



august 7, 2022 nineteenth sunday in ordinary time

## 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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call to schedule an appointment.

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

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Stay tuned, as our Alpha program is in preparation for a launch in early October. Alpha is about people who gather over a meal while exploring what their faith means to them in the world today. There are no wrong answers, no one judges you – there's just honest conversation and friendly support from people exploring things that make life matter. You'll make new friends and get to know Jesus and the Holy Spirit better.

#tryalpha

Alpha



Keep an eye out when traveling west bound on I-84 exit 2 for our Right to Life billboard.



August 7, 2022

## while we're at it

Dear Friends,

As you know, we're sponsoring a pro-life billboard this month on I-84 facing east, near exit 2. Sadly, an angry man called the parish to complain it is "disgusting" and will cost lives and that Jesus would be ashamed of us. Really? Our billboard features a picture of a mom holding a newborn baby, and it says, "Made in the image and likeness of God." Who could argue with that heartwarming message?

But it is a reminder about how far off our society is when it considers human life to be a threat, or gets upset when we say human life is made in the image and likeness of God, as the Bible reveals to us. That is the very basis for our dignity as human beings and for our right to life – that among all creatures, we are the ones with a relationship to God and capable of friendship and love for him.



Even though the pro-life movement had a big victory at the Supreme Court, we have a long, long way to go in changing hearts and minds. But we have to be about that work more than ever.

Pro-lifers are running thousands of crisis pregnancy centers and maternity homes around the country that enable women who find themselves pregnant but don't have the support needed to make the generous decision for life. Then they stand by them to help in any way needed. We need to do more for this in our area – Planned Parenthood as well as an abortion clinic in Danbury are taking human lives every day.

Last week a couple of us attended a training at **Heartbeat International**, a group that helps and supports organizations that launch pro-life centers. Maybe it's time for St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart to step up our efforts. If you're interested in working on this, let me know.

Our committee is working on our **September 30 Golf Outing** at Centennial Golf Course. Last year we raised over \$50,000 for **Brewster Cares** to help the poor and homeless, and we need to do it again. Calling all golfers and sponsors to step forward to help the needy here in town!

Once again, thank you for your generous support of our kids at **Brewster Cares Day Camp**. The kids from the South Bronx are having the time of their lives at Sacred Heart!

God bless,

Fr. Richard

P.S. This year, because of the calendar, the **Feast of the Assumption** is not a holy day of obligation, but we will offer Mass at 8:30 am and 12 noon to honor Our Lady. All are invited!

**our vision** Create a parish of missionary disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.



**SEPT 30, 2022**  
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## the 'inestimable' value of eucharistic adoration

JENNIFER BRINKER

***Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration helps us to understand the source and summit of our Catholic faith***

St. John Paul II said that worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass is of "inestimable value" to the Church. It's no wonder then, that many parishes in the archdiocese are offering times for Eucharistic Adoration, whether perpetually around the clock or at certain times of the day.

We can be closer to Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration, which acknowledges the source and summit of our Catholic faith, in that He is entirely present in the Blessed Sacrament.

So why should we participate in Eucharistic Adoration? Dominican Father Robert Goedert wrote about the urgency in which Catholics must understand how we are different from other Christian beliefs.

"That, of course, is our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist," he wrote. "We believe that Jesus gave us His own body and blood in the special sacrament we call the Holy Eucharist. ... For us Catholics, the Holy Eucharist is not just a symbol. It is not just a memory. It is not just a promise. It is really Jesus Christ. The Holy Eucharist is not some 'thing.' It is some 'one.' It is Jesus, our Lord and our God."

In Adoration, we are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. We suggest offering prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition while in Adoration. Other suggestions include an examination of conscience or perhaps a reflection on a virtue that appeals to you.

Other ideas include meditative reading, reading about the lives of the saints or praying the Rosary, the Psalms or Liturgy of the Hours. Alternately, it's acceptable just to sit quietly and be in God's presence. Think of the experience as visiting a friend and just enjoy being in His company. This is a good opportunity to listen to what He might be telling you.

