

#### 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

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# st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes



# Ever wonder your purpose? You're not alone.

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



ENGLISH: Wednesdays 7-9 pm OCT 5-DEC 21 SPANISH: Wednesdays 7-9 pm OCT 5-DEC 21 YOUNG ADULTS Wednesday 7-9 pm OCT 5-DEC 21

### SACRED HEART

Thursday 7-9 pm OCT 6-DEC 22

REGISTER AT BREWSTERALPHA.COM



September 25, 2022

# while we're at it

Dear Friends,

I love this time of the year as summer bleeds into autumn and the weather changes and the colors brighten across the countryside. But I love it also because there's a sort of waking up and sense we have business to take care of once again. Schools and religious education and faith formation and ministries start gearing up for a year of growing and learning and progress and service.

You catch it in the air around here at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart this time of year. We've rolled out a new and revised religious ed program for the kids, and we're launching new projects for our adult faith formation. After all, growing to know and love Jesus Christ is a life-long process that never ends. Check out the listings in this bulletin. Between Alpha, Finances, Scripture, and much more, there is something for everyone whatever stage of the journey you find yourself at.

St. Lawrence is hosting the **30th annual Golf Outing** this Friday, once again for the benefit of **Brewster Cares** which serves the homeless and offers tutoring and ESL to immigrants in our area. If you're not a golfer, come support the Brewster Cares luncheon October 23 at Las Mananitas which will also benefit the homeless shelter.



We're also bringing in an expert on the **Shroud of Turin** the weekend of October 8 and 9... this is a fascinating relic of the resurrection of Jesus, and so many people can't get enough of this amazing discovery. There will be a talk on Saturday and another on Sunday. Join us for both!

And if you have friends who struggle to believe (and we all do!) then bring them to **Alpha** starting October 5. A friendly atmosphere, a good meal, and the Holy Spirit does the rest to make people feel part of the family.

Our parishes are doing a lot to create a family atmosphere where the Catholic faith is alive and well. You're a big part of that family... So bring your friends to meet Jesus here.

God bless. & Rieland Did

Fr. Richard

### Leave your legacy for the generations to come

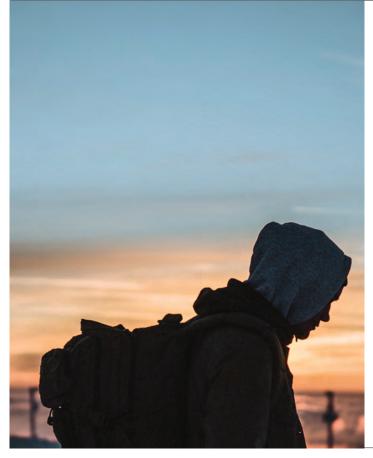
Many parishioners find themselves able to leave a legacy gift in a will or a life estate to the parish, which helps ensure that future generations will find their parish church strong and vibrant in the years to come.

You can word a bequest to leave a percentage of your estate to the parish, or a fixed amount of money, or real estate.

Consider leaving a legacy for the future of St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart.

CALL FR. GILL TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES 301-873-8418.







## Homeless Shelter Fundraising Luncheon at

Las Mañanitas Rt. 22 Brewster

Sunday, October 23 1:00 pm

\$100 per person Sponsorships available

RSVP: weblink.donorperfect.com/BCLuncheon Checks made to Brewster Cares, Inc.



### PLAN NOW FOR YOUR ETERNAL RESTING PLACE

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



### The Danbury 40 Days For Life Fall Campaign is Sept 28-Nov 8

It consists of forty days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil at abortion facilities. It is proven to work. When prolife people show up outside clinics, the 'no-show' rate goes up to almost 75%. Many abortion-minded women have left facilities and chosen life during **Forty Days for Life** thanks to parishioners witnessing outside the clinics and services provided by the Sisters of Life and pregnancy centers. Since 2007, at least 21,989 unborn children have been saved from abortion during these campaigns and 117 facilities have closed.

