

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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st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes



Ever wonder your purpose?

You're not alone.

You're invited to Alpha for a time of great food, and even better conversation and talks that make you think.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. **No pressure. No follow up. No charge.**

St. Lawrence O'Toole PARISH CENTER 11 Eastview Avenue Brewster, NY 10509

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WEDNESDAYS ENGLISH & SPANISH Feb 22 - April 26 7:00 pm -9:00 pm

FREE Dinner

Alpha

LENTEN SERIES

Seasons of Praise





7 PM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

FR. RYAN MULDOON St. Patrick's Church, Yorktown, NY

CONFESSION 4 PM - 7 PM

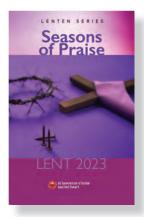


February 12, 2023 while we're at it

Dear Friends,

People are saying winter skipped us this year. Maybe... but there's still plenty of time for snow. One thing is for sure, though – **Ash Wednesday** is in ten days and that will happen no matter what. So we're bumping up against Lent, and we all have some thinking to do about what kind of Lenten program we should adopt. Living Lent well keeps us anchored in our faith... it's a reminder we have to live the death and resurrection of Jesus in our own lives through healthy penance and sacrifice, for our sins and the sins of others.

But sometimes we fall into the trap of just "giving up" something insignificant and forget that whatever we do, should be drawing us deeper into our relationship with the Lord. That's the point – to overcome whatever is keeping us from Him and bring us closer.



Pick up a **Seasons of Praise** Lenten Series brochure to see the line up for Lent. Here's a simple suggestion:

Every Monday evening in Lent we have the **Seasons of Praise Holy Hour**. We bring in a great priest from elsewhere in the Archdiocese to give a spiritual talk at 7:00 pm, and then have a beautiful Praise and Worship Hour with great music and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confessions run from 4:00 to 8:30 pm, and afterward, there's time for fellowship, refreshments, and some Christian art next door in the gym. It's a terrific commitment to make during Lent for six consecutive Mondays.

If you do that, I bet you'll have an awesome **Lent**. You'll come out of it closer to the Lord, more in love with the Eucharist, and purified as we all should be in this season of grace.

Put it on your calendar and bring some friends along.

Also on tap for the Lenten season, starting **Ash Wednesday** is **Alpha**. Alpha is the place to bring your relatives and friends who are questioning, doubting, not practicing... it's a smooth, non-judgemental program to introduce people to faith in Jesus. It's a warm, friendly atmo-

sphere with a meal and good friends who explore what faith means today.

You've got friends and loved ones you'd love to bring back. Alpha is a little first step – give it a try. The Holy Spirit will do the hard part.

God bless,

& Richard Sil

Fr. Richard Gill



Hear the timeless truth of God's Love that never changes.

Women's GIFT • EDITH STEIN Seeker of Truth

TUESDAYS: IN-PERSON Feb 14-April 4

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM ZOOM ONLY FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

Women's GIFT winter study will be on Edith Stein, also known as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Journey with us as we get to know saint and martyr Edith Stein, Seeker of Truth. Stein inspires women today to bring feminine genius into our hurting world. Join our 8-week study from Endow.

REGISTER: **stlawrenceotoole.org/WGIFT** FEE: \$40, includes book.

SACRED HEART

 Goal
 \$11,000.00

 Pledge
 \$ 2,510.00

 Number of Gifts
 12

 Average Gift
 \$ 209.17

ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE

 Goal
 \$77,100.00

 Pledge
 \$ 7,925.00

 Number of Gifts
 36

 Average Gift
 \$ 220.14

Blessed Are All Who Take Refuge in Him







646-794-3300 cardinals.appeal@archny.org cardinalsappeal.org



NEW SECTION opening soon at the cemetery with 900 new single and double depth graves. In-ground and Columbarium interment of ashes also available.

Contact the Cemetery Office at

845-279-2021 ×201 for more information

ST. LAWRENCE CEMETERY 20 Turk Hill Road Brewster, NY 10509



February 22

Ashes will be distributed during Mass and during the Liturgy of the Word services.

