

may 28, 2023 pentecost sunday



## 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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Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201

call to schedule an appointment.

#### [stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

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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



## 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 \$275,000 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.



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[giannashouseinc.org](http://giannashouseinc.org)

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# while we're at it

Dear Friends,

A very blessed Memorial Day weekend to you all! Most importantly, we celebrate the great **Feast of Pentecost** this Sunday. When the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and Mary that first Pentecost, everything changed. Those Apostles finally understood their mission was to go out into the world and bring the Gospel to every person and every culture. The Spirit gave them understanding and courage to face anything, even martyrdom, to proclaim Jesus as the Son of God and Redeemer.



Every year we celebrate this day, and we pray for that same zeal and conviction for ourselves and all of the Church. Unfortunately, today too many of us take a "live and let live" approach to life and toward evangelization. But the Gospel must be brought to every person on earth because we know as St. Peter preached "there is no salvation in any other name, but the name of Jesus."

That's why we are a missionary parish, reaching out to everyone in our community with the "good news" that there is hope and mercy through Jesus. That's why we transmit that message to our children and neighbors so that through us, living our faith and love for Jesus, others will also be brought to a life-changing encounter with Him.

This weekend we have a large number of our **Spanish-speaking community** receiving Baptism and the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Let's pray for them and congratulate them!



Coming up this Spring and Summer are some great initiatives:

Do you have trouble figuring out how the Bible books all work together? If so, you're not alone. Starting this week, we'll offer the program "Genesis to Jesus" which gives a panoramic view of how the Old Testament fits together with the New Testament and leads up to Jesus. Take this mini-course and you'll really understand our faith much better.

June 11 is Corpus Christi and we'll have our procession through the streets with the Blessed Sacrament once again. We're proud to proclaim our faith in His Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Save the date for our Family Fun Day at the Elks Club on Rt. 22 August 6.

Fr. Clifford arrives from Nigeria next week as Fr. Tom departs for his sabbatical. Let's pray for both of them.

God bless,

Fr. Richard



**CAR OWNERS!**

Fr. Clifford needs a reliable car for a few months. He'll use it for daily errands, church visits, and important appointments.  
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Thank you.

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



## baby orion was unexpected, but he changed his parents' life for the better

BY JEN TAGGART • PUBLISHED IN NEWS

Brittany Baker was shocked to find out she was pregnant in 2015. Though, unlike many women who go through an unexpected pregnancy, the father of Brittany's child, Dan Gillard, embraced his new role as a father from the beginning. The couple knew they had an uphill climb ahead of them. Amid that pressure, Baker and Gillard turned to Project Life—now "**Options for Women St. Croix Valley**"—a life-affirming pregnancy center in Stillwater, Minn.

"I was pretty scared, pretty shocked," Baker said. "I didn't think I'd get pregnant at 22. I was worried about letting the family down or them being disappointed in us." At the time, Baker and Gillard were living in a one-bedroom apartment. Although Baker was under her mom's insurance, she worried about expensive co-pays for prenatal care and classes. Those factors were just a handful among many that made the couple want to wait until they had their feet under them to tell their parents the news. Gillard had heard of **Options for Women** from a friend years prior, and they decided to visit. While Gillard was confident he wanted to choose life and keep the baby, Baker was still overwhelmed by her situation. That visit to **Options for Women** went a long way toward putting her fears to rest.

"When I walked through the door, everyone was very comforting," Baker said. "It was a very welcoming, warm environment. [The center] was helpful in assuring Dan and I that they would be there for us in the decision-making process."

### "We are Family."

For several months, Baker and Gillard did everything they could to take advantage of the resource at the center. "They wanted to learn because they did not have any support, they did not have anyone to hold their hand during the pregnancy," **Options for Women** executive director Pat Burns said. "They attended more classes than 10 other clients put together. They were eager and were ready to learn

and it was just beautiful to watch them grow as people before the baby even arrived." Not only did Baker and Gillard benefit from classes, they also received free prenatal care and ultrasounds from Dr. Mark Druffner, a family medicine doctor who volunteers his time at the center. With Druffner's help, Baker and Gillard made a birth plan. **Options for Women** offers free prenatal care for the full nine months of pregnancy.

"So many people hate the fact that no matter what clinic they go to, every time they come in, they see a different doctor and have to repeat their story over and over again," Burns said. "We are family and [Dr. Druffner] cares about each and every woman and baby."

### A Difficult Delivery

The day of delivery, Gillard received a phone call from Baker, which he ignored since he was walking in the door. As he came inside, Brittany was rushing around the apartment, gathering all their things and saying that her water broke. When they got to the hospital, the nurses told Baker and Gillard that their baby, Orion, was in distress, and Dr. Druffner ordered an emergency C-section. The umbilical cord was wrapped around Orion's neck, and he wasn't breathing on his own.

For two days, Orion was shuttled off to the neonatal intensive care unit at a nearby children's hospital. Baker recovered, struggling to sort out the traumatic experience she'd gone through. Orion stayed in the hospital for three weeks, and couldn't open his eyes for the first week. Gillard and Baker, stayed with Orion as long as they could. During those weeks, **Options for Women** did not forget the couple, checking in regularly and mobilizing their team and supporters to pray for them. "I think one of the greatest things we offer people is our time and our love," Burns said. "Whether it's sitting down with them for a few hours and crying with them. It's that physical, emotional and spiritual support. It's huge."

Today, Gillard works at a foundry in Minneapolis and Baker is a general manager at Domino's Pizza. Orion turns two in June. "Now that we're doing better on our own, we really want to support **Options for Women** any way that we can," Baker said. "We support them by dropping off donations, though we could never repay them for all they have done for us."



