

#### 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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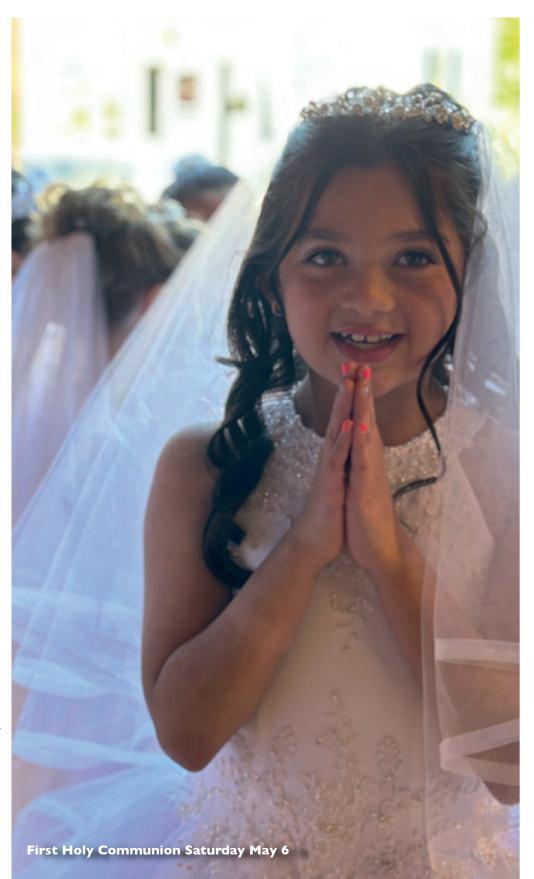
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# st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes



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CAMPUS



# DONATE TODAY AND HELP US BEAUTIFY THE PARISH GROUNDS

Our statues have arrived from Italy and during the spring and summer we will be putting them up in the parish prayer grotto and near the new parking lot. We've got some landscaping to do but exciting changes are coming soon.

To date, we've raised \$260,000 in pledges toward our \$350,000 goal.

We are looking for pledges over the next few years of \$1000, \$5000, and \$10,000 - whatever you can afford, on a timeline you can manage. And all donors at those levels will be remembered on a special Memorial Donor Board in the new wing of the Church. They will also receive in thanksgiving a miniature replica of the statue to be erected of St. Padre Pio hearing confessions.

#### WAYS TO GIVE

You can give a one time gift or a pledge over five years, by the means most convenient for you.

- I. Checks made payable to St. Lawrence O'Toole, On memo line write:
- Campus Improvement Program 2. WeShare:
- http://bit.ly/CampusImprov
- 3. Stock transfer
- 4. Gift of Required Minimum Withdrawal from an IRA



Scan here to give to WeShare

next step turn to HOPE

#### **GIANNA'S HOUSE**

**Pregnancy Resource Center** is open to help women and their families find hope in an unexpected pregnancy.

#### **Our Services**

Our free and confidential services include, self-administered pregnancy tests, options coaching, accurate and sourced information about abortion, community referrals, Doula services, baby boutique program, Baby Basics Parenting Class, Abortion Recovery Support Groups, individual abortion recovery support, Sexual Integrity Workshops, adoption referrals, and Man to Man support.

giannashouseinc.org

468 NORTH MAIN ST BREWSTER, NY 10509 845-279-8165



The Catholic Daughters of America Court 2585 is having a **VIRTUAL BABY SHOWER** for the benefit of Gianna's House, Runs now thru May 21st on Amazon. Scan QR code for link. Your generosity is appreciated.







May 14, 2023

Dear Friends,

It's got to be everyone's favorite time of the year – splendid weather, things are growing, everything seems hopeful and possibilities endless. Whatever problems we all have, we manage to keep them in perspective, and we feel there is a good way forward.

First, a salute to all the **moms** out there on their day – we love you, and we thank you for all you do. We especially thank you for the gift of life and the love you have given us. May God bless you.

This Tuesday we open the **Gianna's House**, for all those pregnant women who are alone and struggling with an unplanned pregnancy. We're renovating our center on North Main Street, and we'll have a kickoff for all who want to volunteer in this pro-life support system for moms. Call **845-279-8165** or go to **giannashouseinc.org** to see how you can be involved.

And secondly, congratulations to all the young people who received their sacraments of **First Communion** or **Confirmation** last weekend. In all, we had 91 First Communions and 73 Confirmations. We're proud of you for standing up to deepen your Catholic Faith with these sacraments of God's grace. And a special thank you to all the parents of those kids – you made a promise at baptism - really, a solemn oath standing before God – that you would raise your child in the Catholic Faith. You've kept that promise, and we congratulate you for your faithfulness and we encourage you to continue to live that out as an example for your children.

