

october 1, 2023 twenty-sixth 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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October 1, 2023

# while we're at it

Dear Friends,

We're doing a lot at our parishes with improvements... the new parking lot, new trees and landscaping, the statues in the prayer garden, the new deck and stairs at Sacred Heart. I want to say thank you to all of you for your generosity and support in making our two churches sparkle. It's important that the church reflect as best we can the infinite beauty of God. Thanks for taking pride in making dignified and beautiful the place we go to worship Him as his people. It's a reminder that God is great and transcendent but that one day we will live in his true dwelling place – the place we call heaven, the new Jerusalem.

Of course, we know the most important things we do aren't works of physical beauty, but the interior work in the souls of each one of our members. From the baptisms of 8-12 babies each month, that make them children of God, to the hundreds of confessions we hear every Monday and Friday, to the thousands of Communions Sunday after Sunday... all of this is the work of God remaking us in his image. Our work in the parishes goes on to educate the next generations in the ways of our Catholic Faith. Thank you for supporting our work of sanctifying our people.

This month – on **Saturday the 21st** – I'd like to invite you to join us on our buses to Auriesville, and to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs outside of Albany. At that beautiful shrine built on the site of the martyrdom of St. Isaac Joques and others and the birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, all the bishops of our State of New York will gather with 7,500 lay faithful for a day focused on our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We'll have buses leaving from the parish early that morning and returning at night – the day will have us celebrate the Mass in that historic place, take part in great talks and Eucharistic procession, and renew ourselves in the one thing that really matters: our faith that Jesus is present in the Eucharist and that he leads us closer to his Divine Heart in Holy Communion.

The bus is just \$25 round trip and there will be food and fun there. We'll foster a great camaraderie on the way there and back. And we'll all have a deep spiritual experience of his Presence among us. Sign up today!  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/NYS\\_EC](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/NYS_EC)



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.



## after i walked out of the abortion clinic, i learned it was a girl

LYDIA BURNS-THE FEDERALIST

I was about three months pregnant and sitting in an abortion clinic receiving “counseling,” which meant I was reading over the forms they gave me and signing my consent. I was having second thoughts. I had had a previous abortion that still left me with nightmares, but I was desperate. I was pregnant by a man other than the guy I was living with and had three other kids. This couldn't work out.

By the time the abortionist saw me, he told me I might be too far along to have an abortion and that another abortionist may have to do it. I figured that was what I needed to get out of there. When I pulled up my phone and opened Instagram, I saw a post from a friend from church who had had five abortions. She said she was praying for those considering abortion at that moment.

If my phone was eavesdropping or God was intervening, I got the message. After reaching out to her, she put me in touch with a group that not only saved my baby's life, but prioritized mine as well.

The number one reason women choose abortion is money. Babies are expensive, and as they get older, the financial challenges continue. Ask any parent if raising kids is cheap and they'll look at you like you're from another planet. Yes, we all get it, and moms in difficult situations, where money is most certainly at the forefront of their minds, are especially prone to thinking abortion is the quick fix to their problem.

But it really isn't. The ending of innocent life is no small matter. It's not like just pulling a tooth or removing a gallbladder.

**People Are There to Help in Every Way-** Yet a million women have abortions in our country every year. Even if they were all given checks to cover their rent and buy baby clothes and diapers, that would run out — and then what? They would be right back where they started.

When I was in dire straits and pregnant with my fourth baby, my partner asked my kids and me to move out of his apartment. I was working from home but still, I needed a place to live.

My friend who had five abortions knew of a nonprofit project called **LoveLine** (part of ProLove Ministries) that works with women like me, makes calls within local communities to find help and resources, and ultimately walks with women in situations like mine. They did all of this for me and I'm eternally grateful. I truly don't know where I'd be without their help.

**True Empowerment-**I was given free counseling and free financial coaching, had a baby registry set up for me, and they put me in touch with a local pregnancy center who has been helping me with diapers and wipes as I've been going to parenting classes there and meeting other moms.

I don't know who said this famous quote, “*Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime*” but the wisdom is real. It's okay to accept help, but it's even better to learn how to manage your money, search for jobs, and understand how to navigate Medicaid. That's empowerment. My life has completely changed because I've learned how to do these things and have had some pretty amazing people in my life to teach me, for which I'm eternally grateful.

