

november 27, 2022 first sunday of advent



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

Confessions

4:00 pm- 7:00 pm M & F

Sacred Heart

Sunday

10:30 am

Daily Rosary

9:00 am

St. Lawrence Cemetery

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Let us hold unwaveringly to
the **HOPE** we profess, for
he who promised is faithful.
- Hebrews 10:23

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YOU
HAPPY

Dec 4-6
7 pm-9 pm

come & see
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Do you understand your life's true purpose?

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Night 1: "Knowing the Love of God"

Night 2: "Internalizing the Mission of God"

Night 3: "Forming Disciples That Are Disciple Makers"

With your registration, you will receive:

- Journal and pen to record your reflections throughout the event
- Exclusive Steubenville Parish Missions magnet
- And life-changing answers to the questions above!

SPEAKER

Deacon Bob Rice from the Diocese of Steubenville, and Professor of Catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville is a highly sought after international speaker, a popular podcaster, established author, and masterful musician.



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while we're at it

Dear Friends,

Advent starts today. We need Jesus back in this world, don't we?

One big story in the news has been the overnight collapse of FTX, the cryptocurrency platform. It's smart-aleck, thirty-year-old CEO along with his other young executives made billions very fast. Greedy, conceited, hedonistic opportunists without any moral compass, they helped themselves to the money people had invested or just squandered it. Thirty-two billion dollars vanished in a matter of days. The news is saying now it is "bigger than Enron."

For the umpteenth time, we all get a life reminder of what's important in life and what is not.

"God made us to know him, to love him, and to serve him in this life, so as to be happy with him forever in the next." The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts the truth out there plainly and simply. This is true wisdom – we live a short time and after that comes judgment, and then eternity. Not "eat, drink and be merry" as that pitiable gang from FTX thinks. We are made for eternal life and the way we live now determines where we will spend eternity.

On that note, **thanks again** to everyone **who helped to serve or donated to St. Anthony of Padua on Thanksgiving** – we brought meals and essential items to over 500 homeless in the South Bronx and gave \$14,000 in assistance to our sister parish. Thanks also to those who served up meals locally for the homebound and poor around Brewster.

Giving makes us feel good but the reason it is important isn't so much that. It should make us remember that all we have is a gift from God and that our material wealth must be used for the good of others. Our commitment to the poor makes us better people and true members of God's family. "The measure you measure out will be measured back to you."

The financial report from the parish will be out soon and shows we are trying to be good stewards of the money you contribute for the good of the Church. We're giving increasing amounts to projects to benefit the poor and homeless through **Brewster Cares** and other mission projects. We're investing in our physical infrastructure and our outreach to draw more people to God with the Gospel message.

What matters, in the end, is the good we've done for God and for others. Thank you for living your Catholic faith that way – it's what makes life worthwhile.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. Come and bring friends to the **Parish Mission Dec. 4-6**. You and they deserve some spiritual renewal in time for Advent, and you won't come away disappointed – it will be a great renewal for you.



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



thankful for thanksgiving

KIM SANTERRE



St. Lawrence Early Childhood Learning Center had its return of the annual Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, November 16, 2022! We celebrated Thanksgiving all together as a school community.

Children prepared in advance their own Thanksgiving-themed placemats and hats for the event. They got to both of them home to use on Thanksgiving Day.



Staff and parent volunteers cooked and prepared foods and desserts for the children to sample and taste during our feast. The menu consisted of turkey (of course!), mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, rice, cornbread, and cranberry sauce. The desserts were delicious as well. Children enjoyed mini cupcakes, brownies, pumpkin bread, Oreos, and chocolate chip cookies.

We began the meal in prayer by saying grace and thinking about what we are thankful for this year. Staff and parent volunteers then served the children their plates. We ended the event with some music and a quick dance with Mrs. Gauriloff leading the fun.

ECLC is grateful for the return of our annual Thanksgiving Feast and especially grateful for all of the children and families at ECLC.





you're amazing!

DOM RUSSO

Many eighth graders from Saint Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart have been working extremely hard to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring. As part of their preparation, they attended a retreat night last Saturday, given by the **Hard as Nails Missionary Team**. Founded by Justin Fatica, Hard as Nails works to create a world where no one suffers alone. Justin spoke to the eighth graders about how life involves suffering but pointed out that in that suffering we are united to Jesus' suffering on the cross. Justin shared stories of his life, the challenges he faced growing up, and how they helped him become the man he is today. Several of the missionaries also shared how their struggles brought them closer to their relationship with Christ.

During the course of the night, the students played games together with the missionaries, attended a holy Mass celebrated by Father Tom, ate dinner together, and prayed.

