

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 Plots and cremation niches are available for purchase. Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201 call to schedule an appointment.

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life teen kick off

On July 19, we kicked off the season with 22 teens! There was a spontaneous soccer game, fun competitions and great reviews on the hamburgers and s'mores. It was wonderful to get to meet each teen, and we're excited to get to know more high schoolers at future LifeNights!



new billboard on 84

Gianna's House, a Catholic pregnancy care center, has opened on Main St. in Brewster, to help women with unplanned pregnancies choose life. We give support and loving care so they are not alone facing what can seem to be a crisis. Gianna's House has rented a billboard on Rt. 84 near Exit 2 in Danbury, to get the message out. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers, and all who gave through our baby bottle campaign.





July 30, 2023 while we're at it

Dear Friends,

We've got much of the major renovation work done around the parking lots at St. Lawrence with resealing the asphalt and painting new spaces. We put four handicapped spaces at the rear of the Church with easy, level access to the Church elevator and to the Parish Center.

We still have some drainage work and some tree planting in the rectory parking lot to do this summer. Thanks for your patience. We'll turn now to getting the shrines built out in front of the gym and in Our Lady's Prayer Grotto – all the statues have arrived.

And still on the list to get done this summer is the new deck at the entrance to Sacred Heart. It's coming!

But the most important things we're doing are the ones involving people and faith. On August 6, we'll sponsor an *On the Boardwalk Family Fun Day* over at the Elks Club on Rt. 22. All families are welcome for fun and games and food and good fellowship. It runs from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Then to coincide with the kick-off of this year's Family Program, we'll dedicate **September 16 and 17** to a *Jesus Fest* here on the grounds at St. Lawrence. We'll have food and games, an exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles, as well as an outdoor tent with the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration – throughout the day will be food, games, music, talks, time for prayer, a place to bring your prayer intentions and much more.



And something else pretty special for this *Eucharistic Revival* period. As you know, we have the **New York State Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville, NY October 21**. We'll have buses from our parishes going up for the day – be sure to sign up.

But we've also managed to invite and confirm all five of our auxiliary bishops, as well as Cardinal Dolan, to come and to give a series of Holy Hours throughout the coming year in what we're calling **Shepherds Speak**. These six holy hours – **starting September 19 with Bishop Ed Whalen** – will be reflections by our Church leaders on their experience of the Eucharist during this three-year renewal. We'll host one per month throughout the year, so stay tuned for dates and times.

This week the Gospel teaches us that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. When we stop to think about it, the promise Jesus gives us of heaven is the most amazing thing we can think of and makes everything else we have seem small. That kingdom is worth giving all we have. Let's keep striving to be worthy of his promise.

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.



welcome sara gonzales

Hello Everyone! I am so excited and honored to be serving the parish as the **Director of Youth and Faith Formation**. I will be working hand and hand with parents and our church catechists to ensure that our children not only learn about our Catholic faith but are able to grow in a relationship with God: the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. I will be overseeing all youth faith formation and sacraments at our parish, from the smallest to the tallest!

The Lord really paved the way for me to become a part of this parish. I was born and raised in the small town of San Juan along the border of Mexico in Texas. I am a Mexican American and was raised in a very Tex-Mex culture. Being a Mexican American, I was raised with a devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and continue to grow in love and relationship with her. Over the years, she has really been the one who always brought me to Jesus.

I graduated from the University of Texas Pan-American with a major in Political Science and a double minor in English and Legal Studies. I was just a summer away from law school, and God had another plan. I stayed a couple of years in my hometown and taught high school English. During that time the Lord was working hard and preparing me. I joined a missionary ministry called Corazon Puro whose mission is to quench the world's thirst for authentic love by educating and walking with Hispanic youth and young adults; teaching them about chastity, human dignity, and worth using the teaching of Theology of the Body as written by St. Pope John Paul II. Thanks to Corazon Puro, I answered the call to be a missionary in the Philippines teaching the Theology of the Body.

