

July 16, 2023 the fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 on Zoom

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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Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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.



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To help, contact: Jimmy King at
topjimmyking1@gmail.com or 203-856-1701
Register:
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July 16, 2023

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

I hope most of you got a chance to meet our new parochial vicar, **Fr. Osvaldo Hernandez**, who arrived last week. You can call him Fr. Hernandez if that's easier. He was ordained five years ago and has been sent to help us make our parish even better. I've asked him to focus on the young people and in strengthening our ministries and helping with our Spanish community as well. Please pray for him as he works to be the good priest Jesus needs him to be.

I'm delighted to have some regular help because what's always on my mind are the many things I haven't been able to do here at our parishes. With him joining our already great lay staff, we'll be able to serve better the many pastoral needs of everyone in Brewster and Patterson.

Trisha Thien, our new youth minister has been meeting with many parents and will be speaking this weekend about the launch of **Life Teen**. She'll do a great job with our youth. You know how difficult it is raising teens in our society that sometimes seems to have gone insane. It seems every traditional and Christian value is being questioned and rejected. In times like this, teens need good values and orientation and need to stay close to God. That's what we do with our **Life Teen** ministry – we help the kids understand that not everything the culture tells us or that is on the internet is good for us, but that we need to keep our faith strong and listen to Jesus.



I'm sending all our **staff members to conferences at Steubenville** this summer, so they all get some needed spiritual renewal. All of us together are in this spiritual battle, and the devil is trying to make us fail. So I want our ministry heads and all who work for our parish to be strong spiritually.

We've got great things coming up – including the **“On the Boardwalk” Family Fun Day on August 6** at the Elks Club. We'll have a Jesus Fest in September as well, and we'll start our “Shepherds Speak” series this Fall with all our bishops coming for the Eucharistic Renewal. Get ready for a great year ahead!

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.



one question you can ask to create a positive family culture

THERESA CIVANTOS BARBER

Parents wonder how they can be more intentional about fostering a positive family culture. It turns out there's a simple question that makes clear what to pay attention to and what to set aside. What does it mean to have a "family culture"? It means the habits, values, rules, and priorities that define your family. Although Tolstoy wrote that "All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." The truth is that each family has its own distinct culture, which emerges either through deliberate design or through the default path of least resistance.

Most parents want to raise their child in a warm, loving, thoughtful environment, but they don't know where to start. It feels overwhelming to choose which habits and traditions are most important, decide how to order the daily and weekly rhythms, and consider whether to imitate the culture of another family that seems to have it all together, or build new norms from scratch.

If you're new to creating a family culture, this simple question will put everything into perspective: Decades from now, when your kids are grown up and out of the house, what do you want them to remember from their childhoods? What things are so important to you that you want them to be defining features of your child's life at home? Make a list of the most important things you want to focus on as a parent, and then structure your days and weeks to reflect those priorities. Here are some examples of what this might look like in real life:

FAITH — start and end each day in prayer, pray the Rosary together regularly, and read and discuss Scripture and the lives of the saints. Consider volunteering together at a food pantry or soup kitchen or performing some other kind of charitable activity together.

LEARNING— read books aloud together, talk about what they are learning in school at the dinner table, organize a family book club, and explore science or history interests outside of school by visiting museums or historical sites.

NATURE— go hiking together regularly, plant a backyard garden, plan an annual camping trip, and encourage outdoor play every day.

