



january 15, 2023 second sunday in ordinary time

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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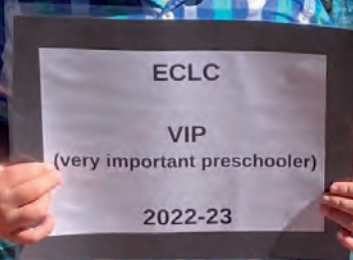
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Our classroom teachers are highly qualified, holding Masters Degrees in Education, as well as New York State Teaching Certificates. All staff are required by OCFS to obtain yearly training hours and attend seminars developed for Early Childhood Educators. Every staff member is CPR/AED/First Aid certified.

St. Lawrence O'Toole also offers two other structured programs for younger children which are both social/play based. Our "Just the Two of Us" is a program for (approximate) 2 year olds and a caregiver. Our "Twos Crew" is a drop off program.

For additional information, including hours, pricing, to schedule a tour and/or to register your child, please contact us at 845-279-5164 or sloteclc@comcast.net.

Registration for the 2023-24 school year opens to the public on Monday, January 30.

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January 15, 2023

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

This week will be the **50th March for Life** in Washington, but the first one since the Supreme Court decided that the Court in 1973 made a grievous mistake in striking down the abortion laws of every state. Now the Supreme Court has decided there is no Constitutional right to abortion, but that it is a matter for the states to decide, as it had been prior to *Roe v. Wade*. Now the focus is back to legislatures and lawmakers regulating abortion as each state sees fit.

That's why we're headed to Washington again to march for the defense of innocent human life. Join us on the bus early Friday morning as we leave St. Lawrence and journey down to join hundreds of thousands of others in making our voices heard.



St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta used to say that there will never be peace in the world as long as we can take the life of the most innocent and defenseless among us. She was right. We'd love to have you on the bus... we depart St. Lawrence at 3:30 am, arrive for a Mass in Washington with Cardinal Dolan, and then start the March. We'll be back on the bus home by 3:30 pm and arriving around 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

We had a wonderful visit from the Cardinal of Guatemala, Mons. Ramazzini, last Saturday. He came to support our Guatemalan community and show his pastoral care for them. He was pleased they found a home here at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, and that they are living their Catholic faith even far from the land of their birth. Over four hundred attended his Mass, and the following day another 300 attended the Spanish Mass. We're blessed to have them in our parish and they give such a witness of love for Jesus and commitment to our faith.

Our adult faith formation programs for the winter have started, but there's still time to get in. Just go to the website and sign up...

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Jan 20, 2023
ST. LAWRENCE & SACRED HEART



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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For more information contact Maureen at 845-279-2021

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how catholic are congressional catholics in the 118th congress?

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Catholics in the new Congress: In the 118th Congress, Catholics comprise 28% of the seats, the largest of any religious affiliation. But just how Catholic are these Catholics?

We reviewed the scorecard of incumbent representatives and senators as tallied by National Right to Life and NARAL, the two most authoritative sources measuring congressional support for the right to life and the right to abortion, respectively, in the nation. For newly elected members, we consulted their stated record on this subject when they were candidates. Here is what we found.

In the House of Representatives, there are 65 Democrats who claim a Catholic identity, 54 of whom have a perfect pro-abortion record; and all 10 of the newly elected members are in the pro-abortion camp. Of the 56 Republicans who claim a Catholic identity, 48 have a perfect pro-life voting record; one has a mostly pro-life record; and the seven newly elected members espouse a pro-life position.

This means that 98% of the Catholic House Democrats are pro-abortion and 100% of the Catholic House Republicans are mostly pro-life. In the Senate, there are 15 Catholic Democrats, 12 of whom have a perfect pro-abortion record. Of the 11 Catholic Republicans, 7 have a perfect pro-life record. This means that 80% of Catholic Senate Democrats are pro-abortion and 100% of Catholic Senate Republicans are pro-life.

In the last two years, both parties have become more entrenched in their positions. Even people known to be more

moderate on this issue ventured closer to their party's extreme. For instance, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Susan Collins of Maine moved more to the pro-life camp. However, moving in the opposite direction was Joe Manchin of West Virginia: he had a perfect pro-life rating in the 116th Congress but dropped down to a 67% score in the last congress.

Similarly in the House, Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ) became more pro-life after leaving the Democratic party. Henry Cuellar (TX-D), who was widely seen as the last pro-life Democrat in the House, earned a higher score from NARAL and a lower score from National Right to Life.