A few courageous students shared their own personal struggles with the group towards the end of the night. It was "inspiring to see everyone supporting each other," said one girl. Justin helped everyone to recognize that our worst days are actually our best days because our worst days allow us to grow stronger. He pointed out that we all need to support one another, to build each other up because you never know what someone else is going through.

"I learned that it was okay to have a bad day because other people can help you."

Students received free bibles from Hard as Nails as they were leaving, and many lingered behind, talking to the missionaries and praying with them. "I feel like it made me know more about Jesus," said one student to her mom as she was getting in the car. It truly was an amazing night!



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November 2022	Crabtree's Kittle House Inn, Chappaqua
December 2022	The Beekman Arms Inn, Rhinebeck
January 2023	Le Chambord, Hopewell Junction
February 2023	White Plains Performing Arts Center
March 2023	The Arch, Brewster
April 2023	Bernard's, Ridgefield
May 2023	Broadway Tickets, NYC
June 2023	The Hopkins Inn, Warren, CT
July 2023	Mohegan Sun
August 2023	The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park
September 2023	Hotel Thayer, West Point

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Dec 5 & 6
7 pm-9 pm

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Danos la Paz is a Spanish parish mission designed to encounter Jesus, and his love and mercy.

At this special 2 night event, enter into a deeper experience of Christ through inspiring talks, prayers, reflections, personal testimony and powerful praise and worship. Each evening will be followed by refreshments and a time for fellowship.

Night 1: God is a merciful Father
By his mercy we are healed
Night 2: Living as Missionary Disciples

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NEW THIS YEAR



FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE ADVENT STORY

THURSDAYS

Dec 1 – Dec 22
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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REJOICE! FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE ADVENT STORY

We pray that in deepening our appreciation of the places, people, and events of the very first Advent, we can encounter the Lord in our own lives and hearts. Join this program to help you enjoy Advent. Enjoy the journey. Enjoy the places, people, and events that shaped the story of the very first Advent and shape our own lives now.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/Rejoice

FEE: \$20



**Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord...**

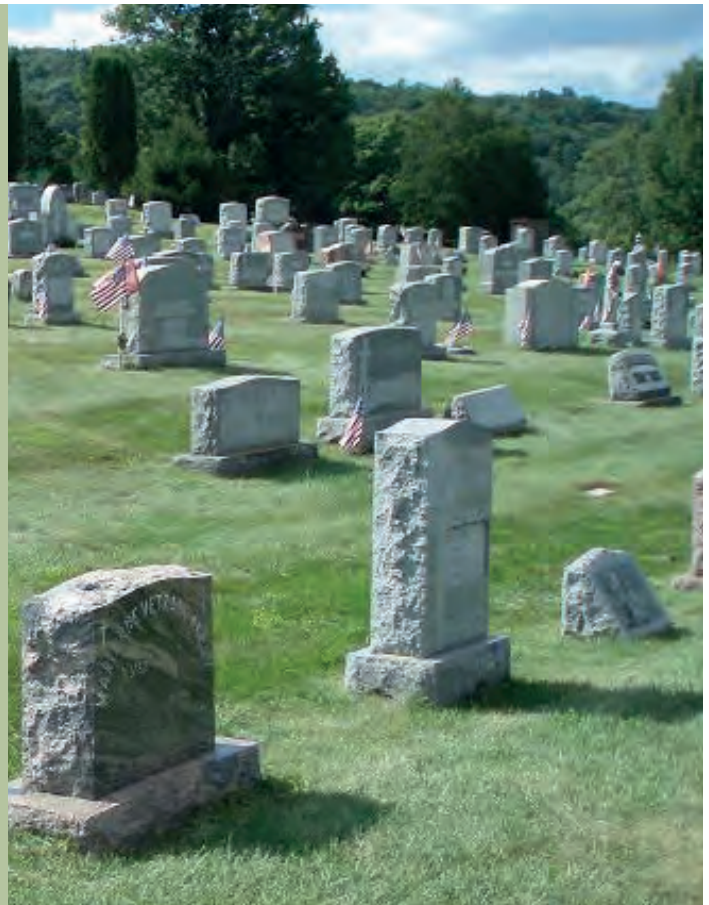
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Names will remain on the Prayer List for 90 days and then will be transferred to the prayer list in the Adoration Chapel. To add names to or remove names from the Prayer List, please email: SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com

dedications

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Kathy Pellecchia** at the request of the Callahans

snowflake tea

The Snowflake Tea is a fundraiser for Court Bernadine #185 Catholic Daughters of America.

December 10 at 12 pm to 3 pm in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Center Dining Hall. Wear your favorite Christmas outfit.

RSVP by December 1

Ildi Bergstrom at: cdacourt185@gmail.com.

