 22	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,078.00
March <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,704.93
Total	\$ 12,782.93

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of May 22	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,167.00
March <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 528.18
Total	\$ 2,695.18

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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