Does this mean that Catholic Republicans are better Catholics than Catholic Democrats? On the issue that the bishops regard as the "preeminent" issue of our time, namely, abortion, it certainly does. It must be said, however, that as a true measure of one's Catholic status, one's voting record on one issue is not necessarily dispositive.

Some argue that a congressman's record on social justice issues is a more accurate gauge of his Catholicity. The problem with that contention is that it is much more difficult to make comparisons on such matters. To wit: Catholics who favor more government welfare programs contend that their position is better aligned with Church teachings, yet Catholics who oppose more government dependency maintain that they are more faithful to the Church's teachings on the poor. Climate change is another issue that is difficult to score.

Ultimately, whether one is a "good Catholic" depends on factors of a more intimate nature. But it is not wrong to suggest that elected Catholic officials who maintain a decidedly pro-abortion voting record are an embarrassment to Catholics. They most certainly are. After all, the right to life is the most foundational of our natural rights. This is not an observation—it is a fact of life.



the “black christ of esquipulas”

FR. RICHARD GILL

On January 7, St. Lawrence parish was blessed with a visit from Cardinal Alvaro Ramazzini, the Archbishop of Guatemala City, who celebrated Mass for 450 parishioners on the occasion of the Feast of the “Cristo Negro de Esquipulas”. Dressed in traditional Guatemalan vestments, parishioners carried the image of Christ on the Cross to the altar for veneration as Mass began. Cardinal Ramazzini greeted the Guatemalan immigrants and encouraged them to live in Christian solidarity to help and serve each other in their new home in Brewster.



The feast is for the famous shrine in the eastern part of Guatemala where many of our Latino parishioners hail from. The Cristo Negro is the

earliest and most famous image of its kind and is the most venerated image in Central America. It originated in the town of Esquipulas in 1595.

Its famous color comes from the fact that the wood of the body of Christ and the cross darkened over time. By 1737, various miracles had been ascribed to it and a sanctuary was built, where it remains today. The popularity of this image and sanctuary has led to Esquipulas being called the “Central American Capital of Faith.”

Today over a million people visit the shrine each year, making it one of the most important in Latin America. Esquipulas was visited by Pope St. John Paul II in 1996 for the 400th anniversary of the image.





YAs ring in new year!

ERIN LENON

On Thursday, Dec. 29, the young adults from our community met at Quirk Works Brewery in Danbury, CT. There we drank craft beer, played trivia, and socialized. It was a great opportunity to come together, and bring along friends who otherwise may not have much interaction with St. Lawrence O’Toole and Sacred Heart.

Having these opportunities to encourage a strong sense of community in our young adults is vital, and we were thrilled to host about thirty people. We look forward to more events in the coming months. Be on the look out for **Sports Night** this winter!



a taste of heaven

CECILIA BRITZ

Imagine a group of children who are growing up praying, hoping, making, and eating Rosaries. Now imagine this same group of children giggling, bumping into each other, making funny faces, and holding their colorful rosaries in their little hands as they repeat Hail Marys. Wouldn’t you agree that heaven would sound and look like that?

And what about the taste of heaven? Heaven has got to taste a little bit like candy, caramel, Fruit Loops, chocolate-covered grapes with a side of Glory Be’s with a sprinkle of some Our Fathers. This is the kind of heaven we experienced on Saturday, Jan 8.

We learned that when we pray the Rosary, Mary comes in haste and walks us through Jesus’ life with moments she shared with Him. On Saturday, we prayed the Joyful Mysteries with our Lady, then had the most fun getting in line to select the best materials for making our edible rosaries.

If you would like to be a part of our Family Program, email us at familyprogrambrewster@gmail.com. Our special events are always fun, interactive, and child-centered.

Upcoming Events:

“Our Lady of Lourdes,” “St. Patrick’s Party” and “Palm Waving Cross.”

pray for

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

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 ◦ Anthony Zeoli ◦ Celia Martin ◦ Garry Oakes ◦ Robbie Shisler ◦ Edna O'Hanlon ◦ John McGuire ◦ Monica Rolston ◦ Stephen Martin ◦ Shawn & Patricia Lyons ◦ Ava DeBenedetto ◦ Kevin Palmer ◦ Jenny Palmer ◦ Thomas Palmer ◦ Steve Distefano ◦ Noah Martinez ◦ Michael Bonilla ◦ LoriJean Rooney ◦ Keira Koval ◦ Ted Rozzi

