

december 11, 2022 third 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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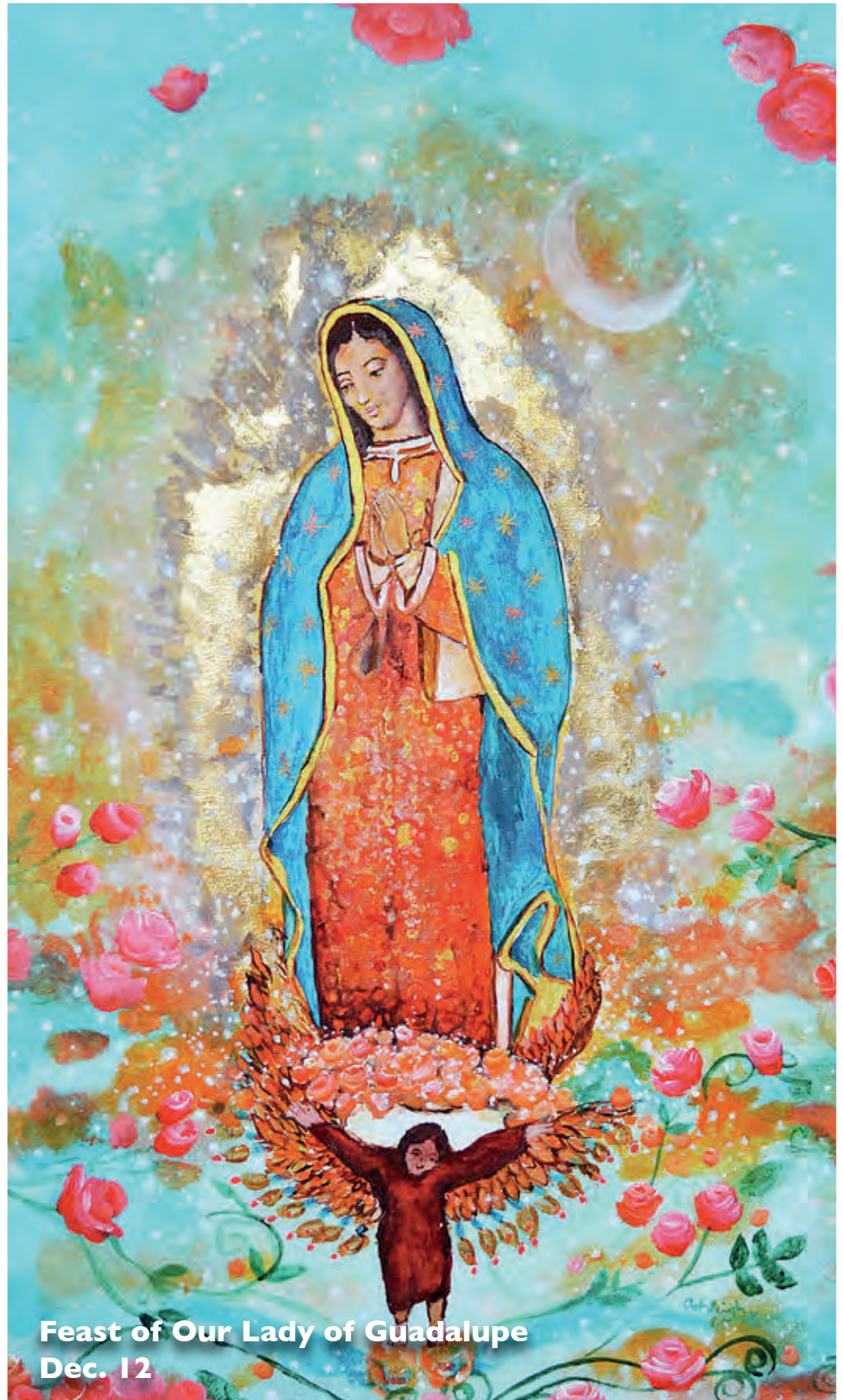
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**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Dec. 12**

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**cheer in the  
NEW YEAR!**

YOUNG ADULTS  
AGES 21-35



You're Invited!  
**TO A HOPPY NEW  
YEAR'S EVE**

December 29th • 7:00 PM

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to start the new year with new friends.

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NOON YEARS!**

December 31 •

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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**A FAMILY FUN NEW YEAR'S  
EVE CELEBRATION!**

Families can enjoy tons of fun activities including  
a balloon drop at noon with an apple juice toast.  
Enjoy crafts, trivia, cornhole tournament,  
games, DJ, and photo booth.