Through Corazon Puro, I met my now husband, Thomas. We got married on July 7th of this year and are thrilled to join such an amazing Catholic community. After teaching and being a missionary for 6 years, God has now called me to serve at St. Lawrence O'Toole and I was more than excited to answer the calling. I can't wait to get to know everyone, especially all the families and children of our parish! I can't wait to start the year and let the Holy Spirit flow through!



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 2, August 5th - Challenges of Grief

- Why your pain is so overwhelming.
- Effects of grief on mind, body, & spirit.
- How to get things done, to move forward.

Psalm 9:10-11

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you; you never forsake those who seek you, LORD.



WOMEN'S GIFT BOOK CLUB

Convicted by Mercy, The Journey of Frank Simmonds from the Streets to Sanctity by Rita A. Simmonds

THURSDAY August 24 PIETA COURTYARD/LARGE CON-FERENCE ROOM Bring your own lawn chair. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



This riveting book tells the true story of a saint. A saint who was a crack addict, who once lived in a cardboard shack on the roughest streets of New York City, and who on one cold night told God that he would serve him for the rest of his life, and who was able to make good on that promise in the most extraordinary of ways.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/WGift FEE: Book must be purchased in advance by the participant



don bosco conference at steubenville

SARA GONZALES

Some of the St. Lawrence O'Toole staff had the opportunity to go to the **St. John Bosco conference at Franciscan University** in Steubenville, Ohio, from July 17th-20th. The St. John Bosco Conference is for all catechists, Catholic school teachers, youth ministers, evangelizers, RCIA coordinators, and anyone who hands on the faith to others! It gives all who attend the chance to become renewed in mind, heart, and skills. Throughout the conference, there were engaging speakers that not only touched our hearts, but helped remind us that all we do, and all that we are, first comes from the heart of God our Father.

We were joined by some prominent Bishops including Bishop Andrew Cozzen, the chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. Bishop Cozzens is the bishop who, on behalf of the bishops, is leading a three-year National Eucharistic Revival that began in June of 2022. His keynote presentation left us all with an even greater appreciation for the Eucharist and an even deeper realization of Jesus present in the Eucharist. Our God continues to humble Himself to be closer to us, so close that we consume

Him at every mass. He wants to be one with each and every one of us.

While at the conference, we attended many workshops where we gained knowledge to bring back to better serve our parish. Savannah DeFelice, our Family Life coordinator, attended many workshops to not only strengthen her relationship with God but also to help our children be able to do the same. These workshops were concentrated on youth ministry, parent involvement in catechesis, and children's religious education. Julie, Sally, and Betsy were on a retreat track where they took workshops with the Dominican Sisters who taught on diving deeper into a relationship with the Lord. In these workshops, the ladies learned how to foster an environment for others to have a deep encounter with our Lord.

I am so grateful that I am coming into a parish that is making sure I am equipped to be able to start this position. I attended workshops to help me understand and carry out my role as a catechetical leader at this parish. The workshops centered around what makes a good catechetical leader, church doctrine and catechesis, recruiting, and training catechists, and catechesis for children.



Aug 6 2 pm-6 pm Brewster Elks Rt 22, Brewster

Join us for a FREE day of family-friendly fun and games!

- Win prizes playing classic Boardwalk arcade games like water gun races, bottle toss, and basketball
- Take a swim in the pool and compete for prizes in family yard games, cornhole and sand sculpture tournaments
- Traditional Boardwalk food including hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, and ice cream will be available for purchase



Open to all parents and children in Southeast & Patterson.

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NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023 Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY



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.