You can sign up for vigil hours by going to **https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/danbury** 

Please join us in front of Planned Parenthood, 44 Main Street, Danbury CT



BASICS OF CATHOLIC PRAYER- OREMUS MONDAYS: IN-PERSON Sept 26 – Nov 14 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Do you find it easy to pray? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life and know how to respond? For most of us the answer is no, and we struggle to



find even a few minutes every day to pray. The good news is that you can overcome these difficulties. Oremus teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Join us to build a foundation of prayer in your life.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/OREMUS FEE: \$30



#### WOMEN'S GIFT – CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

TUESDAYS: IN-PERSON Sept 27 – Nov 22 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



Catholic Social Teaching has led and influenced society for over 2000 years and women have a unique and critical role. This program will educate us and help us activate our feminine genius in light of history and the current needs of our culture. Women have a unique knowledge of relationships, family, and community. We'll put this knowledge to work as we discuss matters of life and the dignity of the human person. We'll meet holy women such as Dorothy Day, Edith Stein, and St. Gianna Molla, who exemplified the feminine genius and applied it to the social challenges in their times. Our world needs you! Join us and learn how God is calling you to serve Him and our neighbors in this day and time.

#### REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/WomensGift FEE: \$40

#### **ALPHA**

WEDNESDAYS: IN-PERSON Oct 5 – Dec 21 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Spanish LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM English DINING HALL Young Adult NEW YORK ROOM



THURSDAYS: IN-PERSON Oct 6 – Dec 22 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Sacred Heart** SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL

You are invited to Alpha for a time of great food, and even better conversation and talks that make you think. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. **No pressure. No follow up. No charge.** 

REGISTER: BrewsterAlpha.com FEE: No charge

#### MARK: THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EYES OF PETER

THURSDAYS: IN-PERSON & ZOOM Session 1: Sept 29 – Nov 17 Session 2: Jan 26- April 27 AM: 9:30 am – 11:30 am LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM PM: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm NEW YORK ROOM



Explore the teachings of Christ's successor on earth, St. Peter, as recorded by his disciple Mark. See Jesus through the eyes of Peter as he heals the sick, expels demons, preaches the Gospel, performs miracles, suffers his Passion and death, rises gloriously from the dead, and commissions his disciples to evangelize the world. *Mark: The Gospel through the Eyes of Peter* reveals the life-changing experience of following Christ as an original disciple. Like those disciples, you will hear the Lord's call—and understand it like never before—so that you can go out into the world as His follower and tell the Good News.

#### REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GospelOfMark

FEE: Mark Study Guide and Ignatius Guide - \$58 or Mark Study Guide only - \$44

#### MORNING OF PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE & INTERCESSION

SATURDAY: IN-PERSON Oct 15 10:00 am – 2:00 pm ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE CHURCH



There is hope of healing after abortion. The 'Day of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession' features testimonials (most read by volunteers) from actual persons affected by the loss of a child through abortion—a counselor, grandparents, a doctor, a priest, a friend, a father, a sibling, a mother—each followed by an intercessory prayer. Join us for this special prayer service for healing and forgiveness.

#### FEE: FREE



### SPEAKER SERIES INTERNATIONAL SHROUD EXPERT RUSS BREAULT

#### SHROUD ENCOUNTER

an unforgettable big screen experience SATURDAY, OCT. 8 • 3 PM GYM

> SECRETS OF THE MAN CLOTHED IN LINEN. SUNDAY, OCT. 9 • 2 PM GYM





# pray for

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

Thomas Pavia · James McCaughey · Dulio Prado · Robert Schacht Riso • William Harkins • Mary Jane McMahon • 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 Gail Rampolla 

 Angelo Narciae 
 Fred Tedone 
 Mary Curcio 

 Ann Biondi 

Rich DiVenuto 
Ava DiBenedetto 
Noah Martinez Stephen Martin · Catherine Slootmaker · Florence Luczun · Angela Morelli · Stan Vishinski · Frank Vaccarelli · Filomena Gelso · Angel Piteo · Marilyn Ortiz · Amy Neary · Genevieve Gallagher · Carmen Sidari · Carol Ann Vaccarelli · Thomas Joseph Kelleher · Hilton Perez Silverio Calisi
 John F. Noone
 Nancy Streiton
 Stephan Martin 

Richard & Margarete Alexander

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 **Anita Noce** at the request of Betsy Hansbury.

# scholarship winner

Congratulations to **Carly Valente**, the recipient of the 2022 Sacred Heart Catholic Daughter's Court #2585 Scholarship. We were honored to present Carly with a scholarship in the amount of \$500 to be used in further pursuing her educational studies. We are so proud of you!

# knit & crochet ministry

The St. Lawrence Knit and Crochet Ministry will be making hats and scarfs for the homeless and baby hats and blankets for Sisters of Life. Anyone interested in helping please call or text Mary Thomson at 845 661 9438 or email at mary46bethany@comcast.net.