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 the intentions of **Carmen Sida** at the request of John & Marie McCluskey

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Mary Welsh** at the request of Gloria Rutledge

new catholics for december

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

Sadie Ann Franky

Sophia Schinnerer

Saoirse Ward

Marcos Sola Jacinto



mass intentions

Saturday, January 14

5:00 PM
7:30 PM
Kathy Pellecchia
Spanish

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00 AM
12:30 PM
5:30 PM
Deceased members of
Guerin & DeFiero families
Jane & Carmine Pellecchia
Edward Richardson & Silvio Marin
Gerry Green
Spanish
Elizabeth Daly

Monday, January 16

8:30 AM
James Renner

Tuesday, January 17

8:30 AM
Viola Maria Libera

Wednesday, January 18

8:30 AM
Elvira Esquillo

Thursday, January 19

8:30 AM
Emil & Nancy Anderek

Friday, January 20

8:30 AM
Kathy Pellecchia

Saturday, January 21

5:00 PM
7:30 PM
Patrick Disbrow
Spanish

Sunday, January 22

8:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00 AM
12:30 PM
5:30 PM
Maria Mazzarulli
Lucy Mancuso
Michael Schlachter
McCluskey & Ebert Families
Spanish
Mathew Joseph Pianka

help a cancer patient

Heartfelt® is a program started by the local courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas at St. Lawrence O'Toole, Brewster and St. John's the Evangelist, Mahopac in January of 2010. **The program provides gift bags to Cancer patients** at Putnam Hospital Cancer Center. It has since been run by the St. Lawrence O'Toole Court Bernadine # 185.

You can help this special program by:

- Sponsoring a bag for \$25 that will be given to a Cancer Patient
- Purchasing a bag for \$25 to give to a loved one
- Making a donation
- Donating Individually wrapped Lifesaver mints
- Donating Wet Ones Individually wrapped antibacterial wipes (box of 24)
- Donating Blistex Medicated Lip Balm stick (Teal)

Our members will be collecting donations after Mass on February 11 and 12.



LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

PERSONAL DELIVERY

The Scripture readings throughout Advent and Christmas have shown us many instances of God communicating with his people. I find it interesting that He interacted with key characters of his story in unexpected and unpredictable ways.

Think of the Annunciation: God sent the Angel Gabriel to invite Mary to be the mother of his Son. Joseph’s annunciation included the same angel, but in Mary’s case, the angel appeared to her in person and to Joseph in a dream. God didn’t speak to either directly, even though he was initiating his big, climactic plan to rescue humanity. He chose to use a messenger.

However, at the Visitation, when Mary greeted Elizabeth, Elizabeth was directly filled with the Holy Spirit, causing her to

say her famous, prophetic words, “Most blessed are you among women...” John, the Baptist, heard the Father’s voice from the heavens after baptizing Jesus. The three kings took their momentous journey based on God’s inspiration through their expertise in astrology. The Old Testament has countless examples of God’s unique ways of relating and instructing.

If God chose to relate to our mothers and fathers in faith in individualized ways, we should expect the same. Several years ago, as I started taking adult faith formation classes and other parishioners would talk about their relationship with Jesus, I would feel envious that one woman could feel Jesus with her at her kitchen table or another would feel his presence when she prayed. Since then, I have learned to treasure the personal approach that God takes with each of us. Some people may see visions of Jesus or angels or saints. Others may hear messages in their hearts or feel the warmth of God’s presence comforting them. It took me a long while to recognize that God communicates with me through ideas. Initially, I probably thought they were my own, but with experience and discernment, I have come to recognize that God is the inspiration for the good ones. As disciples, we must watch and listen for how God chooses to communicate with each of us, then treasure it, knowing that through this personalized transmission, He longs to touch our hearts and guide our path.

Scripture: Read Luke 3:16-17. What stands out?

Call to Action: Ask God to reveal how He wants to communicate with you, then watch, listen, and be open to his response.

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Weekend of January 8	
In Pew Collection	\$ 10,539.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 7,199.94
Total	\$ 17,738.94

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of January 8	
In Pew Collection	\$ 2,347.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 482.55
Total	\$ 2,829.55

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.

centennial renovations

December	
Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,955
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 39,000
WeShare	\$ 834
TOTAL	\$ 42,789

parish staff

Rev. Richard Gill.....	Pastor
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Fr. Jim Lynch, MM.....	Weekend Associate
Julie Noce.....	Pastoral Assistant
Maureen Herbstritt.....	Business Manager
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