7:30 am, 8:30 am, Mass
12:00 pm Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm Mass
6:30 Liturgy of the Word Sacred Heart
7:30 pm Mass (Spanish)

Fridays in Lent: no meat (abstinence) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Days of Fasting and Abstinence (one regular meal allowed)

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WEDNESDAY



learning our faith

CECILIA BRITEZ DIRECTOR OF THE FAMILY PROGRAM

We have something special going on here at Saint Lawrence and Sacred Heart Parishes. Have you heard of it? Our parishes are focused on Jesus in the Eucharist. Our Family Program is no different. Our families come to Mass, our children attend their lessons during Mass, then the whole family participates in our Family Program! All of our lessons, yearly themes, special events, and even our calendar are centered on the Eucharist.



Our biggest quest is to bring families back to Jesus; back to the heart of our Catholic Faith: Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Would you like to be a part of a community like this? Would you like your little ones to be part of our Family Program?

Just this year our families learned more about our Father in Faith "Abraham;" and our Mother in Faith

"Mary." We had a Day in the life of a Priest; how our bodies and our movements in the church show our reverence to Jesus, as well as learning the parts of the Mass. During our special events, we always have so much fun!



We made a Snuggable Jesus, blasted a Christmas Party with a Live Nativity; made and prayed on an edible rosary; and coming up we will learn more about Our Lady of Lourdes, throw a Saint Patrick's Day Party, and make our very own Palm Waved Cross!

All of our lessons are in person. Our parents have many options to choose from for days and times, and our little ones understand that they are wanted, they are loved, and that coming to church is a family thing. Between lessons and learning, we never fail to bring laughter, crafting, music, dancing, and some goofing around topped with our delicious Sunday donuts!

Our **2023-2024 registration will open on March 1st**. We are praying for you to come home and be a part of this beautiful family community of faith. In the meantime, if you want to stay connected and receive more information, please contact us at familyprogrambrewster@gmail.com



invite a saint to pray the rosary with you

PHILIP KOSLOSKI

Praying the Rosary can often be difficult for us, as we can become distracted by our many responsibilities.

Not only that, the Rosary can even seem boring to many of us, and we would rather do something else with our time.

One way to enrich our time of praying the Rosary is to pray it with a saint in Heaven.

This could be a canonized saint, or someone we firmly believe is in Heaven. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, saints remain powerful intercessors.

The intercession of the saints. "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped." The saints will gladly join us in praying the Rosary from their place in Heaven. Even though we won't be able to see them and likely won't feel their presence, we may be surprised at the invisible grace that we receive from this practice.

The next time you pray the Rosary, consider inviting a saint to pray with you!



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pray for

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

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 · Mary Patricia · Denise (Dee) Vanaria Anthony Zeoli - Celia Martin - Garry Oakes - Robbie Shisler -Edna O'Hanlon · John McGuire · Monica Rolston · Stephen Mar-Jenny Palmer · Thomas Palmer · Steve Distefano · Noah Martinez · Michael Bonilla · LoriJean Rooney · Keira Koval · Ted Rozzi · Joe Piteo · Julie & Jullianna Sejfijaj · Thomas Blackman · Michael McCluskey · Stacy Holliday · Luca Gargiulo · Francine O'Connor 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 Praver List, please email: SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com

dedications

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The Pascal Candle is dedicated for Toni Akanewich at the request of Betsy Hansbury

The Blessed Mother Candle is dedicated for Patrick and Kathleen Stokes at the request of Eileen Stokes

Sacred Heart

The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated for Nancy Distefano at the request of Joe Distefano

save the date

The Knights of Columbus **ST. PATRICK'S TAKE OUT** dinner will be on Thursday. March 16, 2023

get your tickets



The Sacred Heart Evangelization team will be selling \$5 Raffle tickets after each Sunday Mass during February and March.

Proceeds will be used to support programs like Alpha, Transformed, The Search, and our weekly coffee and donuts.

