



january 8, 2023 the epiphany of the lord

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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

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Jan 20, 2023
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march for life schedule

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, JAN. 20, 2023

- 3:30 am Coach Bus Leaves Brewster, NY to Washington DC
- 10:30 am Cardinal Dolan Mass for the NY Pilgrims
- 1:00 pm March up Constitution Avenue to Capitol Building
- 3:00 pm Finish marching
- 3:30 pm Bus back to Brewster, NY
- 9:10 pm Arrive at St. Lawrence O'Toole

Sign up today

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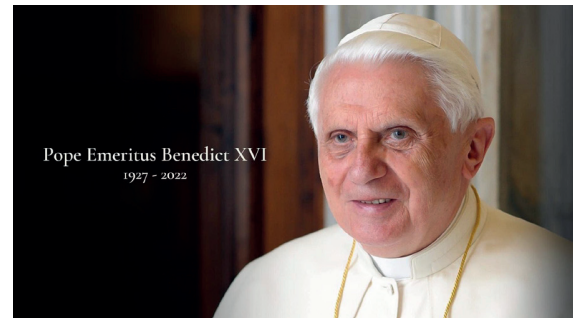


January 8, 2023

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

Thursday's funeral for Pope Benedict XVI was a fitting tribute to one of the great leaders of the Church in our time. His death on New Year's Eve at age 95 showed us God didn't mean for him to join us on our journey into 2023, but rather he wanted to take him to his eternal reward.



I personally admired him a great deal. He was a scholar and bishop for much of his life in Germany until Pope John Paul II called him to Rome to be his top theological advisor and head of the very important Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which oversees all issues of Catholic teaching and doctrine around the world. He was the brunt of much criticism as he was tasked with clarifying what was and what was not authentic Catholic teaching.

Often Cardinal Ratzinger would ask to be allowed to return to his native country to dedicate time to research and writing but John Paul would always tell him he needed him. Finally, when John Paul died in April of 2005, Cardinal Ratzinger felt that finally he could leave Rome. The Holy Spirit had other plans apparently. He was elected a week later as Pope Benedict, at the age of 78!

He was a towering intellect and a humble man full of charity and simple goodness. During the years I studied in Rome, I would often run into him in St. Peter's Square as he left his office and headed to his apartment near the Vatican. He was always kind and generous and would stop to chat with a small group of star-struck seminarians and make our day.

He spent several days at our seminary in 1988 giving us lectures on one of his ongoing theological research projects. I struggle to remember what it was about because it was so over my head. But I was impressed by his kindness, his joy, and his hopefulness about the Church and the world.

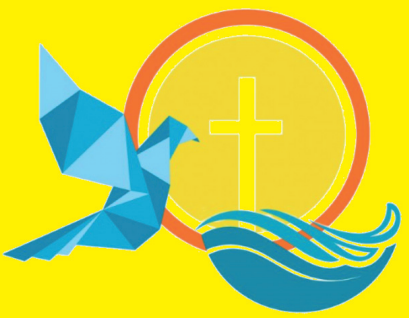
I happened to be back in Rome as a priest to study another year in 2004-2005 when Pope John Paul died and Pope Benedict XVI was elected. Everyone was anticipating a new program or set of plans from the new pope. But in his first address, he said simply (and I paraphrase): "Now is not the time for new programs but instead it is a time for us all, both Pope and People of God, to listen. To listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit to tell us what is God's plan for us... that is the important thing."

