

#### 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



# AUGUST 25, 2023 GOLF OUTING CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE 185 JOHN SIMPSON RD, CARMEL, NY 10512

### \$195 PER GOLFER 11:30 AM LUNCH & PUTTING CONTEST 12:30 PM TEE TIME

This year's event will benefit Brewster Cares, a not-for-profit, which provides so much for our local homeless and poor families. We're raising \$30,000 for the homeless shelter.



To help, contact: Jimmy King at topjimmyking1@gmail.com or 203-856-1701 Register: stlawrenceotoole.org/golfouting

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# June 25, 2023 while we're at it

Dear Friends,

These past weeks have had their share of much anti-Catholicism with the Los Angeles Dodgers honoring an anti-Catholic hate group that mocks Our Lord and the Blessed Mother and our faith in general. I was proud to see thousands of Catholics turn out to protest at the stadium.

Like it or not, we're living in a world in which our religious values – those we have held in common with other Christian denominations for many generations – are now considered extreme, hateful, or biased. It is sad to see some other Christian churches championing "pride marches" in our town and drifting away from the Gospel values we held in common. It's sad to see store chains and sports franchises and school systems jumping on the bandwagon too.

But we believe that God knew what he was doing in creating us male and female and that our true happiness comes from embracing the complementarity of the sexes. At the same time, we treat every person with dignity and respect and love them regardless of different opinions on these issues.

Despite the fact the country has made it legal, we don't accept gay marriage or sexual relations between people of the same sex as morally good or leading to true human happiness. That's because sexual relations are oriented to new life and therefore are good and wholesome – even sacred - only in a life-long union of one man and one woman.



California is rushing now to define a right to fertility for all persons – for singles, transgender people, and those in same-sex relationships. This would require insurance agencies to fund in vitro fertilization and surrogate mothers for singles and same-sex and transgender people. Surrogacy and in vitro are completely immoral practices that can never be justified, in spite of the good intentions people may have.

There is never any good moral reason to hormonally or surgically attempt to change one's sex. It amounts to the mutilation of the human body God gave each of us. It is medically unethical, especially for minors. But the medical profession has rallied to it because it is financially very lucrative. In time, people will understand that it does not solve the deeper issues in a suffering person.

We are living a faith that is currently unpopular, and that will bring criticism and persecution to us and to all who try to remain faithful to the Gospel. But Jesus knew this and said so in no uncertain terms. "Blessed are you when men persecute on my account... your reward will be great in heaven." (Mt. 5).

Let's stay faithful to the faith we have received from Jesus.

God bless,

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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.



Pre-K 3 Moving up ceremony



Pre-K 4 Graduation ceremony

### movin' on up!

#### KIM SANTERRE

The St. Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center celebrated the end of the school year with its traditional ceremonies.

On Wednesday, June 14, Pre-K 3 celebrated their year's end with a moving-up ceremony. Their theme was "The Very Hungry Caterpillar."The children said our "Sweet Jesus" prayer, pledged allegiance to our flag, and performed several songs for the audi-



ence's entertainment, along with telling the Very Hungry Caterpillar's story. Then, the children were presented with their moving-up certificates.

On Thursday, June 15, Pre-K 4 had its preschool graduation ceremony. Their theme was "God Bless America." The children also said our "Sweet Jesus" prayer, pledged allegiance to our flag, and sang some patriotic songs for the audience. They were presented with

their preschool diplomas. The children performed a grand finale of "This Little Heart of Mine." It was spectacular! "Best graduation finale ever" as described by Danielle Salvo, ECLC's Office Manager. Lynn Sherman, ECLC's Music teacher, who pulled together both of the shows, said the finale "made her cry every time and they did so great!" One of the ECLC's moms, Emily Murphy, said this year's graduation ceremony has been "the BEST ceremony to date" and she "loved the dance and song at the end and all of the extra songs! Really well done." The ECLC Staff wished the children well for their departure from ECLC as they will be off to new schools to begin kindergarten in September!



We pray that God continues to bless and protect each child and their family with success, happiness, and peace in their new adventures. While we have so many hopes for each of the children, our biggest one is that all will keep what we instill in each and every child while at ECLC,

that Jesus is always kept at the heart of all they will do throughout their own journeys!!!



## Welcome Trisha Thien!

I am so excited to be joining the parish as the **Director of Youth Faith Formation**! I will work with all of the 6-8 graders, overseeing their religious education and sacraments, and giving those students the most authentic opportunities to know who Jesus is. Knowing Jesus truly brings the greatest adventure, and He has done a lot of amazing work to bring me here with you all.

I was born and raised in a small town in Ohio called Fort Recovery. My background is very rich in the Catholic faith since my family and the majority of my hometown is Catholic.

I graduated from Ball State University in Indiana with a degree in History Education. It was there at college, with the help of very loyal friends, that I really started to learn the beauty of the Catholic faith, and it became a big part of my life. After graduating, I worked as a missionary at a Catholic youth camp in Colorado. Then one day as my time in Colorado was ending, a friend that was living here in Westchester County randomly asked me if I would like to live with her, and I said, "Sure." So after that move and working for a bit as a nanny in Greenwich, CT, I humbly accepted the director position here.