Make checks payable to CDA 185 and note in memo *Tea*. To reserve a seat mail payment off to the rectory. Seating is limited.



christmas caroling

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring **Christmas Caroling** on **Friday, Dec. 9** at Putnam Ridge Nursing Home at 5:45 pm in the Great Room. Caroling starts at 6 pm. Questions please contact Paul Giamundo at 845-279-2254.



mass intentions

Saturday, November 26

5:00PM Carmela Saccomano
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, November 27

8:00AM Christian Serrano
9:30AM Mary Welft
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Don Parfitt
11:00AM Deceased of San Damiano Fraternity
Daniel Contrera
John Lynch

Monday, November 28

8:30AM John Edward Walsh

Tuesday, November 29

8:30AM Sr. Maura Harrigan, RDC

Wednesday, November 30

8:30AM Palmero Sanches

Thursday, December 1

8:30AM St. Lawrence O'Toole Society

Friday, December 2

8:30AM Souls of St. Lawrence
O'Toole Cemetary
Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

7:00PM

Saturday, December 3

5:00PM Edward & Geraldano Brown
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, December 4

8:00AM Thomas Tavino
9:30AM Patrick & Florence Sheerin
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Marjorie & Walter Walsh
11:00AM Ursula Chiulli
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Carmine Aloisio & family

meditation on the christmas path

The San Damiano Fraternity welcomes you to a meditation on **THE CHRISTMAS PATH** **Friday, December 9** at 6:00 pm St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. We will recall that first Christmas night and the path that led the Shepherds and Wise Men to the Babe of Bethlehem.



Followed by refreshments in the Parish Center

The **fraternity will be collecting boxer shorts** for the men at St. Christopher's Inn, Graymoor that you can bring as an offering.



Lynda Holler, Director of Discipleship

PRAYING EACH OTHER TO HEAVEN

As November ends, the month of saints and souls, let's reflect on all the souls that have gone before us: the canonized saints, our sisters and brothers in Purgatory, and those who we fear may have died rejecting Jesus. As disciples, we need to stay in communion with all members of the Body of Christ.

It is a wonderful practice for us to read the lives of the saints and choose at least one to connect with. Pope Saint John Paul II canonized many 20th Century saints, and subsequent popes are doing the same, so it is easier than ever to find holy men and women with whom we have commonalities. As with each of us, God put them in diverse situations, asked them to fulfill innumerable roles and invited them to accept their own unique suffering. The common denominator is their determination to love and obey

God to the best of their ability. Praying to them for their guidance and intercession will help us do the same.

I recently added an important prayer for the holy souls in Purgatory to my morning prayers. Our Lord instructed St. Gertrude the Great that each time this prayer is said, a vast number of souls are released from Purgatory: "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with all the Masses being said throughout the world for all the holy souls in Purgatory. Amen." I hope you will join me in saying it daily.

Fr. Chris Alar, a Marian Father of the Immaculate Conception, teaches about the power of praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those souls we fear were separated from Jesus at the time of their death. He explains that since God lives outside of time, our prayers today can still appeal to God to pour out his mercy on them. He says that our prayers are, "like a squadron of dive bombers coming in from today to aid in the war being fought for souls at the time of their death." Our Catholic faith offers us so many opportunities to simultaneously learn from and help others – those in this world and the next.

Scripture: Read Ephesians 5:1-5. What words stand out?

Call to Action: Make it a regular prayer practice to pray St. Gertrude's prayer for souls in Purgatory and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who have rejected God.

parish support

At the time of print the collection numbers were not available.

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.

1 COLLECT 5 CLOTHING ITEMS TO DONATE	2 MAKE A CARD FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR	3 CALL SOMEONE JUST TO SAY 'I LOVE YOU'	4 READ A CHRISTMAS BOOK TOGETHER	5 LEAVE A TREAT FOR YOUR MAIL CARRIER
6 SING A CHRISTMAS SONG	7 DECORATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE	8 FIND A CHORE TO DO FOR SOMEONE ELSE	9 FIND 3 TOYS TO DONATE OR GIVE AWAY	10 WRITE A NOTE TO YOUR TEACHER
11 MAIL A LETTER TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T SEE OFTEN	12 DONATE 10 NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS	13 GO LOOK AT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	14 TAKE A FLOWER TO SOMEONE SPECIAL	15 MAKE UP A FUN CHRISTMAS SONG
16 PLAY A BOARD GAME TOGETHER	17 MAKE A GIFT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO ENJOY	18 INVENT AND COOK A NEW MEAL	19 MAKE A STRANGER SMILE TODAY	20 FIND 2 BOOKS TO GIVE TO A FRIEND
21 DRINK HOT CHOCOLATE AND WATCH A MOVIE	22 MAKE A NEW ORNAMENT FOR YOUR TREE	23 SHARE A SPECIAL HOLIDAY MEMORY	24 HAVE A COOKIE DECORATING CONTEST	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

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