That is what the life of this man of God was all about. And hopefully, we can all learn to listen to God as well.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

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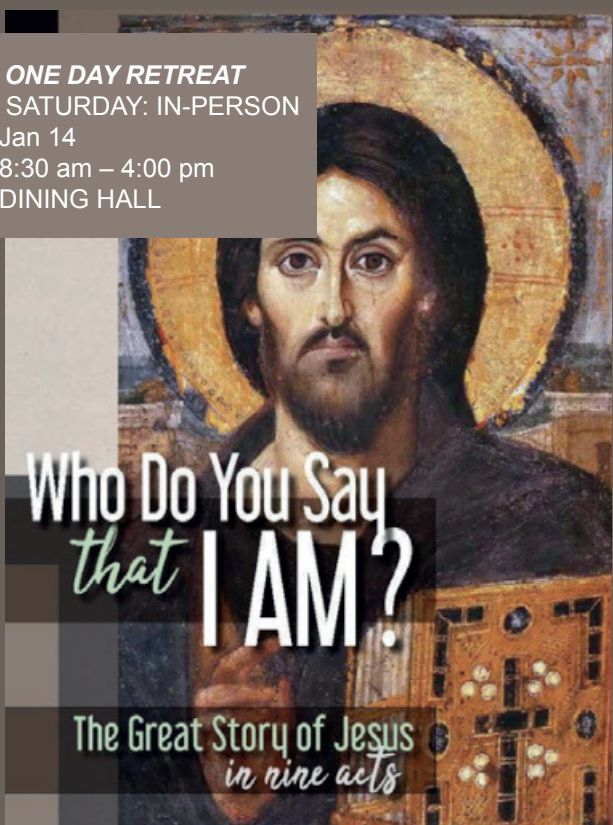


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a memorable holiday event at the ridge!

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winter faith formation 2023



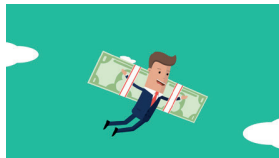
THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY
THURSDAYS: IN-PERSON
Jan 12 – Feb 16
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



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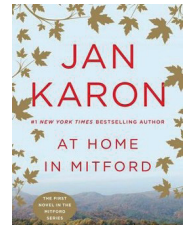
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Jan 11 – Feb 15
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
NEW YORK ROOM



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FEE: \$50

WOMEN'S GIFT
(GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER)
WINTER BOOK DISCUSSION
AT HOME IN MITFORD BY JAN KARON
Jan 10, and 17
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
ZOOM ONLY



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REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GIFT_BookClub
Purchase a book on your own

FROM MOURNING TO JOY
BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM
SATURDAYS: IN-PERSON
Jan 7 - ongoing
9:00 am – 11:00 am
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REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GriefShare
FEE: \$20





pope benedict XVI, rip

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

Pope Benedict XVI was a towering intellectual, something he shared with his predecessor, St. John Paul II. His philosophical and theological writings will be studied for decades. But it was his courage that endeared him to so many Catholics.

As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, he served St. John Paul II as enforcer of the Church's doctrinal teachings. He did so with prudence and justice, setting an example for those who would come after him in this post.

In 2006, he sparked much controversy for his comments on Islam. In his address at Regensburg University, he said, "Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."

Unfortunately, most of the media did not emphasize that he twice said, "I quote." He was referring to a remark made by a 14th century Byzantine emperor. Cardinal Ratzinger's point was that faith and reason must exist together, and just as the universities must be criticized for promoting radical skepticism—reason without faith—there are those who purport to be followers of religion who promote faith without reason. Both are unacceptable.

In 2005, the day before Ratzinger assumed his duties as pontiff, he addressed the cardinals in Rome. He spoke about the "doctrine of relativism," the popular and pernicious notion that there are no moral absolutes, and no moral hierarchy of virtues. In the same historic Good Friday homily, he unloaded on abusive priests. "How much filth there is in the Church, even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to him!"

When historians look back at the Catholic Church's handling of the clergy sexual abuse scandal, they will note that neither Benedict's predecessor, St. John Paul II, nor his successor, Francis, did as much to stop it as he did. His actions were as pivotal as were his words. He made it clear that men with "deep-seated homosexual tendencies" should not become priests. He was very aware of

the "homosexual cliques" and the "homosexual subculture" within the Church.