Mark your calendar!

**REGISTER TODAY! SCAN QR CODE**

**family fun  
New Year's Eve**





December 11, 2022

## while we're at it

Dear Friends,

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we wait for another?" John the Baptist, languishing in Herod's dungeon, facing execution for "speaking truth to power" in denouncing his adultery, sent his disciples to Jesus to ask that question.

Jesus is the "one who is to come" and there is no one else in whom we put our hope – he is the Messiah and Lord and Son of God - in him we trust our future. He is the only one.

Another Christmas approaches, and we still live in a world wracked by the war that threatens to spread internationally. Government doesn't work well – it mostly hands out borrowed money to favored groups with little accountability. Experts are exposed as self-serving rather than objective and we don't trust them. The medical profession forgot patient care and looks more and more like any other business for money. Big tech which made our lives so much easier now threatens to manipulate and control us. Once upon a time, we agreed about what is morally good for families and our society, but now there's no consensus.

Yet Christmas offers us hope: that in the end the Kingdom Jesus brings will triumph, and his justice and peace will reign over the chaos we've created. That's our hope as we wait these long dark nights until the dawn of the newborn King.

In the meantime, we keep doing all the good we can do:

Our long-anticipated parish mission finally came, and God's people turned out in droves: 300 for the **Fransican University Steubenville Parish Mission** in the Church.

Two hundred more Latino parishioners in the gym for the mission by the **CENTRO Charismatic Center** of the Bronx, making for over 500 participants!

Our **Brewster Cares** homeless shelter opened this week to attend to the surprising numbers of local homeless in our local community.

ESL, tutoring, and Supper Hugs continue for hundreds more needy people.

Our **Gianna's House**, a pregnancy resource center that will help moms welcome new life no matter what the circumstances, received its tax-exempt status and is getting ready to launch.

Every week more and more people are coming back to the Sacrament of Confession – we're hearing hundreds of confessions each month. This is a sign people are listening to the Holy Spirit speak in their consciences and leading them to Jesus.

We may live in difficult times, but these are times when the Holy Spirit is more active than ever for those who are looking to Jesus to be the light shining in the darkness – a light the darkness cannot extinguish.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



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



# Holy Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule

## CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT

*Monday, Dec 12*

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

*Friday, Dec 16 & 23*

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION MONDAY

*Monday, December 19*

2:00 pm to 9:00 pm

2 Priests

## CONFESSIONS CHRISTMAS EVE

*Saturday, December 24*

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

*Saturday, December 24*

ST. LAWRENCE

4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:30 Spanish, 10:00 pm (Midnight Mass)

SACRED HEART

4:00 pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

*Sunday, December 25*

ST. LAWRENCE

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,

12:30 pm Spanish

SACRED HEART

10:30 am

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

*Saturday, December 31*

ST. LAWRENCE

5:00 pm, 7:30 pm Spanish

## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

*Sunday, January 1*

ST. LAWRENCE

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,

12:30 pm Spanish, 5:30 pm

SACRED HEART

10:30 am

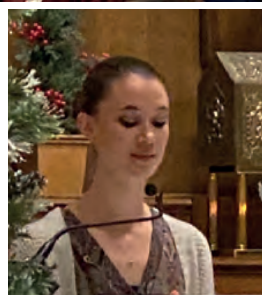


## you are loved

JOE BUKOWSKI

The **Steubenville Parish Mission**, and its message, was timed perfectly with the start of the Advent season. Deacon Bob Rice characterized the scene in Bethlehem at the time of the nativity as hectic and crowded. Our lives today are hectic and crowded, but Advent has us as a group “awaiting our Savior.” The focus was on the fact that Jesus Christ has an “unconditional love” for us and that we need to “embrace” that love with “childlike trust.”

Deacon Bob Rice had us look at our relationship with God the Father. It is a relationship that shows God gave us His Son, not to be judged but to be saved. God and Jesus Christ are willing to do anything for us, even when we might not deserve it. Colleen and I both feel it offered wonderful insight for reflection and provided an opportunity for growth in our journey as Catholics.



## danos la paz (give us peace)

Juan de la Cruz and his team from the **Centro Carismatico** of the Bronx came for a two night mission Monday and Tuesday for the Latino community of St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, lighting a new fire in the hearts of 200 attendees.

