

august 27, 2023 twenty-first 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

Plots and cremation niches are available for purchase.

Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201  
call to schedule an appointment.

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

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**TUESDAY  
SEPT 19**

**7:00 PM  
BISHOP ED WHALEN**



## EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL HOLY HOURS

Tuesday, Oct 31  
**BISHOP ESPAILLAT**

Monday, Nov. 27  
**BISHOP BYRNE**

Monday, Dec. 11  
**BISHOP BONNICI**

Thursday, Jan 18  
**BISHOP COLACICCO**

Thursday, March 7  
**CARDINAL DOLAN**

7:00 pm Worship Music

7:10 pm Spiritual Talk bishops  
of the Archdiocese of New York

7:30 pm Exposition & Praise and Worship music

8:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction



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August 27, 2023

# while we're at it

Dear Friends,

I was watching some interviews with **homeless people** in the Kensington section of Philadelphia the other day. They were mostly women telling their stories – sad ones of addiction, hopelessness, the abuse they've suffered from pimps, dealers, and thieves. Many of them have children that they left behind for others to raise while they live on the streets getting money to survive by means of prostitution. It's all they have to offer, and it provides the money for the drugs. But at the same time, I was struck by how human and real they were. I wondered who they were and what they were like before they fell into this nightmare.

It's far away and in another city, and I thought and felt the temptation to think that it's not so bad here locally. We deal with a few dozen homeless at our **Brewster Cares warming station** and the problems are mostly alcohol and drugs. On any given winter night, we have about 15 people sleeping over. But while the world sees someone who has made the wrong choices and has hit bottom, God sees each one as made in his image and likeness and his loving child.

Often I imagine them as people I will meet again in heaven someday and wonder whether they'll thank me for trying to help them or if they'll remember I ignored them.

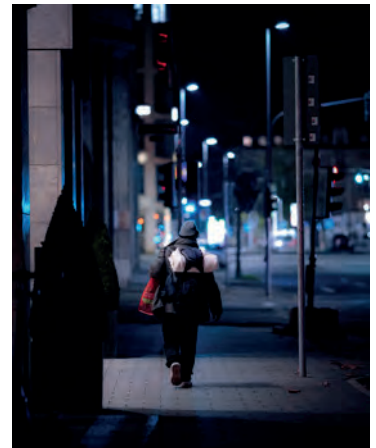
**Brewster Cares** is doing good work... and we have to take it to the next step, where we're not just preventing people from dying in the streets or woods, but giving them a chance to transition back to a meaningful life. We're hosting an **AA group in Spanish** and that helps. We provide a place for them to come and eat and shower and wash their clothes. In winter we give them a safe warm place to sleep.

We're working on the next step – perhaps **a community of tiny homes** as a transition to stability, to work, and to permanent housing. It's a way to reclaim their dignity as children of God. No one else is doing anything, and this is our turf. I think God is saying it is our job to look after his people.

On **September 30**, we're hosting a **fundraising luncheon at Las Mananitas** to raise money for the work of **Brewster Cares** with the homeless and immigrants. Tickets are \$125, and there are sponsorships available too. Come on out to help us help our brothers and sisters. Get tickets at [weblink.donorperfect.com/BCLuncheon](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/BCLuncheon).

God bless,

Fr. Richard



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**Sunday, September 3**

**10am - 2pm**

In the new church parking lot

All proceeds go towards St. Lawrence O'Toole's Youth Ministry to help fund upcoming events and needed materials.



**CARWASH**

The 2024  
Mass Intentions Book  
opens for  
St Lawrence &  
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**9:00 am-4:00 pm**

**Friday, Sept 8**

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# JESUS *fest*



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- ✦ Inspirational Speakers
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- ✦ Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit
- ✦ Prayer Garden
- ✦ Confession available
- ✦ Family Games and Activities



# SEPT 16 & 17

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## camp veritas

TRISHA THIEN

From August 12-16, 6 high schoolers from our parish journeyed with myself and Gabby up to Glen Spey, NY, to attend Camp Veritas - a Catholic summer camp that's packed with adventurous activities and unbelievable prayer.

Each morning the students attended a catechesis and testimony talk, followed by hours of activities such as a high ropes course, ultimate frisbee, kickball, tubing, ziplining, and others. The boys were proud to say that they did not back out of any of the activities, including the giant swing.

Evenings was when all the prayer came in. The students attended Mass, another talk, an hour of adoration with praise and worship, and a rosary. God showed up in big ways during these times of prayer. There were talks on how to pray, our relationship with Jesus, and our personal wounds. Each night the kids were invited to allow Jesus to look at them and experience His personal love for them. The last night, **"The Walk Through,"** was the climax of the week. That was when a priest brought Jesus around in the monstrance and stood in front of every single student, so each one could come face to face with Jesus. By the end of the night, every one of the 350+ students were on their knees praising the Lord. I believe we all experienced a foretaste of Heaven through these times in Adoration.

As one of their leaders, it was an incredible joy and honor to pray for them and see how the high schoolers were transformed by spending time with Jesus. I'm very proud of how much they went out of their comfort zones, whether it was free falling on the zipline,

going to confession for the first time in years, or trying to simply be with Jesus in prayer, they went full in at camp. And their smiles at the end only showed that it was worth it.