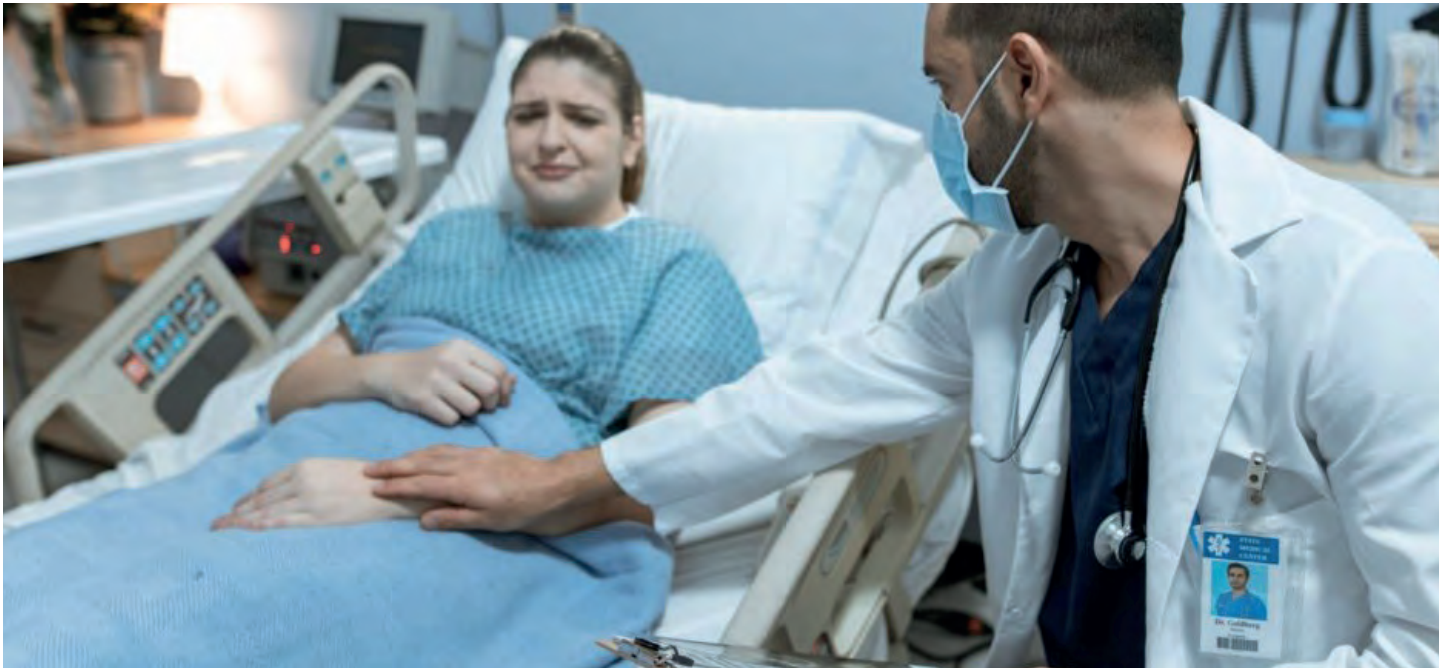
CREATIVITY— plan regular sessions of process art, learn a new skill like knitting or embroidery together, designate a space for creating, and allow for plenty of unstructured down time (with creative materials on hand!). Visiting art museums or sculpture gardens can also be a source of fun and inspiration.

FITNESS—play soccer or basketball as a family regularly, sign up your kids for organized sports, encourage your kids to join you on the rock-climbing wall at the gym, and run a family 5K each year. You can also try making and planning healthy dinner menus together.

SKILLS—teach your children to cook from a young age, have them pitch in with household chores like mopping and dusting, and teach them smart strategies to manage money, all with the goal that they will be fully prepared when it's time to move out and live on their own.

There is no right or wrong answer in what you choose to prioritize — though we highly recommend putting faith at the top of any list.

The elements of a positive culture will look a little different for every family. Whenever you're trying to decide whether to add to or alter any elements of your family culture, keeping these suggestions in mind will help you stay on track.



if abortion were compassionate, it wouldn't leave moms asking 'was it a boy or a girl?'

DR. HAYWOOD ROBINSON

I have a particular memory related to the years we spent doing abortions. I had completed an abortion and had a brief break before the next. The nurse who'd been assisting me had stayed with the patient a little longer than I had, then joined me for a break. She seemed a little troubled, so I asked if everything was okay.

"It's just that the patient asked me a question after you left," she said. "She was lying on the table, staring up at the ceiling. Quietly, so I almost couldn't hear her, she said, 'Was it a boy or a girl? The baby.'"

The nurse paused for a moment, then said, "I've been asked that same question more than once. It always makes me a little sad."

The reason that memory keeps coming back to me is what it reveals about the patient's attitude. By that time the baby is gone. All the mutilated body parts have been taken away. But there lies a woman with a mother's heart. Maybe she didn't even want to be there — she might have come because she was pressured to, or because she felt that she had no choice. She might have felt abandoned or unsupported. She might have yearned for someone to rescue her. Regardless of why she was there, if she asked that question, she must have been looking for closure. She wanted the ability to envision the little life that was lost so that she could bid it goodbye. It humanizes the moment.

And the minutes after an abortion are definitely a moment that needs humanizing. Was it a boy or a girl? The thing is, a boy or a girl isn't just a lump of protoplasm, a glob of tissue. A boy or a girl is a person. Someone whose coming might have been joyously anticipated by someone. A boy or a girl is destined to have a unique future.

Yet somehow, despite the jarring words of the nurse and my discomfort with them, when our break was over we went back into the abortion chamber and invaded and emptied the womb of another woman. My reasoning and conscience never took the next step. Neither she nor I asked the logical next questions: Could it be that destroying these little lives is wrong? That it's the wrong thing for

the mother as well as the baby? And that it was the wrong thing for the doctor to do in the first place?

Shame on us! We sold out at the cost of millions of lives. Doctors should have never accepted the role of executioners when Roe v. Wade was passed. Doctors could have shouted a collective "No!" We could have insisted that abortion is not medicine and pregnancy is not a disease. But we cowered to the prevailing voices of the day and lost our moral footing. Just as Noreen and I were romanced by the dollars lining our pockets.

This makes me think that it isn't really compassion those in the world of abortion feel for the women in their care, even though they sometimes speak words that indicate compassion. I think it's false compassion. I think the words of compassion come because, despite our best efforts to keep the patients at arm's length and not engage with them personally, sometimes it happens anyway. Maybe the patient reaches out to you or a colleague directly, as the woman did in the nurse's story, and when that happens, you have to respond somehow. So you put on your best bedside manner and you react in a way that sounds compassionate. Even if you're about to scrub up and go into the next room for the next abortion.

