



december 18, 2022 fourth 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

Plots and cremation niches are available for purchase.

Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201

call to schedule an appointment.

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Parish Mission

YOUR INVITED TO
**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

Quirk Works Brewing & Blendery
78 Triangle St., Suite 2, Danbury, CT 06810

Bring your brain power for trivia.
Grab some grub from the food truck, and keep
warm at the fire pit. The first 40 people to
register will get their first beer for free!
Don't miss out on this opportunity
to start the new year with new friends.

**REGISTER TODAY!
SCAN QR CODE**

YOU'RE INVITED!
**COUNTDOWN TO
NOON YEARS!**

December 31 •
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
St. Lawrence O'Toole • 31 Prospect St,
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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 18, 2022

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

At Christmas more than ever, we **pray for peace** because Jesus, the Prince of Peace, comes into our world and makes his home among us to save us from the conflict and violence, and suffering that sin brings into our broken world.

Our prayers will be for peace on the big issues of course – between Russia and Ukraine, between China and Taiwan, between Iran and Iraq, in Syria, in North Korea, and all the other hotspots in the world where hate, greed, and power threaten peace.

But we pray too for our troubled nation. Our politics seems to be at war with two very different visions of our country as if we were living in parallel universes and not in the same land. We sense the danger that comes from that, that we have forgotten how to dialogue in good faith, how to agree on first principles and disagree on methodology. We pray for our country to be a moral leader again, able to lead with more than economic or military force. President Reagan used to say, “America is great because America is good, and if it stops being good, it will stop being great.” How true.”



But this Christmas let's also be “**makers of peace**” – right here in our parishes. A few examples:

I pray that every parishioner too, has a deep personal relationship with Jesus – in our small group discipleship, in our Adoration chapel and that our love for him will lead us to do all the good we can for others.

I pray that our **Brewster Cares** efforts to help the local homeless and poor bring more people to selfless Christian service to those less fortunate and make us all more generous and more detached from our time and material goods. “Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me...”

I pray that our **married couples** grow in love, unity, and forgiveness and teach their children to worship “in spirit and in truth” because only families centered in Christ will be strong and persevere in a culture that has forgotten the values of family life.

I pray that **young people** growing up in a culture that is no longer Christian hold on and deepen their commitment to Christ through our strong parish community.

I pray that **every single mom** finds herself embraced by a Christian community that lives the Gospel of Life and commits to helping her choose life as a gift from God.

My list is much longer, but the **Prince of Peace is Emmanuel, God with us**, and he can do all things.
Merry Christmas!

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

Friday, Dec 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

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

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



winter faith formation 2023



THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

THURSDAYS: IN-PERSON
Jan 12 – Feb 16
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



We can't fully understand Christ, without understanding Mary. Following the authors of Scripture and the Fathers of the Church, **The Bible and the Virgin Mary** examines the role of Mary in Salvation History. Join us to gain a fuller understanding of her role in our life and how she longs to lead us to her Son.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/BibleandVlrgin
FEE: \$25

GAINING CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY

WEDNESDAYS: IN-PERSON
Jan 11 – Feb 15
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
NEW YORK ROOM



Learn how to save, reduce debt, and achieve your financial dreams in this 6-week immersive class that gives you practical, easy to-use, biblically compatible tools and ideas to get the most of your income for immediate peace of mind, and future wealth. In addition to the 6 group sessions, the program includes a personalized consultation with the financial expert.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GainControl
FEE: \$50

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? ONE DAY RETREAT

SATURDAY: IN-PERSON
Jan 14
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
DINING HALL



The Great Story of Jesus, why he came, how he came, his life, his death, his resurrection and ascension, and his invitation for each and every man and woman to encounter him — is the most important story of our lives. In order to have a personal relationship with Christ and follow him in the midst of his Church, we need to come to understand his story and his love for us in a very personal way. Join us for an opportunity to come to know Jesus intimately and to understand how intimately he loves you.

