

may 21, 2023 seventh sunday of easter



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.

stlawrenceotoole.org

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May Crowning of the Blessed Mother

st lawrence o'toole
sacred heart

CAMPUS improvement PROGRAM



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 \$268,000 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.

1. 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



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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.



SCAN ME



May 21, 2023

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

As you've been reading here in the bulletin, we're so happy and proud of all the kids who received First Communion this month (91) and Confirmation with Bp. Joe Espallat (73). We'll have more adults and teens from the Spanish community receiving the Sacraments over Pentecost weekend next week. There will be Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations. It's always great to see people as young adults and adults stand up and make a mature decision to live their faith to the full and profess it publicly. We are proud of you all.

This week we had our **official launch for Gianna's House**, our pregnancy resource center for single moms and women with unplanned pregnancies. Located at 468 North Main Street, it's a place they can come for help to make the courageous decision for life, and they will get whatever support they need. At St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, we believe being pro-life is not just saying so, but also an active commitment to help with compassion and love. Thanks for your support of this ministry through the baby bottle campaign. Other nearby parishes are also helping in this way.

As you know, **Fr. Tom will be taking a sabbatical** starting this month, but **Fr. Clifford will be joining us for the summer on June 2**. We need a loan of a car, so he can get around for the summer. If anyone has a car in the garage, you aren't really using much, he'd be very grateful if you'd lend it for a few months while he's here.



Fr. Tom Berg



Fr. Clifford

Our Communion marriage and family initiative met this week again to plan our next big family event for all. Save the date August 6 for a Family Fun Day at the Elks Lodge on Rt. 22. Plans are in the works, so stay tuned. Communion understands that faith is built in strong families and that's what we're all about.

We also said goodbye to two members of our staff this week – our **Family Program Director Cecilia Britez** and **Dominic Russo**, our **Youth Minister**. Cecilia's family is moving back to her native Paraguay, and Dom has decided to finish his college education. We're grateful to them both for their generous service and will miss them. We've restructured our staff a bit and will have some new hires to present later in the summer.

Thank you again for your generosity toward the **Parish Improvement Campaign**. The new parking will be finished soon, and the landscaping will get underway. Over the summer months, we'll also install the new statues in the prayer grotto, making it even more a place you can pray.

God bless,

Fr. Richard

our vision

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



how post-abortion recovery demonstrates the beauty of the gospel in pro-life work

SUSANNE MAYNES, PUBLISHED IN COMMENTARY

We sat on a blanket near the river, a Bible spread open before us and a small speaker sitting beside it. Several pink and blue balloons bounced in the gentle breeze, tugging at the white ribbons which held them fast. The balloons were bound at the moment, but a woman's heart was being set free that beautiful summer day. It almost didn't happen. "Kelly" had faithfully worked through a post-abortion Bible study with me. She was engaged and connected. She was doing the work. It was clear she really wanted healing.

Kelly had not had an easy life. Her pain and regret over her abortions was part of a larger collection of issues, including poverty, disability, abuse, and addiction. Despite those factors, she hung in there and completed the study like a champ. We set a time for the memorial service. Kelly planned to purchase the balloons representing the children she had regretfully lost to abortion. We chose Scriptures and other thoughts for me to read, and a few worship songs to play. Kelly would take a marker and write thoughts on each balloon before they were released.

The memorial was all set—and then Kelly left a message saying she couldn't make it. I tried to call her. She wouldn't pick up. I didn't hear from her for over a year. When I did see Kelly again, she explained that just when she was about to fully receive God's grace, she self-sabotaged. She'd been using again, up until a couple of months before we reconnected. We began meeting again, tying up the loose ends of her healing. (Not that a healing process is ever completely done, but closure is certainly a critical part—which is why she had gone into a tailspin over it.)