Our Latino parishioners are more and more an integral part of our parish family and we are starting the first Spanish speaking intentional disciple small groups.





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**supper hugs**  
brewster at its best!

Sometimes we need a hug, when we experience hard times: in sickness, loss of a job, death of a loved one, separation or divorce, and on and on. Life will always challenge us, and support from our community helps us feel loved and appreciated.

Brewster Cares is dedicated to support our community. Supper Hugs are meals prepared by local restaurants and delivered by parishioners to anyone experiencing a hardship.

To nominate a family to receive a Supper Hug meal, please email [BrewsterCaresNY@gmail.com](mailto:BrewsterCaresNY@gmail.com). Meals are delivered weekly on a Tuesday or Friday.



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

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## our lady of guadalupe - star of the new evangelization

BISHOP CONLEY

In 1999, Pope St. John Paul II declared the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** to be celebrated in every Church in the Americas. He said, she is the Patroness, the Evangelizer, and the Mother of the Americas. John Paul said that through her intercession, the new evangelization in America would “yield a splendid flowering of Christian life.” She is, therefore, the Star of the New Evangelization.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is an evangelist in all times, in all cultures. She was essential to the evangelization of the Americas from the time of the first Christian missionaries who came to these shores. John Paul II said that “the Most Blessed Virgin is linked in a special way to the birth of the Church in the history ... of the peoples of America; through Mary they came to encounter the Lord.”

Today, we are called to the work of a new evangelization—we are called to invite the world into deeper communion with Christ and His Church. We are called to propose Christ, as if for the very first time, to a culture that has largely lost sight of the Christian sensibilities in which it is rooted. We are called to propose to people an encounter with Christ. If we wish to be successful evangelists—successful missionaries to a people who need Christ—we need the Blessed Virgin Mary. And in our culture, in our nation, in our communities, and in our families, we need the Virgin of Guadalupe.

As we undertake the work of the new evangelization, we are called to imitate the love of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There are, in particu-

lar, three elements of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the heart of her prophetic witness to the modern world: **respect for the poor, commitment to the dignity of life, and evangelization through the power of beauty.**

When the Blessed Mother appeared on Tepeyac, to St. Juan Diego, the Nahuatl Indian, she did not appear to the missionaries themselves, or to Bishop Zumarraga, or to the Indian and Spanish nobility in Mexico. Instead, the Blessed Virgin Mary entrusted the responsibility of proclaiming her presence to a simple man with no contacts, connections, or influence. She did so because she saw his dignity, his holiness, and his ability.

The Church calls us to “preferential respect for the poor.” This means respecting the dignity, the capacity, and the call to holiness of the poor—and inviting those experiencing all kinds of poverty to share in the Church’s mission to the world. When we invite the poor to share in the life and mission of the Church, we witness to the invitation Christ extends to each of us—poor and unworthy ourselves—to share in his mission and in his life.

When she appeared to St. Juan Diego, Our Lady of Guadalupe wore a knotted black sash around her waist—a symbol of pregnancy in Nahuatl culture. And her waist bulged—a sign of the unborn Jesus Christ growing within her. Our Lady of Guadalupe is unique among the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary because she appears bearing Jesus Christ in her womb. Our Lady of Guadalupe evangelized the Americas while witnessing to the humanity of an unborn child. If we wish to imitate her, we must be steadfast in doing the same.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us.**

## pray for

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

Tony Greco ◦ Jackie Pasquale ◦ Michael & Luise Lyons ◦ Donna Tarr ◦ Jim Puckette ◦ Doug Griffin ◦ Bill Fallon ◦ Paola 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 ◦ Jerry Davis ◦ Carmen Serrano ◦ Maria Casillo ◦ Michael Bonilla ◦ Gail Rampolla ◦ Angelo Narciae ◦ Fred Tedone ◦ Mary Curcio ◦ Ann Biondi ◦ Rich DiVenuto ◦ Ava DiBenedetto ◦ Noah Martinez ◦ Steve Distefano ◦ Kathy Farina ◦ Maureen Durkin ◦ Joyce & David ◦ Stephen Martin ◦ 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 ◦ Megan Gersh ◦ Joe Turturro ◦ Mark Shisler ◦ AJ Cuccio ◦ Joyce Bothe ◦ Sandy Kawecki ◦ Christine Cunningham ◦ Nick Vaccarelli ◦ Patsy Wanstedt ◦ Thomas Williams ◦ Lisa Moore ◦ Tommy O'Brian ◦ Amy Neary ◦ Mary Patricia ◦ Denise (Dee) Vanaria