**parking lot** Our new parking lot is being landscaped and we look forward to its opening.



## gianna's house

Gianna's House officially opened and the location is almost done with its renovation. We look forward to serving and helping women with unplanned pregnancies.

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# SPRING faith formation 2023

## GENESIS TO JESUS BIBLE STUDY

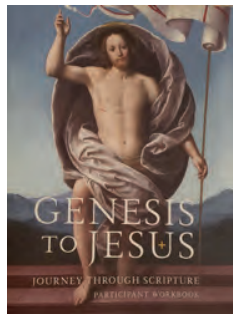
WEDNESDAYS

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](http://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](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Fearless)  
**FEE:** Free will offering  
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**August 1, 2023**

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Questions: Betsy Hansbury  
845-392- 3052

## thank you!

The Sacred Heart Evangelization Team would like to thank all who supported our daily raffle. With your generosity we will continue to support coffee and donuts after 10:30 am Sunday Mass, and host programs like Alpha, Transformed and new ones in the future. We are happy to announce we had a total of 18 daily winners out of the 30 possible for the month of April. Thank you so much!!



## From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Program

Saturdays, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

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**This week's topic: Session 8, June 3rd**  
**Guilt and Anger**

- What if? - Dealing with false guilt.
- How grief may impact relationships.
- Anger and grief.

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### *This week's top stories*

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- New 'Gianna's House' opens in Brewster, NY
- Catholic College Students Encounter Faith and Re-Engage with Their Religion
- Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue Travels to Marian Shrine for 106th Anniversary of Apparitions

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# mega RAFFLE

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

**tuesday, july 4**

**DRAWING at 7:30 pm**

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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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◦ Joseph J. Piteo III ◦ Tom Garrity ◦ Mike Debeauvernet ◦ Kelly Guzman  
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◦ Vincent Ritell ◦ Jeanna Petrillo ◦ Pattie Sutton  
◦ Morgan Worthington ◦ Jim Morgan ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ John Byrne  
◦ Ronald Longobardo ◦ Albert Distefano, Jr. ◦ Donna Sweene  
◦ Kathleen Othouse ◦ Joan Williams ◦ Shirley McKeon  
◦ Helen & John McCabe ◦ Suzanne Yaremko ◦ Victor Opromolla  
◦ Barbara Capone ◦ Bea Jacobsen

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: [SL0T.SH.Office@gmail.com](mailto:SL0T.SH.Office@gmail.com)

## dedications

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for **Tony & Joan Gasson** at the request of Maryanne Taylor.

The **Tabernacle Candle** is dedicated for **Vincent LaMorte** at the request of his family.

## mass intentions

### 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

12:30 PM

5:30 PM

### Monday, May 29

8:30 AM

Kay Kealy

### Tuesday, May 30

8:30 AM

Catherine Valente &

Margaret Gansert

### Wednesday, May 31

8:30 AM

Scott Holland

### Thursday, June 1

8:30 AM

St. Lawrence O'Toole Society

### Friday, June 2

8:30 AM

Souls of St. Lawrence O'Toole

Cemetery

Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

7:00 PM

### Saturday, June 3

5:00 PM

7:30 PM

Janice Greene

Spanish

### Sunday, June 4

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

10:30 AM *Sacred Heart*

11:00 AM

12:30 PM

5:30 PM

Camille McAuliffe

Bill Henry

Catherine Biggers

McCluskey & Ebert Families

Spanish

Eileen & Chris McBride



## CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 11 AT 3:45 PM

Meet across from the train station for the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the Village of Brewster.

Followed by 40 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Join us!





LYNDA HOLLER  
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The Ascension is one of my favorite scenes from the New Testament. I especially like when the angels appear, after Jesus floats up into a cloud, and say, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?” It has always been proof to me that God has a sense of humor; maybe angels do too. I like that. But Maryknoll priest, Fr. Jim Lynch gave me new insight in his homily at the Ascension evening Mass last week.

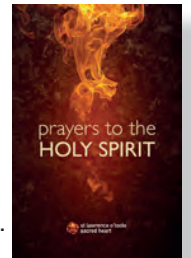
He explained that although Jesus ascended, we shouldn't be looking for him in the clouds. He isn't up there somewhere; he is right here among us. He is in the people we meet every day: the poor and the rich, the ignorant and the accomplished. Jesus lives in us and with us. If we stare at the sky, we will miss him.

Another insightful point he made was about the cloud. In the Old Testament, God revealed himself to the Israelites as a cloud. As they journeyed through the desert, God led them in the form of a cloud. The Father presented himself as a cloud at the Transfiguration too. Therefore, Jesus didn't ascend into a puffy white, fair-weather cloud formation, but he joined God the Father who was revealing himself in that form once again.

Celebrating Pentecost this weekend closes the chapter of Jesus' mission. It may seem to us that we would be better off to have Jesus, the man, still here on earth with us; but only after Jesus' three years of earthly life were completed, and the next phase of the Spirit began, were the disciples able to fulfill their mission. What they could not see or touch, empowered them to teach and lead with a courage and authority they could not muster beforehand. Paul later wrote to the Corinthians, "... as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal." As modern-day disciples, let us be empowered by the unseen Spirit to follow the Jesus that is right here among us.

**Scripture:** Read 2 Corinthians 4:18. What stands out?

**Call to Action:** Take a "*Prayers to the Holy Spirit*" prayer card from the church lobby and pray it daily. Ask the Spirit to pour out on you his gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.



**parish support**  
**st. lawrence parish support**

<b>Weekend of May 21</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 7,761.00
April <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,706.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,467.19</b>

**sacred heart parish support**

<b>Weekend of May 21</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 907.00
April <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 431.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,338.75</b>

**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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