This time, Kelly didn't bolt. She didn't mask the pain. She walked right into the healing arms of her Father and let Him wash her clean. The day of the memorial, we stood by the river in the warm sun-

shine. One by one, she released the balloons, tears streaming down her cheeks, her face radiant, a perfect mixture of grief and joy. Along with the balloons she released that day, Kelly let go of something else. She released the guilt over her abortions. She knew her sin was paid for, forever. From this day forward, she would no longer allow the guilt of the past to hold sway over her.

She continues to experience grief and sorrow over her lost children, but not guilt—because the weight of sin is no match for the length, width, height, and depth of Christ's love (Eph 3:17-19). That's the gospel.

In pregnancy center work, we look for opportunities to share the good news with our clients. We want them to receive the love of God and to spend eternity enjoying our merciful, compassionate, heavenly Father's presence.

We may have an opportunity during a conversation about an unplanned pregnancy to discover the spiritual needs of a client and have a chance to share along those lines during Life Skills classes. But post-abortion recovery is often the deepest demonstration of the power of the gospel which we can possibly witness in the lives of those we serve.

I've watched the process numerous times. I never fail to be amazed. Clients tend to begin their healing journey in states of depression, disassociation, anger and anxiety. As they work the process, they gradually come to peace. They taste joy again. They move forward in life with a new sense of humble gratitude. It's a miracle, every time. Isn't this the same journey we're all undertaking? As the gospel penetrates our hearts over and over, we face a choice each time. Will we run away and medicate the pain—perhaps, in our case, with an acceptable, Christian drug of choice? Will we self-sabotage and put off the healing? Or will we let the gospel do its transforming work in us?

I deeply admire and respect Kelly. She fought a good fight where much was at stake. She conquered fear and accepted a love which is difficult to wrap one's mind around. She let the gospel do its deep, transformative work. I'm so grateful for the example she has set for me.



Janine and her husband Chris, with seminarian son, Jack, at his graduation last week from Catholic University in Washington, DC. He will continue his studies for the priesthood in Rome at the invitation of Cardinal Dolan.

what is a secular franciscan?

JANINE KRISTENSEN

St. Francis followed Jesus and served God and neighbor with humility and a spirit of poverty. He sold everything he had to follow Jesus. His example began a movement that attracted so many people that St. Francis had to start three orders to accommodate the faithful who wanted to follow him in serving Jesus. The First was the Order of the Friars Minor for men (priests & brothers). The Second Order was for women religious, the Poor Clares, and The Third Order was for lay men and women – married or unmarried – now known as **Secular Franciscans**.

Becoming a Secular Franciscan is a call by God to serve Jesus by following in the footsteps of Francis. It is not like being part of a club or a charitable organization. A Secular Franciscan does not give up all his/her possessions or leave his spouse and family. A Secular Franciscan lives in the world doing whatever occupation he/she has but does so going from Gospel to Life and Life to Gospel and spreading the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. He or she is someone who has a spirit of poverty.

For me, having a spirit of poverty means that we are nothing without God. We have nothing nor can we do any thing good without Him. He is the source of all our good works, thoughts, and words. We owe him everything: His love, His mercy, our lives, our faith, our families and friends, our work, and on and on. The more I got to know St. Francis and his spirit of poverty, I realized how much this charism spoke to my heart and that God was calling me to this life. After 18 months of prayerful discernment and study, I was professed as a Secular Franciscan in 2007. Being a Secular Franciscan these last 16 years has helped me to know and love our Lord in a deeper way. I am grateful for my vocation.

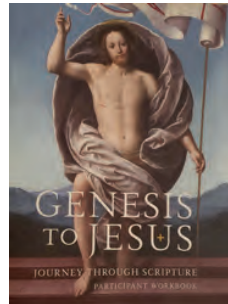
Because we do not live in a community but instead with our families, we meet once a month at St. Lawrence O'Toole where we come together to pray, learn more about our charism, study our Rule of Life, discuss ways we can continue helping those in need, and socialize (which always includes great coffee and snacks)... Franciscans love fellowship!