We've got great programs going on this Spring for deepening your faith – check them out in this bulletin. **Tuesday night is a special session with the Sisters of Life on the art of listening to others**, a skill that unfortunately the modern world has largely lost. But it can change our relationships for the better if we know how to actively listen and actually hear others. Sign up!

Summer is around the corner, and we've got a parish excursion planned to see the production of **Moses** at the Sight and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania on August 1.

We're also planning a big "Jesus Fest" this September... details are in the works.

And save the date: October 21 is the big New York State Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville, NY. We'll be loading up several parish buses to join 10,000 Catholics from around the State, organized by our bishops.

God bless,

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Fr. Richard

#### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ASCENSION THURSDAY MASSES AT ST. LAWRENCE WED VIGIL 6:30 PM THUR 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 6:30 PM, 7:30 PM SPANISH



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



# calling for the holy spirit at confirmation

DOMINICK RUSSO



Over the last two days, I had the privilege of watching 73 young men and women make their Confirmation. It was my honor to work with these young people over the last two years to prepare them for this great sacrament.

Bishop Joseph Espaillat presided over the confirmations. He gave a powerful homily that

reminded us that the Holy Spirit guides us, heals us, and leads us to service. He also reminded the standing-room-only church that this sacrament is not the ending or a graduation, but rather the beginning of the rest of their Catholic lives.

The Bishop also took the opportunity to allow all those in attendance to renew their baptismal promises. The whole congregation thunderously replied, "I do" to each question as the bishop asked, "Do you reject satan..." "Do you believe in the Father?" and "Do you believe in Jesus' resurrection..."

As each candidate approached the Bishop to be anointed with Holy Chrism, he greeted them warmly by their chosen saint's name, then anointed their foreheads, and sealed each newly

#### confirmed person with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The indelible mark they received from this sacrament can never be removed from their soul! Pray for these young people as they begin their new lives as fully initiated members of the Church!

#### Thursday Evening Confirmation



Friday Evening Confirmation









12:30 pm May 7 First Holy Communion







# first holy communion

**CECILIA BRITEZ** 



We had four First Communion Masses over the weekend. The weather was radiant, the petals of the pink cherry blossom tree in front of the church were graciously falling at the call of the wind making

it postcard perfect. Tiaras and bowties, rosaries and gloves, smiles and goosebumps, so much beauty that met the eye at the sight of our 91 First Communicants this weekend.

Inside the church, I saw family generations touched by the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, Godparents, cousins, and siblings all gathered to see Jesus coming yet again to bless the lives of those precious children receiving Him for the first time. Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist was the source of all the beauty that the senses perceived, and all the beauty that only the soul can feel.

Let's pray as a community for these 91 children and their families. May the blessings they received on their First Holy Communion remain with them for decades through the weekly reception of Jesus in the Eucharist.

#### II am May 6 First Holy Communion



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#### LISTEN! WORKSHOP

Sr. Virginia Joy, Sister of Life TUESDAY May 16 DINING HALL 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm



We could all benefit by being better listeners. Healthy relationships with everyone: parents, spouses, children, co-workers, and friends depend on how well we listen to them. Sr. Virginia Joy from the Sisters of Life will lead this powerful interactive workshop. Learning how to be present, how to listen well, and how to respond to what you hear will dramatically improve and enrich your relationships. Married couples are encouraged to attend together.

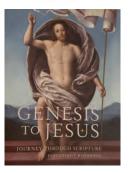
#### REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/Listen

**FEE**: Free will offering Childcare available for \$5/child

#### GENESIS TO JESUS BIBLE STUDY

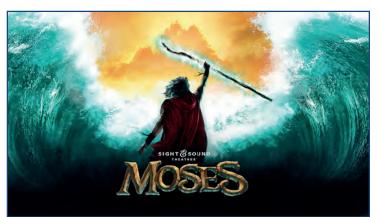
WEDNESDAYS May 31 – Aug 23 Large Conference Room 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

This Bible study is designed to help Catholics grow in their knowledge of Scripture while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. Participants will see a panoramic vision of salvation history



and our place in this story, considering both the Old and New Testaments and how they work together. Whether you have never opened a Bible before or read it regularly, this video series and group discussion will help increase your understanding and touch your heart.

**REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GenesistoJesus FEE**: \$30



August I, 2023 Bus from St. Lawrence to Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster, PA

From the Nile to the Red Sea, journey with Moses as he leads God's people on an amazing adventure toward the Promise Land.