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

FROM MOURNING TO JOY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAYS: IN-PERSON
Jan 7 - ongoing
9:00 am – 11:00 am
BOARD ROOM



Our Christian faith is the very key to healing after the death of a loved one and it is vital to living a life filled with promise, peace, and joy. St. Lawrence O'Toole's Bereavement Ministry meets weekly to help you work through your loss with group support and the GriefShare program. Practical strategies will help you move through the grief process with the goal of rebuilding your life while experiencing significant healing and growth in faith.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GriefShare
FEE: \$20





come and see

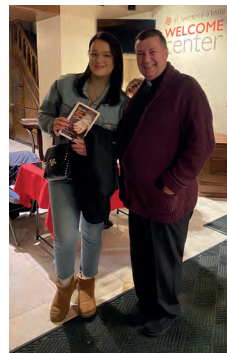
CARMEN CONSTANTINO

God calls us in a variety of ways. This time it was through various signs to **Come and See. Encounter Jesus.** I decided to attend the mission because I want to remain centered in the spirituality of the Advent season. The mission consisted of three nights of insightful talks, spiritual music, Adoration, and personal testimonies. The theme was centered on the Holy Trinity but we looked at the person of Jesus first. Jesus teaches us, not only how to worship and love God the Father, but to show us His mercy and His “reckless” love for us. I learned to pay attention to every word in the Bible. Although the Genesis creation story is very familiar, I hadn’t noticed that all creation was declared “good” but the creation of man was declared “very good”. We are created in God’s image to worship Him.

The music portion of the mission, led by Nate Reinhardt, was deeply moving for me. However, the most poignant part of the mission was when Fr. Gill processed through the church with the monstrance bringing us face to face with Christ living in the Eucharist. The lights in the church were turned down and a spotlight shone on the golden monstrance making it resplendent and, in turn, bathed us in that light. We were given the opportunity to have that personal encounter with Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. It was a humbling and beautiful experience. We are fortunate to have the capacity to experience



that intimacy with Jesus in our parish any time with 24-hour Adoration and at Seasons of Praise. We have the Holy Spirit always to guide us in our salvation which, I also learned, is not bound by time. I heard Deacon Bob Rice’s message that I have been saved, I am being saved and I will be saved.





peace, grace & mercy

ROSY SALAZAR

I know that God always listens and acts at the perfect time, that's why I decided to bring my family to the Spanish mission on December 5-6. Before I signed up, I asked the Holy Spirit for help because I knew that without His help I would not be able to be there.

The first night I had some difficulties being on time. I prayed again at home, and said "Come Holy Spirit and let me be with my brothers and sisters that are now together praying for those like me that are needing your mercy, grace, peace, and health." Thank God I got to the Gym where the Spanish community was located that day, and we found two empty chairs. At that moment I felt so much joy because Jesus was waiting for me. He cleared everything to let my husband and me experience this mission that was given to all of us.

It was beautiful to see CENTRO, the Spanish Catholic Charismatic Center team, ask the Holy Spirit for his presence, and the Holy Spirit was with us. We prayed, praised him, and worshiped God. Many people had never experienced his power or felt Him as a beautiful gift. Today I thank God, Fr. Gill, my brothers and sisters who came from the Charismatic Center, and all who worked hard to make these two beautiful nights possible! I heard God's message through his scripture. The woman asked Jesus for help because her daughter had a demon inside her and because of her faith Jesus helped her daughter. When I heard those words, I learned that everyone who really knows Jesus' power can intercede for others and ask

him to pour his mercy and grace into the person who is in need and Jesus will make a miracle for us because there is nothing impossible for him.

On the second night, all who assisted were there again plus more that were invited, we let them know what we experienced. I asked some friends to come and see, and please pay attention to the gifts that you're going to receive. I also let some friends know about the first night. A lot of couples got together, and asked more friends to encounter Jesus the second night, and to the Glory of God, they were there.