### **Eucharistic Adoration resources**

The Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association:

[www.therealpresence.org](http://www.therealpresence.org)

The Archbishop's Committee for Eucharistic Adoration:  
[archstl.org/adoration](http://archstl.org/adoration)

"Manual for Eucharistic Adoration," by the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, St. Joseph, Saint Benedict Press  
[www.saintbenedictpress.com](http://www.saintbenedictpress.com)

Visit Mount Grace Convent and the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters) in St. Louis:  
[www.mountgraceconvent.org](http://www.mountgraceconvent.org)

Eucharistic devotion from the USCCB:  
[www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion/index.cfm)



Victor and Stella Dominguez, delegates from Paraguay for the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome (June 23-26 2022)

## 5 tips for a happy marriage inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis

ARY WALDIR RAMOS DIAZ

Stella (65) and Victor Dominguez (68), the parents of six children and grandparents of eight, help couples in crisis, remarried divorcees, and people abandoned by their spouses. The couple, who were delegates from Paraguay for the World Meeting of Families in Rome (June 22-26, 2022), have gone through difficulties in their married life but they've managed to overcome these challenges thanks to these 5 tips inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis.

**1. PASSION** "Pleasure and passion are very important. You have to renew your marriage every day," explain Victor and Stella. Thus, they advise spouses to show their affection by multiplying small gestures of love and attention in daily life. These can include a heart-to-heart talk, a date, or just an impromptu dance, with the lights dimmed and the door closed so as not to be disturbed.

**2. PATIENCE** Patience can mean carrying the other person, their problems and their fatigue, on your shoulders. It's important to do this with joy and happiness so that patience becomes a catalyst of mercy towards the other person and even towards yourself. Patience also includes the capacity to dialogue and to accept your spouse as he or she is, even if little habits and mannerisms are annoying.

Stella also insists on the need to accept your spouse's weaknesses: "Victor is quite slow-moving, while I live at a hundred miles an hour. I have to be patient so I don't get mad at him. But I know Victor has other good qualities."

**3. PERSEVERANCE** Couples must persevere in love, and especially in prayer. The couple follows Pope Francis' advice to pray together for each other: "Our Father, give us today our daily love." "Victor prays for me and I pray for him. I pray precisely for my weaknesses, the things that bother me. I ask the Lord to help me move forward," says Stella.

But you also need to persevere in dialogue. "Listening to the other person doesn't mean hearing what I want to hear, but listening with my heart and listening beyond," notes Victor. We have to "persevere in listening to understand if the other person is tired, if he's had a bad day, if he's angry about something ... Sometimes he doesn't want me to talk to him. And if I want to talk to him, if I want to tell him things, I have to be able to contain myself, and that's perseverance," adds Stella, because she knows that her husband needs his personal space from time to time.

**4. FORGIVENESS** This couple's motto is, "Always forgive." "Asking for forgiveness means giving freedom to the other person. If we don't experience forgiveness, it's very difficult to forgive. Forgiving ourselves and others, our children for example, is very important," explains the couple. And they add, "Do not go to sleep without making peace so that a 'cold war' doesn't happen the next day."

**5. SMALL DETAILS** For Victor, small details lead back to the first tip — passion. These little details are in fact the little gestures of love and affection we can make in everyday life: bringing breakfast in bed, giving flowers without any special occasion, sharing a moment together, listening to music together, calling your spouse during the day, or sending a little message to say something nice, etc. These small details enrich the inner world of the couple and help their emotional and physical intimacy. "Love is like a flower. You can't neglect it," advises Victor.

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Monday Aug. 15

Mass at 8:30 am & 12:00 pm  
at St. Lawrence O'Toole

This year it is not a holy day of obligation,  
but all are invited to honor  
Our Blessed Mother



## the assumption of the blessed mother

EWTN

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as "Aelia Capitolina" in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples. After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried. At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption. For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God. Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be

revered, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbled with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior. The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

## pray for

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

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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 **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for **Judy McDermott** at the request of her "Angels."

