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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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Helping to pack up 800 meals for the homeless at St. Anthony of Padua in the South Bronx.

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Dec 4-6
7 pm-9 pm

come & see
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Come discover the true happiness of being known intimately and loved unconditionally in the heart of Christ.

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Do you know you were made for greatness?
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, an established author, and a masterful musician.



REGISTER TODAY

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December 4, 2022

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

December is the darkest month of the year with the days getting shorter and nights longer until Dec. 21, when the Northern Hemisphere most faces away from the sun. The arrival of Christmas begins to renew our hope, and the light gradually creeps back. It's an apt metaphor for our culture. We go from dark to darker unless we welcome Jesus as "the light of the world."

Until we do, the darkness spreads.

A friend sent me an article about a French priest silenced by his bishop because he preached that abortion has killed more people in France than all who died in World War I. It's an obvious fact. Why are we afraid to face the hard truths of our day and call things by their name?



As we helped **St. Anthony of Padua feed 800 homeless** in the South Bronx on Thanksgiving Day, we got tragic news as we were offering Mass. A homeless immigrant mom with three small children despaired and took her own life... the third suicide in a city homeless shelter in a week. We just don't have solutions for all these displaced people who arrive so traumatized.

Tomorrow night we open our **Brewster Cares sleep center** and daytime **warming station** for the homeless. Last year we helped 33 adults with various different issues of addiction, mental health problems, and poverty – as the Gospel teaches us to do. Thank you for your constant, generous help to give these folks some dignity and respect. But what is it about our society that keeps breeding more broken people?

There is even controversy here in our town now about the high school permitting teachers to discuss gender theory and sex with underage kids, similar to what is happening around the country. Seems many have lost common sense regarding education and the rights of parents to form their own children in their moral values.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Let's open the door for him and let him in. He will show us the way and bring the light of truth to our confusion.

Sign up for the **Parish Mission with Deacon Bob Rice**. It is the start of light coming back. **It starts tonight** – Sunday, December 4, and continues Monday and Tuesday. It will be powerful and life-changing for us all. Don't miss it.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. Did you notice the old eyesore - the abandoned house next to the gym is gone? We bought it from the closed-down St. Andrew's Episcopal a few months back and we're planning to develop new parking, gardens, and a shrine to the Blessed Mother. Stay tuned!

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



servicing the homeless on thanksgiving

JUDY CALLAHAN



This is only year three, but our trip to **St. Anthony of Padua Church on Thanksgiving morning** to help pack meals for the homeless, has become a tradition that we look forward to each year. Lots of familiar faces from St. Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart, along with some new faces, made up our team of 31 eager workers.

The team of parishioners from St. Anthony's demonstrated amazing organizational skills and also knew how to be flexible and adjust to changes, such as the last-minute addition of 300 more meals to prepare. They made it look effortless and it ran like clockwork, but it was an incredible amount of work. We were happy to help, but they were the true heroes of this initiative, serving a total of 800 meals this year.

Once the food was packaged and ready to be loaded onto the vans, we worshipped together at Mass. Bishop Joseph Espailat presided, assisted by our own Father Rich. A Mass on Thanksgiving Day is a joyful celebration, where we thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us. Bishop Joe reminded us that

each of the meals we packaged, represented a person whose life struggles we most likely cannot even imagine. His words were powerful, as he reminded us of the daily difficulties people experience, particularly those in the homeless shelters, and the toll that it takes on the workers who dedicate themselves to serving them. I'm paraphrasing, but he left us with a thought-provoking challenge: "What can we do to really make a change in this world?"





pizza for the score

JEFF SNYDER

Many of our CYO basketball players supported the 40-hours of Adoration event at St. Lawrence in June following Corpus Christi. CYO sponsored an hour and led the parish in prayer. We had such a good turnout, we were awarded a pizza party!

The pizza/movie night was held on Friday, November 18. Seventy-five kids and coaches watched **Jump Shot**, a movie about basketball as well as being a good Christian. All the coaches and parents enjoyed talking with one another about the upcoming CYO season. The kids had a great time eating and spending time with their friends talking and playing some games in the gym.

CYO is very thankful the parish allows the children to use the gym for their basketball games. We teach the kids good sportsmanship during the game and how to be a good Christian everyday. Our CYO program has about 70 kids ranging from grades 3-8 that compete all around Westchester and Putnam Counties. Our boys' and girls' teams practice once a week. Games on the weekends are played at Sacred Heart gym or at our opposing parishes. We welcome all members of the church to come out and support our teams whenever we have home games. We look forward to seeing you and representing our parish the best way we can.



helping the homebound at thanksgiving

PEG SMITH

November is a time for thanks and giving. With the support of so many, the San Damiano Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans and the Knights of Columbus, St. Lawrence Council #1495 provided hot meals to 175 homebound on Thanksgiving Day.