A woman received healing who was suffering from depression and migraines, and a man because of a testimony that was said, received a message that he should go back to the doctor. I heard a message from God too when my brother in Christ was speaking in tongues. I received peace so I knew that Jesus was healing me! I felt peace, joy, and so much love! I heard something beautiful when I was praying, the beautiful voice says, "if everyone knew that my Spirit was here they would be on their knees." I was on my knees and it was a beautiful feeling that I am not going to forget.

pray for

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

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 Kaweck ◦ Christine Cunningham ◦ Nick Vaccarelli ◦ Patsy Wanstedt ◦ Thomas Williams ◦ Lisa Moore ◦ Tommy O'Brian ◦ Amy Neary ◦ Mary Patricia ◦ Denise (Dee) Vanaria ◦ Anthony Zeoli

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 **Michaelina Cilenti**

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Michael Keegan** at the request of Geraldine Keegan

march for life

Seats on the bus headed to the March for Life on Jan. 20, 2023 will be \$45.

new catholics for november

We welcome the following children as newly baptized members of our parish:

Maddox Cardenas
Levi Cardenas
Gabriel Novo
Marcus Lavello



mass intentions

Saturday, December 17

5:00PM Michael Carleton
7:30PM Spanish

Sunday, December 18

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

Monday, December 19

8:30AM Donald Pippin

Tuesday, December 20

8:30AM Lena Serra

Wednesday, December 21

8:30AM Nick Pulitano

Thursday, December 22

8:30AM Ralph Nalbhone

Friday, December 23

8:30AM Eleanor & Michael J. Duff

Saturday, December 24

4:00PM Mary B. Kearns
4:00AM *Sacred Heart* Denis & Gladys O'Connor Family
5:30 PM Mary Kelly
7:30PM Spanish
10:00 PM Intentions of Jeff & Allison Eggelton

Sunday, December 25

8:00AM Bill Henry
9:30AM Bisogno Family
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Judy McDermott
11:00AM Giovanni Malandrucolo
12:30 PM Spanish



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. Meals are delivered weekly on a Tuesday or Friday.



LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

THE WAITING

Waiting doesn't seem to be an activity that comes naturally to us these days. I just ordered a Christmas present that I need in four days, so I am picking it up at the store rather than waiting to have it shipped to me. Being active, like driving roundtrip to the store, feels more productive than patiently waiting at home for it to arrive. Too much uncertainty. Will it get here on time? What if I don't like it? Will I have enough time to buy something else?

Typical shopping scenarios like this can parallel our spiritual lives. I can be impatient about my purchasing and likewise be impatient about God's slow and silent responses to my prayers. In praying the Litany of Waiting, some of the verses

really hit my heart. I realized it isn't the waiting that is the problem, it is the fear and beliefs that the waiting stirs up:
 From the fear of waiting, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the fear of uncertainty, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the fear of change, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the fear that your promises will not come true, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the fear that my suffering has no meaning, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the fear that your plans will not fulfill the desires of my heart, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the belief that I will wait forever without resolution, deliver me, Jesus.
 From the belief that I will wait alone, deliver me, Jesus.

These verses remind me that we should have no fear or disbelief in waiting. We should have complete trust and high expectations in God, all his teachings, and promises. And if we are old enough to recognize the wisdom and fortitude we have acquired through our past waiting, let's just remind ourselves that we will be better off at the end of the wait. In the meantime, let us recite this verse with confidence and peace:
 When no one else will wait with me, Jesus, I will wait with you.

Scripture: Read Lamentations 3:26. What stands out?
Call to Action: Listen to a gem-filled talk by Sr. Josephine Garrett and let her guide you in the full Litany of Waiting at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YsGqICiHvo>.

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of December 11	
In Pew Collection	\$ 9,652.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,302.02
Total	\$ 15,954.02

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of December 11	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,011.00
October <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 432.73
Total	\$ 1,443.73

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

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
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- Fr. Jim Lynch, MM.....Weekend Associate
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- Sally Silvestro.....Director of Communication
- Beatrice Jacobsen.....Director of Evangelization
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- Denise Bassett.....Director of Music
- Melody Salas-CurraSacred Heart Director of Music
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