### Sacred Heart

The **Altar Flowers** are dedicated for **Judy McDermott** at the request of the Yaremko family.

## o'toole seniors

The St. Lawrence O'Toole Seniors will meet on Monday, August 8 at 1pm in the St. Lawrence Parish Center Dining Hall.

"Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself Who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week."

-St. Pope John Paul II

## mass intentions

### Saturday, August 6

5:00PM  
7:30PM

Rodolfo Cornelio, Sr.  
Spanish

### Sunday, August 7

8:00AM

Intentions of Theresa & Jacquelyn Hill

9:30AM

Kevin M. Valle

10:30AM *Sacred Heart*

Silvio Marin

11:00AM

Mary Kearns

12:30 PM

Spanish

5:30PM

Anna Dalton

### Monday, August 8

8:30AM

Intentions of CDA  
Spiritual Bouquet

### Tuesday, August 9

8:30AM

Patrick Martin, Jr.

### Wednesday, August 10

8:30AM

Mary & Robert Cleary  
& Kathleen King

### Thursday, August 11

8:30AM

Antoinette & Joseph Natoli

### Friday, August 12

8:30AM

Msgr McCabe  
Scholarship Fund

### Saturday, August 13

5:00PM  
7:30PM

Charles DeSalvo  
Spanish

### Sunday, August 14

8:00AM

Carl LePere

9:30AM

Joan Gasson

10:30AM *Sacred Heart*

Edward Richardson

11:00AM

Mary Kearns

12:30 PM

Spanish

5:30PM

Maria Cardoso



### KEY THOUGHT

Jesus reminds us to be watchful, making sure we are awake when the master comes. I ask for his help not to live a distracted life, so that when Jesus comes into my life, in a way and at a time I do not expect, through events and persons, he finds me ready to welcome him. I look at my day so far, at yesterday, and see how aware I have been of God's coming into my life, in so many ways. I ask for the grace not to be deaf to his call, and always ready to respond to the best of my ability, teaching about anxiety and worry!





LYNDA HOLLER  
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

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About seven months ago we started planning my son's wedding. He had chosen a beautiful engagement ring for his girlfriend, and they immediately started planning their big day. They spoke with Father Rich, searched out a venue, and settled on a date. Cara shopped and said, "yes" to her perfect dress; Colin did the same with his suit. They guided their wedding party in finding their ideal attire and made sure that all had the perfect fit. As time grew nearer, hair, makeup, and nail appointments were made. Shoes, socks, jewelry, handbags were selected. So many details, so much time dedicated to the bridal party being properly attired.

The week before the wedding, I began thinking about all the effort the guests were putting into attending the wedding. They had cleared their schedules and carefully planned their outfits too. Most of the women bought a new dress. One started shopping immediately when Colin and Cara told her of their engagement. Many men bought new suits or at least a new shirt or tie. When one young man told his mother that he was invited and would need a suit, she squealed, "Your grandmother will be so excited!" Grandma took him to the city and treated him to an exquisite designer suit. His uncle lent him his BMW for the occasion. A lot of new shoes were purchased. Nails, hair, and makeup were carefully groomed and applied on the big day. Colin and Cara wanted everything to be perfect for their guests and in response, their guests wanted to honor them by looking and behaving their best too.

Jesus loves weddings and promises a heavenly wedding banquet for his faithful ones. In contrast to our young friend and other guests, I couldn't help but think of Jesus' parable of the King who is offended by the guest who arrives without a wedding garment. We spend months preparing our bodies for fleeting earthly celebrations, isn't it only prudent that we clean and prepare our souls exquisitely for the heavenly one?

**Scripture:** Read Matthew 22:10-14. What stands out?  
**Call to Action:** Clothing our souls with Confession, the Eucharist, and prayer assures we will not offend the host of our heavenly banquet.

**parish support**

**st. lawrence parish support**

<b>Weekend of July 31</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,492.00
May <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 4,988.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,480.52</b>

**sacred heart parish support**

<b>Weekend of July 31</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,762.00
May <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 395.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,157.61</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**

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