# altar flower ministry

The Altar Flower Ministry needs help to arrange flowers. Anyone interested would need to come once a month on a Saturday. If interested please text Dina Filgueira at 475-237-8524. Dina and Angela Morelli are coordinating this ministry.

# italy/lourdes information meeting

On **Monday, September 26 at 7 pm** in the Jerusalem Room, Fr. Rich will be sharing information about the upcoming pilgrimage trip to Italy and Lourdes, France. April 16-27, 2023 • 12 Days \$4,899 from JFK

## mass intentions

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Saturday, September 2 5:00PM 7:30PM	<b>4</b> Edmon Viray Spanish	
Sunday, September 25 8:00AM 9:30AM	Bill Henry Veronica Paduana & Virginia Giamundo	
10:30AM Sacred Heart	Philip, Kathleen & Mary O'Connor	
11:00AM 12:30 PM 5:30PM	Giolio & Pasqualina Nicolia Spanish Intentions of Juliana Cecera & Nicolas Paento	
Monday, September 26 8:30AM		
Tuesday, September 27 8:30AM	7 Betsy Reid	
Wednesday, Septembe 8:30AM	•	
Thursday, September 2 8:30AM Friday, September 30 8:30AM	29 Jack Hufnagel James McNulty	
Saturday, October 1 5:00PM 7:30PM	Florentine Vouchene Spanish	
Sunday, October 2 8:00AM 9:30AM	Edward E. Walsh Renato, Marie, & Pasquale Testani	
10:30AM <i>Sacred Heart</i> 11:00AM	Silvio Marin Deceased members of	
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Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to Unitours.com/questions To book online go to https://bit.ly/GillPilgrimage



Lynda Holler Director of Discipleship



#### LEARN TRUTH

Recently we read the Gospel where Jesus teaches about good trees and rotten trees: "every good tree bears good fruit, and a rotten tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,

nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit." Since He is clearly talking about our human condition and not orchard science, it causes me to reflect on why some people make bad decisions and are unfruitful in God's eyes.

Blaise Pascal, the famous 17th century scientist, philosopher, and theologian made the profound claim that, "All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ,

# parish support st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of Sept 18		
In Pew Collection	\$	6,845.00
August WeShare weekly		7,150.75
	Total \$	13,995.75

### sacred heart parish support

Weekend of Sept 18		
In Pew Collection	\$	757.00
August WeShare weekly	\$	505.65
-	Total \$	1, 262.65

**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.



they all tend to this end. The cause of some going to war, and of others avoiding it, is the same desire in both, attended with different views. This is the motive of every action of every man, even of those who hang themselves." I heard this quote a few years ago and it has stuck with me. How can people's views of happiness differ so greatly? That means that Putin started the war with Ukraine because he believed it would make him happy. Men shoot schoolchildren, women have abortions, people embezzle, commit arson, gossip, overindulge in food, alcohol, drugs, on and on, all because they believe it will bring them happiness.

The reason we can mistake evil for good must lie within each of our consciences. How have we formed our conscience; who was our mentor? Have we been taught the Truth? Do we remember and understand the Truth we have been taught? Do we even believe there is one Truth? Popular opinion these days claims that I can believe one thing, but if you believe the opposite, that can be true to you. The devil loves to twist our uneducated minds and make the truth sound like lies and lies sound like truths. By living Jesus' Truth we become good trees that bear good fruit. None of us want to be rotten trees, so every single parishioner needs continuing education to learn truth, recognize deception, and live fruitfully.

Scripture: Read Luke 6:43-45. What stands out? Call to Action: Start learning now! Register your children for Religious Ed. Register yourself for Alpha, an Adult Faith Formation program, or contact me about joining a Discipleship Small Group. Slotlynda@gmail.com.

### parish staff

Rev. Richard Gill	Pastor
Rev. Thomas Berg	Weekend Associate
Fr. Jim Lynch, MM	Weekend Associate
Fr. Clifford Ekwueme	Summer Assistant
Julie Noce	Pastoral Assistant
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Sally Silvestro	Director of Communication
Beatrice Jacobsen	Director of Evangelization
	Director of the Family Program
Dominick Russo	Youth Minister
Kim SanterreDirector of	Early Childhood Learning Center
Denise Bassett	Director of Music
Melody Salas-Curra	Sacred Heart Director of Music
	Office Assistant
Savannah DeFelice	Family Life Coordinator
	Administrator
Karen DiTaranto	Database Administrator
Clara Segreti	Early Childhood Assistant
	Cemetery Administrator
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Joe Massimo	Parish Trustee



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