**"Camp Veritas is an incredible summer camp experience. In a few short days, I could feel my connection and relationship with God deepen through daily Mass, rosary, and Adoration. They had great food. I make new amazing friends every year, get to do fun activities, and I got closer to God."**  
- Claire

**"Camp Veritas was such a wonderful experience! It helped me in my faith, and I made so many new friends. Everyone at camp is so kind and caring. And a bonus is how uplifted I felt after my confession. All the counselors and staff were amazing. I had such a fun time."**  
- Bridget

**"I can't find the right words to express my experience at Camp Veritas. Like others, it was hard at first being away from our loved ones, but once I made friends I felt at home again, welcomed. I had an amazing time there. I learn more about my faith and the many ways to grow closer to God as a teenager. The best parts of camp was Adoration. You could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit through the songs and prayers. I would go again, and say yes without thinking twice."**  
- Katherine

**"I really enjoyed Camp Veritas! Even though as teenagers we are addicted to our phones and weren't able to use them, we still learned a lot and everything was a valuable lesson. We got so much closer to God while having fun!"**  
- Audrey





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EXPERIENCE THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ON  
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## NYS Eucharistic Congress

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PROCESSION

**Join with 10,000 other Catholics from all over New York State for this day of Eucharistic worship and renewal:**

**Saturday October 21**, at Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY. This historic site, just outside Albany is the place where St. Isaac Jogues, St. Charles Lalande and Bl. Rene Goupil were martyred and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

Our bishops from around the State will be present to lead this day of prayer, along with great musicians and inspired speakers.

St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart Parishes will be traveling in buses leaving at 8:00 am and returning at 10 pm that night. The bus for Spanish speaking parishioners will leave at 6:00 am and return in the early evening. The ride is just over two hours from Brewster. Food trucks will be available or you can bring your own food. **Sign up with your whole family today. Seats on the bus are just \$25 round trip.**

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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



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## mass intentions

### Saturday, August 26

5:00 PM  
7:30 PM

George Taranto  
Spanish

### Sunday, August 27

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

Maffalda (Maffie) Clair  
Vincent LaMorte  
Ramon Cintron  
Grace Siemer  
Spanish  
Fredrick & Olga Lyons  
& Susan Lyons

### Monday, August 28

8:30 AM

Michael McCluskey

### Tuesday, August 29

8:30 AM

Tommaso, Christina, and  
Giuseppe Manna

### Wednesday, August 30

8:30 AM

Phyllis Coscia

### Thursday, August 31

8:30 AM

Edward O'Connor

### Friday, September 1

8:30 AM  
7:00 PM

Souls of St. Lawrence Cemetery  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

### Saturday, September 2

5:00 PM  
7:30 PM

Marcello Mancini  
Spanish

### Sunday, September 3

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

Joseph Floto  
Kenneth Dormann  
Gladys O'Connor & Family  
Deceased of the Badame Family  
Spanish  
Catherine Clinton & Kate McBride



## Homeless Shelter Fundraising Luncheon at Las Mañanitas

Rt. 22 Brewster

Saturday, September 30

1:00 pm

\$125 per person

Sponsorships of \$1000 available

RSVP: [weblink.donorperfect.com/BCLuncheon](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/BCLuncheon)

Checks made to Brewster Cares, Inc.

Brewster Cares is a local leader in sheltering the homeless, tutoring for the poor, teaching immigrants English as a second language, and providing meals for those grieving loss, for the sick and homebound.

Honoring Harold Lepler with our "Friend of the Poor" Award  
Harold Lepler of Covington Associates for his philanthropy and his loyal support of Brewster Cares in its efforts to serve our community.

We thank Luis and Saida Sanchez, owners of Las Mananitas  
for their sponsorship of this event.





LYNDA HOLLER  
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

**HOLY INFLUENCE**

Every morning I start my day by listening to the Daily Saint on the **Hallow** app. They choose a variety of familiar and unknown holy people from around the world and across the two millennia of Christianity. I love that no story resembles another. Each man and woman lived in a particular time and place with its unique challenges and benefits, had their own talents and weaknesses, overcame great obstacles, and persevered to “win the race,” as St. Paul would say. Their stories are fascinating and inspirational, but there is a different reality that I want to ponder today.

In our lifetime, we saw St. Pope John Paul II and St. Teresa of Calcutta fast-tracked to sainthood. They were great role models for people around the 20th-century world. Receiving canonization is normally a longer process and although St. Faustina and

St Maximillian Kolbe took around 60 years to achieve that recognition, that was still within the lifetime of many people who had known them. What is fascinating to me is the seemingly unknown holy people who lived hundreds or thousands of years ago and who are still remembered and revered.

What I have recognized within our families is that when a person dies, a couple of generations later, that person’s life is typically forgotten. I heard my parents talk about their grandparents, so I might know a little bit about them, but I know nothing about my grandparents’ grandparents. Within a hundred years, most family connections are gone. But the supernatural relationships of the Church run deeper than our familial ones.

Almost nothing was known about St. Philomena until her tomb was discovered in 1802. Her relics were transferred, miracles started to happen, and devotion to her quickly spread. Then an Italian nun started to receive revelations about this 3rd Century martyr. St. Philomena was canonized in 1837, 1633 years after her death! Devotion to her continues to this day; St. John Vianney and St. Pio were devotees. Listening to the stories of saints like St. Philomena teaches us that God’s holy ones are still influential in our world. They are not dead to us but fully alive and actively participating. More proof that Jesus conquered death and that love and the Christian community never end.

**Scripture:** Read Ephesians 2:19-20. What stands out?

**Call to Action:** Find a resource like Hallow and read about a saint each day. Allow their stories to draw you deeper into the family of Christ’s Church.

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**st. lawrence parish support**

**Weekend of August 20**

In Pew Collection	\$	6,562.00
July <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	6,608.49
<b>Total</b>	\$	13,170.49

**sacred heart parish support**

**Weekend of August 20**

In Pew Collection	\$	1,116.00
July <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	442.81
<b>Total</b>	\$	1,558.81

**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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