

october 22, 2023 twenty-ninth 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)

31 Prospect Street  
Brewster, NY 10509  
845-279-2021

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

414 Haviland Drive  
Patterson, NY 12563  
845-279-4832

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**DATE NIGHT: OKTOBERFEST**



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00 pm **Shepherds Speak**  
(Bishop Joe Esparillat)  
No vigil Mass

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
ALL SAINTS

7:30 am  
8:30 am  
12:00 noon  
6:30 pm  
7:30 pm (Spanish)  
7:00 pm *Sacred Heart*



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30 am  
12:00 noon CEMETERY MASS  
6:30 pm  
7:30 pm (Spanish)

all souls day



October 22, 2023

# while we're at it

Dear Friends,

I thought I'd give you a short update on a couple of financial items before we publish the Annual Financial Report next month. Even though the spiritual achievements are the most important, some of our economic achievements should be remembered:

1. We just made another payment on our **Centennial Renovation loan** – we have been paying about \$36,000 every quarter. We've brought our \$3.8 million Church renovation debt from 2015 down to just \$175,000 in eight years. We're on track to pay it all off by the end of January 2025 – five quarters from now! That's due to your great generosity and your love for our parish. Thank you again.

2. Last year we ran our **Campus Improvement Program** and raised over \$400,000 to build a new parking lot (to ease our chronic shortage of spaces) and develop new shrines to great saints: St. Michael, St. John Vianney, St. John Paul II, St. Padre Pio, and St. Mother Teresa in our prayer grotto. And out facing Prospect Street we put Our Lady in a new prayer garden. Thank you again.



3. At Sacred Heart we're finishing the last project of the successful \$160,000 **Parish Improvement Program** – the new deck in front of the Church. We've repaired the gutters at the Parish Center, rebuilt the heating system there, built the outdoor Stations of the Cross, cleared a section of the woods, and put down monuments marking the location of the original 1934 Chapel of the Sacred Heart and the graves of our founding benefactors from those days, Spencer and Margaret Hance. Thank you again.

4. We've got some serious challenges at **Sacred Heart** as our weekly collections have declined over the past several years, making it difficult for us to meet expenses for the campus. We do take in some rental income which bridges the gap. But this is something we all need to help with. I'm sure we can find solutions.

5. At **St. Lawrence** our cash flow situation is stronger, with weekly collections up about 50% from 8 years ago. Our programs are strong and our religious education growing, and our Early Childhood program still thriving. Thank you again.

6. We've launched two other non-profits in the past three years since COVID – **Brewster Cares** for the poor and for immigrants, and **Gianna's House** for women facing unexpected pregnancies. Both are getting stronger financially and starting to raise their own funds independently of the parish. Thank you again.

Thank you for the love you have for St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart and for making them awesome places to encounter Jesus.

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.



A Sunday Afternoon with the Rat Pack!

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**NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT GIANNA'S HOUSE**

## HOW TO GIVE BACK THIS THANKSGIVING

**1. Make an urgently needed financial donation to help feed 500 Bronx homeless people.**

**2. Donate items on Sunday, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12**  
*We are collecting only the following items* for families living in the homeless shelters in the city.

### Items needed are:

- dish detergent (no more than 24 ozs)
- laundry detergent (if fluid, no more than 92 ozs)
- soap (if liquid, no more than 13 ozs)
- shampoo (no more than 26 ozs)
- conditioner (no more than 26 ozs)
- toothpaste (no more than 6 ozs)
- disinfectant/household cleaning products (no more than 30 ozs)
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- tissues
- women's hygiene products
- men's deodorant
- Bic razors
- shaving cream
- baby diapers (all sizes)
- Advil/Tylenol
- Band-aids
- Tums
- Chapstick

### Clothing needed:

- new winter coats
- new gloves
- new scarves

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### 3. Volunteer to help:

**Sign up to transport items on Monday, Nov. 20 at 4pm and/or**

**Sign up to help on Thanksgiving Day at St. Anthony's Parish, Bronx, NY**

7:00 am — Meet in the rectory parking lot & carpool to St. Anthony's.

8:00 am — Work at St. Anthony's packing meals

10:00 am — Mass with St. Anthony parishioners

11:00 am — Finish packing food & deliver food to shelter

1:00 pm — Return to Brewster

### GO TO

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

to sign up to volunteer or donate or  
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## couples embraced the spirit of oktoberfest

DAWN RUSSELL

I didn't know what to expect at the **OKTOBERFEST DATE NIGHT**. However, it was hard to pass up over two hours of adult time in a trusted familiar place for just \$30 per couple and \$10 in childcare for both girls!

Upon arrival, we felt so welcomed, were greeted with smiles, name tags, and met the wonderful babysitters. There was a fun photo backdrop with Oktoberfest-themed props and laid-back music from the DJ. We had the most delicious beef brisket, with homemade sauerkraut on amazing salt and caraway seeded buns! My kids took a to-go plate with grapes and cookies too and headed off to the kids' area.