Is St. Francis someone with whom you identify? Could the Holy Spirit be calling you to this way of life? If so, please consider attending a meeting to come and see! For more information contact me at: 914.439.4663 or cjnkristensen@msn.com or Kathy DelBono: 845.591.7810 or kmdelbono@comcast.net.

SPRING faith formation 2023

**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.



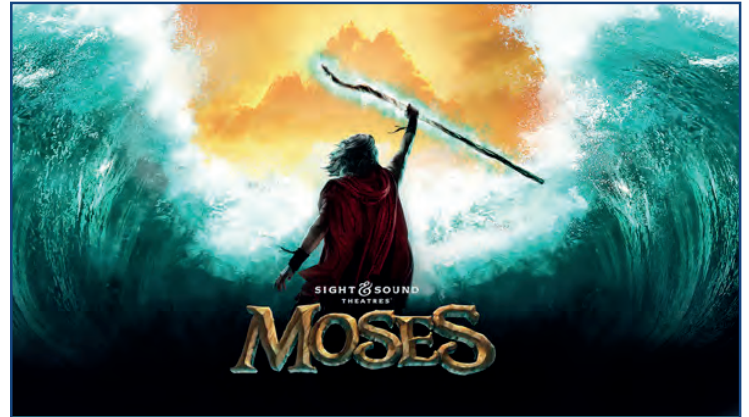
REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GenesisToJesus
FEE: \$30

FEARLESS
TUESDAYS
June 13, 20, 27
GYM
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Time and again, the people of God are called to 'be courageous' and 'be not afraid,' yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. How do we address fears and take back our lives from fear's grasp? How do we hold strong to our beliefs as Catholics and not give in to the fear of getting 'canceled'? How do we maintain faith in the midst of fear and suffering? Chris Stefanick leads this 3-week series focused on helping us face fear with fortitude.

Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/Fearless
FEE: Free will offering
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August 1, 2023

Bus from St. Lawrence to
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Questions: Betsy Hansbury
845-392- 3052

create & celebrate - paint night

Friday June 2, 2023 from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Gym. This is a fundraiser for St. Lawrence O'Toole's Court 185 Catholic Daughters of America. **RSVP by MAY 26:** \$40.00 per person to reserve your spot. Make checks payable to CDA Court 185. Email: cdacourt185@gmail.com Sylvia Riolo 914-391-1585 or Danielle Thompson 917-567-1995

couples celebrating their 25th/50th wedding anniversary

Couples from Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence are welcome to join us for a Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday, **June 11 at 10:30 am.** A reception in the Church Hall follows. Call Meg Cairney at 845-661-0433 or e-mail at mcairney@aol.com by June 2.

golden jubilee wedding mass

Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 2:30 PM at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Cardinal Dolan is the Celebrant at the Golden Jubilee Mass for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2023. All those who wish to attend contact Maureen Herbstritt at 845-279-2021 to register. All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Registration will close on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

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Goal \$11,000.00
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 Number of Gifts 38
 Average Gift \$ 261.67
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- Processions in Midtown Manhattan and the Bronx to Support Eucharistic Revival
- Eagle Scouts Enrich Parish and Community Through Service Projects

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GRAND PRIZE
\$25,000 cash

SECOND PRIZE: \$2000
 THIRD PRIZE: \$1000
 FOURTH PRIZE: \$1000

tuesday, july 4

DRAWING at 7:30 pm



TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS IN THE GYM AFTER DONUTS OR CALL THE RECTORY 845-279-2021


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 sacred heart

PROCEEDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ST. LAWRENCE AND SACRED HEART FAMILY PROGRAM

pray for

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

◦ Mary Patricia ◦ 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 ◦ LoriJean Rooney ◦ Keira Koval ◦ Ted Rozzi
◦ Joe Piteo ◦ Julie & Jullianna Sejfiyaj ◦ Thomas Blackman
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◦ Chris Greene ◦ Thomas Cople ◦ Eddie Dabrowski ◦ Gail Rampolla
◦ Vincent Ritell ◦ Jeanna Petrillo ◦ Pattie Sutton ◦ Morgan Worthington
◦ Jim Morgan ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ John Byrne ◦ Ronald Longobardo
◦ Albert Distefano, Jr. ◦ Donna Sweeney ◦ Kathleen Othouse
◦ Joan Williams ◦ Shirley McKeon ◦ Helen & John McCabe
◦ Suzanne Yaremko ◦ Victor Opromolla ◦ Barbara Capone