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](mailto:SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com)

## dedications

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for **Mary Ortiz**

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Michael Carleton** at the request of Lucille Carleton

## mass intentions

### Saturday, December 10

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

### Sunday, December 11

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

### Monday, December 12

8:30AM  
Intentions of CDA  
Spiritual Bouquet

### Tuesday, December 13

8:30AM  
Andrew Vasquez & Family

### Wednesday, December 14

8:30AM  
Vicky Lawry

### Thursday, December 15

8:30AM  
John DelBono

### Friday, December 16

8:30AM  
James Lynch

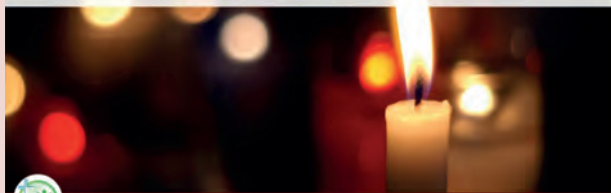
### Saturday, December 17

5:00PM  
7:30PM  
Michael Carleton  
Spanish

### Sunday, December 18

8:00AM  
9:30AM  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart*  
11:00AM  
12:30 PM  
5:30PM  
Ralph M. Nalbhone  
Michael Keegan  
Edward Richardson  
Mary Ortiz  
Souls in Purgatory  
Carmine Aloisio

## PRAY THE O ANTIPHONS



## about the o antiphons

The "O Antiphons" are part of the evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours for December 17 to December 23. In them, Old Testament imagery is used to proclaim the coming of the Christ child.

Incorporate them into your family prayer this advent, perhaps when praying at meal time or when lighting your advent wreath. Pause and reflect how each antiphon expresses a different title for the Messiah, giving us insight into how our own lives are changed by the Lord.

### December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

### December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

### December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

### December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

### December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

### December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!





LYNDA HOLLER  
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

**EMBRACE RIGHT**

A parishioner recently told me about a homily that she heard when she was a child. The priest’s exact words have stayed firmly rooted in her memory for over 70 years. He said, “When we first encounter evil, we are horrified; then, we start to tolerate it; next, we accept it; and finally, we embrace it.” Wow, is that the truth?

To drive that message home for her, twenty or so years later, she was in the hospital maternity ward and sharing a room with another woman. It was June 30, 1970. July 1st was the first day of legalized abortion and the woman in her room was there to abort her child. The nurses told our parishioner that they were having a hard time finding a nurse to assist in the

abortion. Fifty years later, thousands of medical professionals make it their full-time career to abort children, the culture and media convey the message that abortion is actually compassionate, and disagreeing with abortion is intolerant. What began as horror has been fully embraced by vast numbers around the world. It wouldn’t take any of us more than two or three minutes to think of at least five other examples like this, of things clearly understood to be evil a decade or two ago, that is fully embraced today.

December 12th is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Our Blessed Mother appeared in Mexico in 1531, at a time when the Aztec people practiced human sacrifice – mostly of children. Within ten years more than 9 million natives were converted to Christianity; her influence spread and ultimately Mexico and all of Central and South America became dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. More recently, Pope John Paul II declared her the Patroness of the Americas. It would be wonderful if Our Blessed Mother appeared in Brewster tomorrow and could influence a beautiful transformation like that in our attitudes and culture. Although that shouldn’t really be necessary. Jesus clearly teaches right from wrong, and the Catholic Church is here, speaking for Him in our day and time. As disciples, we need to return to being horrified by evil and reject all influences that are pushing us to embrace it.

**Scripture:** Read Isaiah 5:20. What stands out?

**Call to Action:** Join an adult faith formation class to form your conscience in Christ and better understand right from wrong.

**parish support**  
**st. lawrence parish support**

<b>Weekend of December 4</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 9,757.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,302.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,059.02</b>

**sacred heart parish support**

<b>Weekend of December 4</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,094.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 432.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,526.73</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.

**centennial renovations**

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,000
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 0
<i>WeShare</i>	\$ 624
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,624</b>

**o’toole seniors**

The O’Toole Seniors will meet on Dec. 12 at 1pm in the St. Lawrence O’Toole Parish Center New York Room.

**parish staff**

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
- Rev. Thomas Berg.....Weekend Associate
- Fr. Jim Lynch, MM.....Weekend Associate
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- Maureen Herbstritt.....Business Manager
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