I have three sons whom I love dearly. Later the same day I walked out of the abortion facility, I got a call from the OB-GYN I had seen earlier to confirm the pregnancy. She told me I'd be having a girl. A girl whom I had only dreamed about.

I don't like to think about what would have happened if I got that call right after I had an abortion. I don't know what the future will hold, but I do know that because of several selfless pro-life individuals through **LoveLine** I will make it.

I know I'm loved and cared for. I know my family is held in prayer. I know that I'm not alone. Sometimes, just knowing that you aren't alone can make all the difference for that woman considering abortion. There is a way out.





## trivia date night was brain-busting fun!

STEPHANIE PAUL



This past Saturday, we had a blast at St. Lawrence O'Toole's **Trivia Date Night!** It was a night filled with friendly faces, laughter, and some competitive trivia. It was also the perfect chance for all the parents to kick back and have some adult fun while the kiddos had their share of enjoyment too!

For just \$5 — yes, you heard it right — we had babysitting covered! The kids were off having a grand time, munching on pizza, playing games, and making memories with their friends. Meanwhile, the adults were getting our trivia on, competing, laughing, and just enjoying a carefree night.

We had five awesome teams! A shout out to Bad Parentz, Boiler Room, Steve, Mad Brainz, and Julie's Crusaders — battling it out, sharing some good laughs, and maybe learning a thing or two! Every moment was filled with high spirits, delicious food, and our favorite drinks. In between the games, there was plenty of time to chat with friends, enjoy the snacks, and make new friends during the competitions.

Congratulations to Team Boiler Room! They took home the win after a fun-filled and super-competitive game. The energy was infectious, and everyone was just having a great time, soaking up the vibes and enjoying the community spirit.

But hey, if you missed out this time, no stress! There's always next time, and we would love to have you. It's not every day you find such a cool way to have fun, with affordable childcare to boot, all while supporting our church and community.

So, keep your eyes peeled for **Oktoberfest Date Night Game On Challenge**, October 14th. It will be a night of fun games, seasonal beers, great food, and again, affordable babysitting! Register at [stlawrenceotoole.org/DateNight](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/DateNight). The fun, the laughter, and the fellowship are all waiting for you — come and be a part of it!





**REJOICE! AN ADVENT PILGRIMAGE INTO THE HEART OF SCRIPTURE, YEAR B**  
 THURSDAYS  
 Nov 30 – Dec 21  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
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This Advent program by Fr. Mark Toups will help you to grow in your understanding and appreciation for the incredible gift of Christ's Incarnation. **As you slow down and meditate on the readings each week, you'll find your experience of Advent transformed.** By contemplating the coming of the Prince of Peace at Christmas, your heart will be filled with his peace and joy.

**FEE:** \$20  
**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/Rejoice](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Rejoice)

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS BEREAVEMENT**  
 SUNDAY  
 Nov 12  
 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas after losing a loved one to death? Are you dreading these holidays knowing that everything has changed? Join us to learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays as well as strategies for adapting to seasonal traditions and events in a healthy, hopeful way.

**FEE:** FREE  
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**Session 11**  
**October 7-- Stuck**

**Proverbs 3:5**  
*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

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 TUESDAYS, Oct 10 – Nov 7  
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**SPANISH**  
 WEDNESDAYS, Oct 18 – Nov 8  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



In this period of Eucharistic Revival, join us to learn and understand Jesus more fully in the Eucharist. This series explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. Dynamic videos and discussion will enrich your faith and **draw you into a more intimate relationship with Jesus.**

**FEE:** \$20  
**Register:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/PRESENCE](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/PRESENCE)

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MONDAYS  
 Oct 23 – Nov 20  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
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**FEE:** \$50  
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JOIN US ON A DIVINE JOURNEY:  
EXPERIENCE THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ON  
OCTOBER 21ST!



## NYS Eucharistic Congress

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

### EVENTS INCLUDE:

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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.**

**REGISTER** at [stlawrenceotoole.org/NYS\\_EC](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/NYS_EC)  
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## pray for

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

Luca Gargiulo ◦ Francine O'Connor ◦ Angel Piteo ◦ Joseph J. Piteo III ◦ Tom Garrity ◦ Mike Debeauvernet ◦ Kelly Guzman ◦ Chris Greene ◦ Thomas Cople ◦ Eddie Dabrowski ◦ 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 ◦ Eileen Lynch ◦ Lucille Carleton ◦ Gary Sinclair ◦ Tyler Fawcett ◦ Joyce Bothe ◦ Susan Farrell ◦ Randy Anderson ◦ Logan Meisse ◦ Thomas Mazzarulli ◦ Sherry Malbety ◦ Nancy O'Hanlon ◦ MaryLu Hyatt ◦ Paula Schlick

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](mailto:SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com)

## dedications

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Pascal candle** is dedicated for **Helen Rozzi** at the request of Ted Rozzi.