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 **Helen Ernet Clark** at the request of Joyce Goetze.

mega RAFFLE

WINNER Of the **EARLY BIRD PRIZE: \$1000**
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mass intentions

Saturday, May 20

5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Michael Carleton
Spanish

Sunday, May 21

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

Vincent LaMorte
Ronnie Durante
Bill & Joseph Lewis &
Marianne Gallacher
Quinlan Family Members
Spanish
Rose Marie Ruth

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

Monday, May 22

8:30 AM

John Harley

Tuesday, May 23

8:30 AM

Intentions of Nora Colandrea

Wednesday, May 24

8:30 AM

Robert Russo

Thursday, May 25

8:30AM

Intentions of the
Benedict Goodman

Friday, May 26

8:30AM

Intentions of the
Colandrea Family

Saturday, May 27

5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Eduardo Viray
Spanish

Sunday, May 28

8:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00 AM

Marie Gasparini
Smith Family
Edmond O'Connor
Deceased of Iazzetti &
Mastrangelo Families
Spanish
Thomas Killeen



Help moms choose life for their babies!

BABY BOTTLE FUND DRIVE

Empty baby bottles are available in the Narthex of church.

GIANNA'S HOUSE Pregnancy Resource Center

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

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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

REBUILD MY...

We may flippantly think, “One person can’t change the world. What difference can I ever make?” Our pilgrimage to Assisi showed me the foolishness of that way of thinking. One man, born over 800 years ago, in a small rural corner of Europe, rebuilt the Catholic Church during his time and continues to this day rebuilding the lives of men and women all over the world.

Upon arriving in Assisi, the first person that spoke to us was a Franciscan priest from Northern Ireland. He had worked as a lawyer for the government until he traveled to Assisi at age 44. He was so overwhelmed by the peace and message of St. Francis that he quit his job, moved to Assisi, and became a priest. Year after year, the small mountain city crawls with pilgrims searching for and personally experiencing the trademark simplicity and peace of Francis.

We learned that St. Francis was a lively and popular young man, born at the end of the 12th century. With a wealthy merchant father, his natural path was easy and comfortable, but when in prayer he heard Jesus say, “Francis, rebuild my Church,” he responded, and the world’s trajectory changed. Francis only lived to be 44, but in those years he started religious orders for men, women and a secular order for laypeople. He was passionate about teaching the Gospel, so he created the first live nativity scene to teach the story of Christ’s birth. Our tradition of displaying nativity sets at Christmastime is thanks to St. Francis. He is also credited with creating the Stations of the Cross to teach the story of Jesus’ Passion.

Over the past 800 years, many of our saints and spiritual influencers were members of his religious or secular orders. I was moved to learn that Michelangelo was a Secular Franciscan by the age of 23 when he created the Pieta. While in Rome, we were awed by his sculptures and frescoes teaching the Story of Salvation. His inspiration surely came from the Holy Spirit, but the passion of Francis to spread the Gospel shines through him strong and clearly as well. As disciples, we must understand that God calls us to rebuild something too. Let us look to St. Francis with humility to discover our own mission.

Scripture: Read Matthew 9:9. What stands out?

Call to Action: Read Janine Kristensen’s article about her life as a Secular Franciscan in this bulletin and contact her or Kathy DelBono if you would like to learn more.

parish support
st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of May 14	
In Pew Collection	\$ 6,950.00
March <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 7,326.35
Total	\$ 14,276.35

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of May 14	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,144.00
March <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 453.22
Total	\$ 1,597.22

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.

parish staff

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