It was his courageous comments on the scandal, caused largely by homosexual priests, that earned him the ire of secularists outside the Church and dissenters within.

Benedict may have been a theologian and philosopher by training, but he also had a keen sociological mind. He understood better than anyone in the Church that it was the lack of faith on the part of molesting priests that accounted for their offenses. Dissent in the Church fed their mentality. He also understood, as I recount in my book, *The Truth About Clergy Sexual Abuse: Clarifying the Facts and the Causes*, the macro sociological forces that affected the Church, namely the sexual revolution.

It was Benedict who sanctioned the two most prominent predator priests, Father Marcial Maciel Degollado and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. He removed the Mexican serial abuser from ministry a year into his pontificate and he quickly accepted McCarrick's resignation when the cardinal turned seventy-five.

Benedict's critics were often as inaccurate as they were unfair. Laurie Goodstein of the New York Times wrote in 2013 that Benedict never removed predators from the priesthood. She was wrong. All total, from 2005 to 2013, he defrocked some eight hundred molesting priests.

Benedict's critics called him "God's Rottweiler" for being too draconian in his sanctions against dissidents. They were factually wrong. In his seven years as pope, he rarely called a dissenting priest on the carpet, though there were many candidates. Indeed, no one's license to teach theology was pulled and no one was fired from teaching at a Catholic college or university because of Rome's intervention. So if anything, dissidents got off easy. No matter, I am proud of the fact that the New York Times called me "Rottweiler's Rottweiler," a backhanded tribute to my strong defense of him.

Pope Benedict XVI was a selfless man, and his contributions to the Church, both in word and in deed, will be heralded for years to come. May he rest in peace.

happy noon year 2023!

BILL & MICHELLE ZAMBRASKI

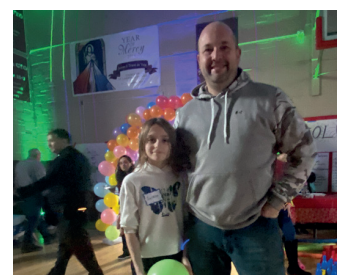


Our New Year's Eve celebration was a great family event! From the moment you walked through the door you were greeted by happy smiling faces, with everyone receiving a glow bracelet, as they entered through the balloon arch! There was something for everyone! The basketball shot, cornhole, ring toss, festive photo booth, and several fun crafts for the kids! And who can forget about the awesome DJ, his great music, and the games to go along with it? We also loved the family resolutions table where parents and children came together and wrote down what they believed were meaningful 2023 resolutions, to implement as a family, and display in their homes!

Next was the countdown where everyone gathered at the center of the dance floor. Everyone smiling with joy and anticipation. When the DJ yelled "Happy New Year!" the balloons and confetti dropped, and everyone was jumping up and down catching balloons with pure excitement! The energy in the room was felt by all! Bring on more dancing and fun!!

Lastly, there were many options for food, as people could choose from three hot or three cold packages. And...ICE CREAM! I mean who can resist a good ice cream sundae?

Overall it was so nice to see families and new faces come together as a community, to start the 2023 year off on the right foot. Because as a community of Faith, together we can do anything!



pray for

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

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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

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The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for the intentions of **John & Mary Kunert** at the request of Calvin, Hank, and Lola Strilowich

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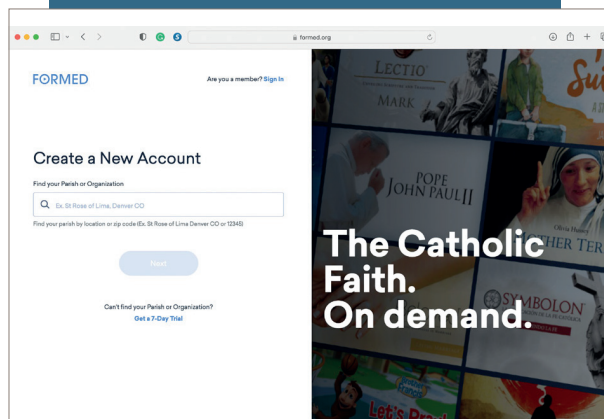
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mass intentions