I have always had a heart for youth since they have such fun, curious, and honest personalities. And part of my joy comes from inspiring young people, introducing them to something new, and showing them how their life is worthwhile.

I am a big fan of 80s classic rock, reading, going to the beach, spending time with friends, and eating pizza.

I am very thankful for how welcoming everyone has been! I can't wait to meet you all and, of course, the students. Jesus is an awesome friend and King, and it's going to be a fun and wild ride to see what He has in store for us this year!

### lifeteen conference

#### TRISHA THIEN

From June 11-14, the youth ministry team of Fr. Rich, Julie, Gabby, and Trisha, braced the scorching Arizona "dry heat" to attend the **LifeTeen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention** (CYMC) in Phoenix. It was four days of back-to-back talks, prayer, praise, fellowship (and cups of coffee to keep the team going).

Attending CYMC will help our team be prepared and inspired for this upcoming year of religious education programs. Or as Fr. Richard described, "it's a shot in the arm" to be refreshed for ministry. LifeTeen is the curriculum the parish uses for our religious education program. There were many ideas that were brought back, and new things to bring into the youth ministry, and we learned how to finetune parts that were done in the past.

The talks gave a lot of information to help Trisha begin her first year running the EDGE program and help Father, Gabby, and Julie gain more knowledge and awareness about topics such as what teens are experiencing in the world, building up unity and relationships, and how to build engaging and transforming programs. In short, the team walked away ready to follow the Holy Spirit back to St. Lawrence O'Toole and Sacred Heart and make this a year unlike any other.

**Call to Action**: How can we as a parish work together to invest in our teens and transform our parish through our youth?

Students: Sign up to attend one of these

#### STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

July 21-23 in Springfield, Massachusetts. **Fee**: \$215 plus hotel

#### **CAMP VERITAS**

August 12-17 in Glen Spey, NY. **Fee**: \$500

Adults: Sign up to be a CORE leader for the EDGE program! Contact Trisha at trishajthien@gmail.com or Gabby at gabbyr964@gmail.com for more information.





#### THE CHOSEN SEASON 3 MOVIE NIGHTS FRIDAYS June 23 – August 11 GYM 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

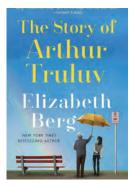


Join us for **Season 3** of **The Chosen**! The series continues to reveal the ministry of Jesus and his relationship with his disciples in a compelling and illuminating way. Enjoy air-conditioned Friday nights this summer watching or rewatching this great series on the big screen in our gym. Includes popcorn, and beverages, and we will follow the movie with commentary and discussion. Open to teens and adults.

**REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/TheChosen FEE:** Free will offering

### WOMEN'S GIFT BOOK CLUB

*The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg THURSDAY July 13 PIETA COURTYARD Bring your own lawn chair. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

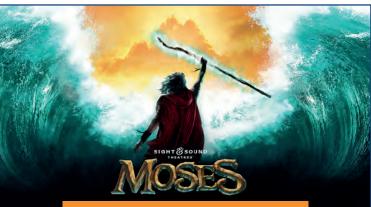


The Story of Arthur Truluv is a beautiful, life-affirming novel about a remarkably loving man who creates for himself, and others, second

chances at happiness. The author skillfully weaves the age-old struggle of overcoming grief and developing perseverance after the loss of a loved one, with the power of friendship, hospitality, and acceptance that is both funny and touching. Join us for an insightful discussion. Register by July 8th.

#### REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/WGift

FEE: Book must be purchased in advance by the participant



#### LAST CALL FOR REGISTERING!

August 1, 2023 Bus from St. Lawrence to Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA Leave 7:30 am - Return 9 pm

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



From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Program Saturdays, 9:00 am – 11:00 am PARISH CENTER, BOARDROOM For information email: slotbereavement@gmail.com or call Pura Melendez 914-672-5186

#### Session 12, July 1st - Lessons of Grief

- · An often-overlooked reason why grief is so painful.
- · Why going to church can be so difficult.
- The benefits of helping others.

#### 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

"Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

#### SACRED HEART

Goal	<b>\$</b> 1	I,000.00
Pledge	<b>\$</b> 1	1,095.00
Number of Gifts		41
Average Gift	\$	270.01
Percentage Pled	ge	101%



### This week's top stories

- Remembering Our Priests on Father's Day
- A Word from Cardinal Dolan: Happy Father's Day
- Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Inspiring Others with Our Faith

Go to theGoodNewsroom.org/community/week-in-review to read articles.Formerly Catholic New York

### **ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE**

Goal	\$	77,100.00
Pledge	\$	60,227.00
Number of Gifts		154
Average Gift	\$	391.08
Percentage Pledg	ge	78%



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Congress

October 20-22, 2023





## EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Great Speakers!
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

Whether you're a lifelong Catholic or just beginning to explore the faith, the NYS Eucharistic Congress is an event not to be missed.