### Sacred Heart

The **Sanctuary candle** is dedicated for **Bill Lewis & Marianne Gallacher** at the request of Ellen Lewis.

## mass intentions

### Saturday, September 30

5:00 PM Bill Henry  
7:30 PM Spanish

### Sunday, October 1

8:00 AM Mary Lou Paulli  
9:30 AM Thomas V. Varkey  
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart* Jean & John Buonsante  
11:00 AM Paul Curtin  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30 PM Michael McCluskey

### Monday, October 2

8:30 AM Patrick Martin, Jr.

### Tuesday, October 3

8:30 AM Mary Joyce

### Wednesday, October 4

8:30 AM Maria Mazzarulli

### Thursday, October 5

8:30 AM St. Lawrence O'Toole Society

### Friday, October 6

8:30 AM Souls of St. Lawrence  
O'Toole Cemetery  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

7:00 PM

### Saturday, October 7

5:00 PM Denise Vanaria  
7:30 PM Spanish

### Sunday, October 8

8:00 AM Lucy Mancuso  
9:30 AM Patrick & Florence Sheerin  
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart* Ed O'Connor  
11:00 AM McCluskey & Ebert Families  
12:30 PM Spanish-Sergio & Andrew Vasquez  
5:30 PM John Bazzoni, Jr.

**Game Challenge Date Night**

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**NOV 18**  
**DEC 9**





LYNDA HOLLER  
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**REVEALED IN THUNDER**

Three weeks ago, we had a major thunderstorm in the middle of the night; the most unsettling thunderstorm I have ever experienced. Normally I like thunderstorms, especially at night. Lying in bed, safe and dry in my home with the lights off, I normally have a feeling of security and I find the light and sound show outside to be fascinating. But this time, the storm was too close for my comfort. It felt like it was stationed in my front yard and that the massive booms would knock trees over. The thunder felt like more than sound, it felt like a physical force. I don't scare easily, but I was scared that night. Every thunder boom left me anxiously waiting for a second boom of a tree hitting my roof. The storm continued for many minutes; when it eventually moved away, I was able to fall back asleep.

In the morning, I looked out the window expecting trees to be laying all over my yard and blocking the road, but there was none. The yard looked like nothing at all had happened. Later that morning in Mass, I began thinking about the story of Elijah up in the cave waiting for God. A storm came, and he did not hear God in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. Instead, he heard the Lord in the light silent sound that followed.

I had thought about this Scripture during the storm as well because I felt that the enormous power of that storm represented the enormous power of God. He may not be speaking to us in the storm, but He can be revealing himself through the natural elements of his creation. I felt how big and powerful He is compared to how small and weak I am. I felt that I could also imagine his anger. Old Testament readings reveal frightening examples of God's anger. That storm reminds me that I do not want to be on his bad side.

Aslan the lion, the Jesus figure in the *Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis, came to mind as well. The characters knew him to be good but unpredictable. He would appear unexpectedly to rescue, advise, or chastise them and they would proclaim, "Aslan is not a tame lion." They felt great love, but also a respectful level of fear for him. That memorable storm reminded me that our God is also good, but not predictable or tame. And it is good for us to have a respectful level of fear for Him too.

**Scripture:** Read Job 26:14. What stands out?

**Call to Action:** Allow God to reveal himself to you in the wind, rain, snow, thunder, and lightning. How might He reveal a different side of Himself in each?

**parish support**

**st. lawrence parish support**

**Weekend of September 24**

In Pew Collection	\$	7,296.00
August WeShare weekly	\$	7,473.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,769.80</b>

**sacred heart parish support**

**Weekend of September 24**

In Pew Collection	\$	1,018.00
August WeShare weekly	\$	501.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,519.99</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**

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
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- Karen DiTaranto .....Database Administrator
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- Eileen Stokes.....Cemetery Administrator
- Tom Healy.....Parish Trustee
- Joe Massimo.....Parish Trustee

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**OCT 6**

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8:00 pm—Benediction

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