Saturday, January 7

5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Mary McGreevy
Spanish

Sunday, January 8

8:00AM
9:30AM
10:30AM *Sacred Heart*

Vincent R. Luccarelli
Vincent DiTaranto
Bill & Joseph Lewis
Marianne Gallacher
Kathleen Pellecchia
Spanish
Brian Hansbury

11:00AM
12:30PM
5:30PM

Monday, January 9

8:30AM

Intentions of CDA
Spiritual Bouquet

Tuesday, January 10

8:30AM

Frank McAuliffe

Wednesday, January 11

8:30AM

Catherine Valente

Thursday, January 12

8:30AM

Jennie Cavallo

Friday, January 13

8:30AM

Msg. McCabe Scholarship Fund

Saturday, January 14

5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Kathy Pellecchia
Spanish

Sunday, January 15

8:00AM

Deceased members of
Guerin & DeFiero families
Jane & Carmine Pellecchia
Edward Richardson & Silvio Marin
Gerry Green
Spanish
Elizabeth Daly

9:30AM
10:30AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00AM
12:30PM
5:30PM

today's feast day

What is the Epiphany in the Bible?

In the Bible, the Epiphany is Jesus' visit from the Magi, aristocratic men from the east (often referred to as kings or wise men) who followed a star to see the newborn baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The Magi brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold was considered a symbol of kings, frankincense a perfume representing divinity, and myrrh an anointing and embalming oil that symbolized death.





LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

NOTICE, PONDER, REMEMBER

Over the last couple of years, I have recognized that the passing of the seasons doesn't faze me very much. I love summer the most, but as it ends, I shrug and think, "Before I know it, it will be Thanksgiving, then Christmas; we'll have a few weeks of lousy winter weather, followed by Easter, and right back to summer!" I thought of this as a mature product of my decades of experience watching the year go around.

But, in the Advent Rejoice! program, Fr. Toups taught us that we have to be careful not to get caught on the "treadmill of life." He said, "When this happens, life becomes just 'one thing after another.' Instead of us living life, it can feel like life is living us." When we remember that we are part of God's

Great Story of Salvation, we must admit that each and every day is part of the script and has significance, even if it isn't our favorite season or happiest day. Whether it is a forgettable day of work or laundry, a regrettable day of sickness, or changing a tire in the rain, we should not let it slip by unnoticed.

Fr. Mike's homily last weekend invited us to follow our Blessed Mother's witness: "Notice, Ponder, Remember." She noticed both the ordinary and the astonishing; she pondered them in her heart; then, she shared them with the Gospel writers so that all of us could remember them too. We can do the same. I find that journalling is a great way to recall my life. I recently read through my 15-year-old diary; it revealed a life I forgot I had lived! Talking about our lives with others and telling stories is also important. People remind me of things I said years ago, and it brings those events or feelings back. Remembering helps me understand who I was and how I became who I am.

It is equally important to acknowledge the good and bad things that happen to us, so we can reflect later on the value of both. It is only in hindsight that we are able to recognize the gifts that come from suffering or the heartache that can come from what initially seemed like a gift. As disciples, let us take notice of the every day, then ponder, remember, and treasure it.

Scripture: Read Luke 2:16-19. What stands out?

Call to Action: Start a simple journal and write one detail about each day. Share stories of your day with family and friends.

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of December 25

In Pew Collection	\$ 13,064.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 7,199.94
Total	\$ 20,263.94

Weekend of January 1

In Pew Collection	\$ 6,515.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 7,199.94
Total	\$ 13,714.94

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of December 25

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,383.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 482.55
Total	\$ 1,865.55

Weekend of January 1

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,935.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 482.55
Total	\$ 2,417.55

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.

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