#### Lunch included at

Hometown Kitchens before the show. Price per person: \$215 Includes Bus, Lunch and Tickets to show. RSVP by July I stlawrenceotoole.org/Moses

> Questions: Betsy Hansbury 845-392- 3052

#### A MESSAGE FROM FR. TOM

Dear parish family,

Still in the glow of the Resurrection of our Lord, and as spring begins to roll into summer, I wanted to share some personal news. In June, I will begin an academic sabbatical which the Cardinal has graciously allowed me to take. I will be spending much of the summer and fall at the University of Notre Dame as a visiting



scholar at the McGrath Institute for Church Life. The point of the sabbatical is to finish a manuscript for a theology textbook I have been working on for some time. That means I will be away from the parish June, July, August and most of September--Ugh! I am going to miss all of you!!

Of course, during that time, I will keep you all very much in my prayers, and I ask you to pray for me as well! While I am away, you can DM me on Twitter or email me. Don't hesitate to reach out. My contact information is below. If you need to reach me more urgently, just contact Maureen at the rectory, and she can give you my cell.

With all my love, in the Heart of Jesus, Fr. Tom

Twitter: @frtberg Email: thomas.berg@archny.org



#### SACRED HEART

Goal	<b>\$</b>	1,000.00
Pledge	\$	9,420.00
Number of Gifts		36
Average Gift	\$	261.67
Percentage Pledg	ze	86%



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# pray for

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

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 **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for **Patricia Rubino** at the request of the Murphy Family.





### mass intentions

**Saturday, May 13** 5:00 PM 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 14

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

Monday, May 15 8:30 AM

**Tuesday, May 16** 8:30 AM

Wednesday, May 17 8:30 AM 6:30 PM

**Thursday, May 18** 8:30AM 10:00AM 6:30PM 7:30PM

Friday, May 19 8:30 AM

**Saturday, May 20** 5:00 PM 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 21 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM Sacred Heart

11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM Dotty & Jack Lahm Spanish

George Taranto Francesco Monteleone Gladys O'Connor and Family Mary Mitchell Spanish Antonio & Theresa Costa

John Moran

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Alianna Simone Luigi Bianchini & Family

John J. Lynch Camille McAuliffe Gina & Patrick Caprice Spanish

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# Help moms choose life for their babies! BABY BOTTLE FUND DRIVE

Empty baby bottles will be distributed after Masses on Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14

#### **GIANNA'S HOUSE**

Pregnancy Resource Center With your continued support, our parish will help women and their families find hope in an unexpected pregnancy.

QUESTIONS: CONTACT GIANNA'S HOUSE 845-279-8165

Baby bottles will be collected on Father's Day, June 18. Fill them up with spare coins, dollars or donations.



LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

#### HOLDING FAITH

Sitting in one of the front pews of a chapel in Lourdes, I studied the statue of our Blessed Mother holding Baby Jesus. An interesting train of thought unfolded:



#### I said to Mary, "Just as you love your

son, Jesus, I love my sons."Then I thought, "Mary loves my sons too. I believe she loves them as much as I love them." My thoughts continued flowing and it occurred to me that maybe, because she can love perfectly, Mary can actually love my sons more than I can. Then I tried to envision her standing there holding my sons as babies in her arms. I could imagine that scene because I can still envision my adult sons as babies, but my

# parish support st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of May 7		
In Pew Collection	\$	9,179.00
March WeShare weekly	\$	7,326.35
-	Total \$	16,505.35
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#### sacred neart parish support

Weekend of May 7		
In Pew Collection	\$	1,572.00
March WeShare weekly	\$	453.22
-	Total \$	2,025.22

**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

APRIL	
Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,198
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 0
WeShare	\$ 779
TOTAL	\$ 2,977

thoughts progressed and challenged me further. I said to Mary, "I am your daughter; I know that you love me too." I tried to imagine myself as a little girl in her arms.

If you are like me, that is a struggle. I have a hard time remembering being a little girl. I feel like I have been old for a very long time and I am much too big and too old to be held by my mother – earthly or heavenly. I have spoken to people that told me they can imagine sitting on Mary's lap as her beloved son or daughter. I don't know if a lot of people can, but I don't think so. I believe a lot of us struggle with feeling intimacy with our divine family: God our Father, Jesus our Brother, and our Blessed Mother.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us reflect on the women who have held us throughout the years – not just our biological mothers. A woman doesn't have to give birth to display the innate responses of a mother. The feminine nature longs to hold others: babies, children of all ages, husbands, siblings, parents, and friends. Mary didn't give birth to any of us, but she wants to hold us in her arms, wrap her mantle around us, and comfort, lead, and protect us. She is a model for mothers everywhere. Let us allow her to be our mother and pray that the special women in our lives can allow themselves to be held too.

Scripture: Read Luke 1:43. What stands out? Call to Action: Imagine yourself as a baby in Mary's arms.

### parish staff

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