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Join us on Saturday, Oct. 21st for a day of prayer, reflection, and community as we celebrate the heart of our faith at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY. There will be Mass, knowledgeable speakers who will delve into the deep meaning of the Eucharist, and talented musicians who will lead us in worship. With plenty of time for personal reflection and adoration, you'll leave feeling renewed and refreshed. Don't wait -register today for this life-changing event!"

Buses will be leaving from Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence at 6:45 am and returning around 10 pm.

**REGISTER** at stlawrenceotoole.org/NYS\_EC \$25 per person

## pray for

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

 Steve Distefano 

 Noah Martinez 
 LoriJean Rooney 
 Keira Koval 
 Ted Rozzi 
 Joe Piteo 

 Julie & Jullianna Sejfijaj 

 Thomas Blackman 
 Luca Gargiulo 

 Francine O'Connor

 Angel Piteo
 Joseph J. Piteo III 

 Tom Garrity 

 Mike Debeauvernet

 Kelly Guzman 

 Chris Greene 

 Thomas Cople 

 Eddie Dabrowski 

 Gail Rampolla 

 Vincent Ritell 

 Jeanna Petrillo 

 Pattie Sutton

 Morgan Worthington 

 Jim Morgan

 Michael Taylor 

 John Byrne 

 Ranpold 

 Albert Distefano, Jr. 

 Donna Sweene 

 Kathleen Othouse 

 Joan Williams 

 Shirley McKeon 

 Helen & John McCabe 

 Suzanne Yaremko 

 Victor Opromolla 

 Bea Jacobsen 

 Grace Pontecorvo 

 Victor Anderson 

 Daniel 

 Dwyer 

 Erin Gagarin 

 Gail Sullivan 

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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 **Elizabeta Novosel** at the request of Gabe Novosel.

### **Sacred Heart**

The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated for Bill, Joseph & Suzanne Lewis at the request of Ellen Lewis.

#### TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS DURING DONUTS & COFFEE OR CALL THE RECTORY 845-279-2021

### mass intentions

**Saturday, June 24** 5:00 PM 7:30 PM

Sunday, June 25 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM Sacred Heart

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

Monday, June 26 8:30 AM

Tuesday, June 27 8:30 AM

Wednesday, June 28 8:30 AM

Thursday, June 29 8:30AM

Friday, June 30 8:30AM

**Saturday, July 1** 5:00 PM 7:30 PM

Sunday, July 2 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM *Sacred Heart* 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM Spanish Marie Gasparini

Nicky Piccini

Robert Rickard Edward Richardson & Silvio Maron Giovanni Malandruccolo Spanish Margaret Jezik

Vincent Lamorte & Family

Joseph E. Morales

Bridget & Thomas Duff

Deceased of McGreevy & Slyne Family

Joe Johnson

Grant Family Spanish

Kathleen Civetta Bob Cocuzzo Anthony Zeoli Carol Serman Spanish Patrick M. Vreeland



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LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

#### **ONE HAIL MARY**

The Sisters of Life published a wonderful quarterly magazine, Imprint. I always look forward to its insightful articles. The Spring issue is focused on Mary; one story illuminates the normally unknown impact of prayer. I want to share it with you.

A young husband and father was running through his neighborhood and saw an ambulance in somebody's driveway. He thought about stopping, but he didn't know the owner and wasn't a doctor, so he ran on. But: "...he prayed one Hail Mary. One Hail Mary. He didn't stop and fold his hands; he didn't kneel. He just prayed one Hail Mary as he was jogging. He didn't think anything of it."

A week later he jogged by that house again and a woman called to him from the front porch. He didn't know her. "He stopped, turned around, and said, 'Me?' She said, 'Yeah, you... You saved my life." She went on to explain, "Last week I was sick, and I was rushed to the hospital. And I was in the hospital dying. And I knew I was dying. Jesus appeared to me, and He held out his hand ... and your face was on the palm of his hand. And He said to me, "You were going to die, but because of the prayer of this man, you're going to live.""

This is a true story from a very credible source. We don't normally have the opportunity to see the fruits of our prayers, but clearly, God wants to reveal many things to us through these two strangers. Jesus bestowed many graces here: He healed the woman and allowed her to see who was responsible; He rewarded the jogger for his simple sacrifice; He allowed the woman and jogger to meet, so the young father could know and share the story. The Sisters of Life have spread it to thousands of people and I am spreading it to a few hundred more. If you tell people you know, imagine the graces that will pour forth from all those prayers!

I love this story because I have said prayers in this way for many years. When I see a car accident, ambulance, funeral, or a homeless person, anytime I see that people are in need and suffering, I bless myself and say a prayer. This story shows me that my prayers are fruitful. Yours are too. Join me.

Scripture: Read 1 Timothy 2:1. What stands out?

**Call to Action**: Meditate on how wonderful God is to allow us to help each other in such a simple way.

## parish support st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of June 16		
In Pew Collection	\$	7,414.00
May WeShare weekly	\$	7,306.83
	Total s	14,720.83

### sacred heart parish support

Weekend of June 16		
In Pew Collection	\$	1,113.00
May WeShare weekly	\$	503.45
	Total \$	1,616.45

**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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