When we were doing abortions, there were few places offering alternatives. Now, there are thousands of pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) equipped with ultrasound equipment enabling mothers to see their preborn children and eager to give out supplies and clothing. There are maternity homes, adoption agencies, and other choices that, if they were available at all in the 1980s, were available in far smaller numbers and perhaps not locally. Ultrasound machines are one of the most significant life-saving tools of our time. Abortion-prone women, when shown an ultrasound of their child, change their minds and give birth nearly 80 percent of the time. That's why PRCs are so hated by the abortion industry. Babies' lives are saved, which means abortion revenue goes down. These days, PRCs outnumber abortion facilities six to one. Six to one.

Our challenge, then, is to woo more parents who are facing unexpected pregnancies to step inside a PRC and see for themselves the tiny baby snuggled inside the womb. In that moment, so very often, a new romance is kindled — the love between parent and child.

teen camps

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Session 15, July 22nd

- What do I Live for Now?
- Moving forward is a necessity and a process.
- Peace and Pain will always coexist.

Matthew 6:34

“Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.”



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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
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pray for

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

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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 **Deceased of the Merlotto & DiSarro Families** at the request of Marianne Merlotto.

mass intentions

Saturday, July 15

5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Vincent LaMorte
Spanish - Intentions of
John & Philip

Sunday, July 16

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

Maffalda (Maffie) Clair
Anthony Massimo
John McDonnell
Marie Harley-Oakes
Spanish
Lay Carmelite Community
St. Mary Mother of God

Monday, July 17

8:30 AM

Catherine Walsh

Tuesday, July 18

8:30 AM

Intentions of the Carmelite
Sisters of Rochester

Wednesday, July 19

8:30 AM

Helen Bozza

Thursday, July 20

8:30 AM

Bob Cocuzzo

Friday, July 21

8:30 AM

Intentions of the Bisogno Family

Saturday, July 22

5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Patrick & Kathleen Stokes
Spanish

Sunday, July 23

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

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

George Taranto
Michael Keegan
Edward Richardson &
Silvio Maron
Mary Mitchell
Spanish-Judy McDermott
Vincenza Pilla

Life Teen is back!

LifeTeen is nights just for high schoolers. Every Wednesday night we will be building community, having fun, and learning about the faith.



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LIFE TEEN KICKOFF PARTY

July 19th

6:30 pm-8:30 pm — new church parking lot.
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Life Teen will continue every Wednesday night
from 6:30 pm -8:00 pm outside the parish gym.

For more information contact Trisha at slottrisha@gmail.com



LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

COMPANY WE KEEP

Recently we celebrated the feast day of St. John of the Cross. He was a companion of St. Teresa of Avila in the 16th century. They both were reformers of the Carmelite order and they both became Doctors of the Church. Over and over again, we hear stories of saints and their companions who also became saints. These are holy men and women that became more holy based on the company that they kept.

Sometimes saints come from holy families and two or more family members are recognized for canonization. St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory of Nyssa in the 4th century were twins. They drew inspiration from their pious grandmother, St. Macrina. St. Basil wrote, "Never shall I forget the deep impression that the words and example of this venerable woman made upon

my soul." In the fifth century, Saints Benedict and Scholastica were also twins. St. Therese of Lisieux lived at the end of the 19th century and was canonized by 1925. She was also named a Doctor of the Church and because of her great sanctity, and the holiness shown by her parents, Zelig and Louis Martin were canonized by Pope Francis in 2015. Her sister, Leonia's case is being considered now too. St. Gianna Molla died in 1962. She is the namesake of our new pregnancy care center. Her brother, Enrico, was an Italian missionary and his cause for canonization is underway now.

Holy friends and companions can lead us to sanctity too. St. Francis of Assisi accepted Jesus' request to rebuild his Church and that attracted many others, including St. Clare. Then as a very young child, St. Bonaventure was brought to St. Francis to be prayed over and healed of a serious childhood disease. He went on to join the Franciscan order and became close friends with Thomas Aquinas. Bonaventure and Aquinas became two of the greatest Catholic theologians and philosophers and ultimately both were named Doctors of the Church. The list of examples goes on and on.

Holy bonds of faith and love give us the strength we need to thrive. We are the company we keep; as disciples, let us befriend people we admire for their faith and charity so that we can be remembered as their holy companions.

Scripture: Read Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8. What stands out?
Call to Action: Examine the people you spend time with. Are they helping to lead you to heaven?

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Weekend of July 2

In Pew Collection	\$ 7,631.00
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Total	\$ 14,937.83

Weekend of July 9

In Pew Collection	\$ 8,475.00
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Total	\$ 15,781.83

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of July 2

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,282.00
May <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 503.45
Total	\$ 2,785.45

Weekend of July 9

In Pew Collection	\$ 859.00
May <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 503.45
Total	\$ 1,362.45

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