Preparations began on Wednesday as the Knights began cooking turkeys and the Fraternity assembled items included in the meal delivery (individual packets of gravy, cranberry sauce, pies, and prayer cards).

Support for the day came in a variety of ways. Businesses like Aversano's and Kobacker's provided supplies. People sent checks to defray costs. And prayer warriors lifted up the workers and drivers as the hot meals were sent on the way.

It was wonderful to see the smiles of so many volunteers - those helping for the first time and others who have volunteered for years. I felt grateful to begin my day in service to others. I felt blessed to be part of an event that was Christ-centered not self-centered.



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| 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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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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7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/Rejoice

FEE: \$20



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O Lord...**

Our most recently deceased parishioners:
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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 **Mary Ortiz**

The **Tabernacle Candle** is dedicated for **Matthew Cilenti**

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Mary Ortiz**

thank you!

The San Damiano Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans and the Knights of Columbus, St. Lawrence Council #1495, extend a heartfelt thank you to all the donors and volunteers who prepared, packed, and/or delivered turkey dinners to those who were ill, homebound or alone in our community on Thanksgiving. Along with the 175 meals that were delivered, the warmth of God's love was shared with our brothers and sisters. This year marked the 26th anniversary of this event and continues to be a beautiful sign of our faith!

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 6. Contact: Danielle Thompson at **917-567-1995** or cdacourt185@gmail.com. \$20 per person. Make checks payable to CDA 185 and note in memo *Tea*. To reserve a seat mail payment off to the rectory. Seating is limited.



mass intentions

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

Monday, December 5

8:30AM Patrick Martin, Sr.

Tuesday, December 6

8:30AM Sr. Marie Murphy, RDC

Wednesday, December 7

8:30AM Intentions of Brianna & Joseph DeBellis
6:30PM Gladys Elena Estrepo

Thursday, December 8

8:30AM Emma & Bob Yates
12:00 PM Mary Kelly
6:30 PM Kathy Civetta
7:30PM Spanish

Friday, December 9

8:30AM Msgr. McCabe Scholarship Fund

Saturday, December 10

5:00PM Holler & Fitzgerald Families
7:30PM In thanksgiving for employment and family

Sunday, December 11

8:00AM Robert Rocco Russo
9:30AM Michael Bozza
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Silvio Marin
11:00AM Gregory Taylor
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30PM Carolyn A Pascale

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.



silent bazaar winner

Gail Rampolla won the Silent Bazaar Raffle this year. Congratulations!



Lynda Holler, Director of Discipleship

BRILLIANCE

As I sat in Mass last Sunday, I started reflecting on the light that comes from the action of lighting the Advent Wreath. Imagine that you live in a pitch-dark room. One day you find a candle and light it. The room isn't dark anymore! One small light makes a big difference. You start to see some details of the table where the candle sits, and the room feels cozier. You have a feeling of hope that you never had living in darkness.

A week later, you notice the second candle and use the first to light it. Twice as much light. It radiates further, and you can see slightly beyond the table. The light reflects off of some other things in the room. You can't tell what they are, but you begin to recognize that the room is more interesting than you originally thought. It feels safer. Faith and trust are growing within you. In another seven days, a third candle catches your eye, and you

light it. The furniture around the room takes shape and you find that you trip less. Your days are more productive. You feel a joy that you didn't have before. Then a week later, you notice the fourth candle and wonder why you had never thought to light that one too. Now the room is alive with candlelight. You see beautiful paintings on the wall, photos on shelves, and tabletops. Peace and a sense of belonging envelop you like they never could when you lived in darkness.

What could be better than that, you ask? Life has changed radically: from darkness to light. The world is good, and you are happy. But a week later, on December 25th, there is a knock on your door. A friend walks into your room and asks why you are satisfied living in candlelight. He walks to the wall, flips the switch, and turns on the spectacular crystal chandelier that hangs in the center of your room. You are awed by its brilliance. Once your eyes adjust, you see your room with perfect clarity; such a contrast to the darkness you previously accepted and the candlelight that had impressed you.

Jesus is the light of the world. He defeats darkness and reveals all the cobwebs hanging in our corners. Let us use this Advent to build up our hope, faith, joy, and peace, as each candle is lit so that we are prepared to receive the full gift of light that Jesus longs to give us at Christmas.

Scripture: Read John 8:12. What stands out?

Call to Action: Pray for Jesus to help you grow in faith so that this Christmas is the most brilliant one you have ever known.

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of November 20

In Pew Collection	\$	7,493.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	6,302.02
Total	\$	13,795.02

Weekend of November 27

In Pew Collection	\$	6,755.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	6,302.02
Total	\$	13,057.02

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of November 20

In Pew Collection	\$	854.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	432.73
Total	\$	1,286.73

Weekend of November 27

In Pew Collection	\$	1,249.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	432.73
Total	\$	1,681.73

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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