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:

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 • Ronald Longobardo • 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 • Kevin Palmer • Jennifer Palmer •Thomas Palmer • Mary Carter • William Barfield • Garry Katen • Laurie Muller • Dena A Figura • Joe Turturro • Noah Martinez • Ava Di Benedetto • Suzanne McIntyre • Dave Sambora

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.

mass intentions

Saturday, July 29 5:00 PM 7:30 PM

Sunday, July 30 8:00 AM

9:30 AM 10:30 AM Sacred Heart

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

Monday, July 31 8:30 AM

Tuesday, August 1 8:30 AM

Wednesday, August 2 8:30 AM

Thursday, August 3 8:30AM

Friday, August 4 8:30 AM 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 5 5:00 PM 7:30 PM

Sunday, August 6 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM *Sacred Heart*

11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM Linda Osmun Spanish

Patrick & Kathleen Stokes Kenny Holler Judy & Mike McDermott & the McGough Family John & Lee Santorelli Spanish Vincent LaMorte

Billy Fischer

Felicia Lamorte & Family

Victor Cenci

St. Lawrence O'Toole Society

Souls of St. Lawrence Cemetery Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

Kevin Valles Spanish- Osca Velasquez

Jose Machado Tim Stanton Gladys O'Connor & Bowes Family McCluskey & Ebert Families Spanish Denis, Ed, & Eileen Donovan

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

LifeTeen is back!

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

LIFE TEEN • August 2nd 6:30 pm-8:00 pm - new church parking lot.

LifeTeen will continue every Wednesday night from 6:30 pm -8:00 pm outside the parish gym.



LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

CAPTIVATING BEAUTY

Whenever we read the accounts of the mystics who have seen our Blessed Mother, the first words they say are, "She was so beautiful!" It has often puzzled me. We know that we shouldn't judge people by their physical beauty, yet beauty is the first attribute that God reveals to us in his Mother. And that is consistent across the millennia, from early mystics to recent ones. Over time and across cultures, standards of beauty differ: plump vs. thin, strong vs. petite, fair vs. dark. Women's fashions change as well, yet Mary's wardrobe stays classic and her beauty timeless.

After much pondering, I propose that Mary's beauty is far deeper than what people can see with their eyes. I believe that they are also feeling her with their hearts and souls. What people primitively describe as beautiful is actually a fusion of the presence of Mary's sinlessness, her great love for us, and the peace and the goodness of God that envelopes her and those fortunate enough to be in her presence.

One proof of this is the frustration people have when trying to paint Mary. Last summer, I spoke with a woman in Vermont whose mother had seen our Blessed Mother when pilgrimaging to the home Mary shared with St. John in Ephesus, Turkey. She hired an artist, and they spent years trying to accurately depict her beauty. The seer was continuously frustrated with the artist's attempts. They finally settled on the best version they could muster, but it definitely seems to be lacking.

In the Spring '23 Sisters of Life *Imprints* magazine, a small light is shone on this mystery. Roy Schoeman, a former atheist Jew who converted to Catholicism, tells of his mystical experience with Mary. He referred to her as, "the most beautiful young woman I could ever imagine."He asked her," How can it be? How can you be so glorious, so magnificent, so exalted?' Her reply was to look down at me almost with pity and say, 'Oh, you don't understand. I am nothing. I am a creature, a created thing. He is everything."

Wow! Think about that. If Mary's beauty captivates all who see her, imagine what being in God's presence will be like. I guess we can't imagine but let us strive to live lives that will allow us to be surrounded by indescribable beauty for all eternity.

Scripture: Read Acts of Psalms 27:4. What stands out? **Call to Action**: Make a point every day to look for the beauty of God in his creation.

parish support st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of July 16		
In Pew Collection	\$	7,489.00
May WeShare weekly	_ \$	7,306.83 14,795.83
	Total \$	14,795.83
Weekend of July 23		
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Weekend of July 16 \$ In Pew Collection 1,831.00 \$ May WeShare weekly 503.45 Total s 2,334.45 Weekend of July 23 \$ In Pew Collection 915.00 \$ May WeShare weekly 503.45 Total s 1,418.45

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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