Prize winning drawings will be awarded daily April 1-30. \$25 daily, \$50 on Sundays, and \$100 Easter Sunday

mass intentions

Saturday, February 11 5:00 PM

7:30PM

8:30AM

8:30AM

John DelBono Spanish

Margaret Tashman

Thomas Cherina

Sunday, February 12

8:00AM 9:30AM 10:30AM Sacred Heart 11:00AM 12:30PM 5:30PM

Monday, February 13

Kathy Pellecchia Spanish Alfonso Pilla

Paul Shisler

Christina Fahey

Tuesday, February 14 Anderek Family

Wednesday, February 15 8:30AM Catherine Valente

Thursday, February 16 8:30AM Robert Rickard

Friday, February 17 8:30AM

Saturday, February 18 5:00 PM 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 19 8:00AM 9:30AM

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

Pat Quinlan

Mary Bonatto Spanish

Angelina Carr Deceased of Kelleher & Trabulsy Families Edward Richardson & Silvio Marin JoAnna & Philip Burns Spanish Patrick Lundy

50th anniversary celebration



Fr. Jay Backes is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a priest.

Fr. Backes is a former associate pastor at St. Lawrence, and now is pastor of St. Stanislaus in Pleasant Valley. There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving May 26 at 7:00 pm, and a retirement dinner for him June 25 at La Chambord in East Fishkill.

For information on either event. contact Valerie Mahler at val3752@msn.com or 845-797-5412.



LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

HE GETS US

I think we would all agree that this is a time in history of very great evil, but they say that when evil is rampant, God pours out even more grace. He also calls his faithful to help Him, to be active members of his family, not complacent spectators.

God's grace certainly seems to be the catalyst for the new *He Gets Us* campaign that has appeared during all the recent NFL playoff games. Have you seen the commercials about Jesus? Did you do a double-take? Who is bold enough and has deep enough pockets to compete with Budweiser and Frito-Lay for our attention? And provocative enough to stop us from a run to the refrigerator or bathroom? The 30-second high-budgeted commercials touch on many of today's issues: social justice, single mothers, immigration, depression, and family... these high-quality production commercials are meant

parish support st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of February 5		
In Pew Collection	\$	11,051.00
January WeShare weekly		6,971.94
	Total s	18 022 0/

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of February 5		
In Pew Collection	\$	1,329.00
December WeShare weekly	\$	467.12
-	Total \$	1,796.12

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.



to touch hearts and initiate discussion. They all end with: "*Jesus. He Gets Us.*"

You may ask, as I did: "Who is footing that bill?" A little research revealed that the funding comes from "like-minded families who desire to see the Jesus of the Bible represented in today's culture with the same relevance and impact He had 2000 years ago." Wealthy Christian families were inspired to put their money to work for Jesus. They were concerned that Christ is becoming less known, less relevant, and less welcome in mainstream culture. The planning began over a year ago with a balanced survey of 5,000 adults to learn people's opinions of Jesus. That evolved into their 3-year, \$1 billion campaign to spread the message of understanding and openness to Christ's love for all. They launched with the football season, so they can lead into Lent and Easter. This is unprecedented and very exciting! Their website and resources are as professional as their commercials. They are not affiliated with any particular Christian church or denomination; their goal is to refer people to local churches in their area. We hope to partner with them.

In the meantime, don't be a complacent spectator. Watch for the commercials during the Super Bowl and talk to your family and friends about them. Let's help this campaign make an impact on the people we love the most.

Scripture: Read Isaiah 53:3-6. What stands out?

Call to Action: Search "*He Gets Us*" on YouTube and watch all of the videos, then share them with family and friends.

parish staff

Rev. Richard Gill	Pastor
	Weekend Associate
Fr. Jim Lynch, MM	Weekend Associate
Julie Noce	Pastoral Assistant
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Sally Silvestro	Director of Communication
Beatrice Jacobsen	Director of Evangelization
	Director of the Family Program.
Dominick Russo	Youth Minister
Kim SanterreDirector of Ea	arly Childhood Learning Center
Denise Bassett	Director of Music
	Director of Music Sacred Heart Director of Music
Melody Salas-Curra	
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