From there my husband and I got a flight of beer tasting samples. The beers were delicious and brewed in Charter Oak, a local Danbury, CT Brewery. The flight came with a rating scale that our table had a wonderful time deliberating over as we chatted. My husband successfully predicted which beer would be my favorite!

Next, we participated in a couples' activity: ideas on things we could do that week to strengthen our relationship. We used fun cards to write our ideas and took selfies with the themed props. We pledged to do an extra date night and to tell each other something we appreciate about one another each day this week. Even if it's just a text; sometimes those texts really turn my day around.

Now onto the Couples Cornhole tournament! I honestly wasn't that excited at first, but wow, once we started the game it was so much fun! I had forgotten the last time I really played anything. It was great chatting with the other wives too. I never win anything, so I was shocked when my husband and I won the



tournament! We chose the beer growler. Now we can use our pledged date night to fill up at Charter Oaks!

Winning was cool, but the real win was when my 5 and 7-year-old girls returned from their evening. They came back with the biggest smiles. My seven-year-old said it was the best night of her life.

We are so blessed to have such a strong church community in Brewster. It was one of the best nights out that we had as a family in a long time and only 40 bucks!

Next month, Date Night will be teaching us to pair wines perfectly with our holiday foods. We will absolutely be back!





**REJOICE! AN ADVENT PILGRIMAGE INTO THE HEART OF SCRIPTURE, YEAR B**  
 THURSDAYS  
 Nov 30 – Dec 21  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



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)

**GAINING CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY**

MONDAYS  
 Oct 23 – Nov 20  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



Turn your uncertainty with money into a clear and comfortable roadmap for your hard-earned cash. Learn how to save, eliminate consumer debt, and achieve your financial goals in this 5-week immersive class that gives you practical, easy-to-use, biblically compatible tools and ideas to get the most of your income for immediate peace of mind, and future wealth. In addition to the 5 group sessions, the program includes direct one-on-one access throughout the course to a professional Financial Coach.

**FEE:** \$50  
**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/ControlMoneyFall23](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/ControlMoneyFall23)

**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  
**Register:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/SurvivingTheHolidays\\_Bereavement](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/SurvivingTheHolidays_Bereavement)

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS SEPARATION AND DIVORCE**

SUNDAY  
 Nov 12  
 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
 LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



Help and hope as you navigate the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons while experiencing loss from separation or divorce. Join us to learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays, as well as strategies for surviving social events, ways to give your kids a good holiday experience, and how to discover hope for the future.

**FEE:** FREE  
**Register:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/SurvivingTheHolidays\\_DivorcedSeparated](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/SurvivingTheHolidays_DivorcedSeparated)

**THANKSGIVING PRINTMAKING EVENT**

SATURDAY  
 Nov 11  
 Afternoon Session:  
 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
 Evening Session:  
 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
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Before you carve your turkey, join us to carve your own Thanksgiving stamp!



**Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters Court 2585** is sponsoring an afternoon and evening of creativity with artist **Kinga Wiktor**.

You'll learn to design and carve your own printmaking stamp, then use it to decorate a pair of tea towels.  
**Space is limited so register by Nov 4.**

**FEE:** \$35 includes two tea towels and refreshments. Other items are available for an additional cost.  
**Register:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/Stamp](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Stamp)

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Monday, Nov. 27

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Monday, Dec. 11

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Thursday, Jan 18

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Thursday, March 7

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TUESDAY  
OCT 31  
7:00 PM

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EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL HOLY HOURS



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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

## pray for

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

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 Sweeney ◦ 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 ◦ Gary 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 Mazarulli ◦ Sherry Malbety ◦ MaryLu Hyatt ◦ Paula Schlick ◦ Casey Spor ◦ Rodney Ward ◦ Jeanne Mullaney

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, October 21

5:00 PM  
7:30 PM

Louis Espejo  
Judy McDermott

### Sunday, October 22

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

George Whelly  
Smith Family  
Edward Richardson  
Silvio Marin  
Rudy Michitsch  
Spanish  
Concetta Cambareri

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

### Monday, October 23

8:30 AM

Robert Rickard

### Tuesday, October 24

8:30 AM

George Whelly

### Wednesday, October 25

8:30 AM

Alois Lebitsch

### Thursday, October 26

8:30 AM

Justin Tavino

### Friday, October 27

8:30 AM

Bernadette Petit

### Saturday, October 28

5:00 PM  
7:30 PM

Patrick & Kathleen Stokes  
Spanish

### Sunday, October 29

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

Priscila Viray  
James McCafferty  
Judy McDermott  
Bill Henry  
Spanish  
Arleen Milette



## Navegar la vida juntos

Siete sesiones para ayudar a las parejas fortalecer su relación.

comienza el 27 de octubre  
7 pm-9:00 pm

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### Chop Away!

As a native to Western New York, I have been making the six-hour drive to and fro for decades. For long stretches of the trip, there is nothing to look at but nature, so I have come to closely focus on the trees: the colors, textures, lights, and shadows. I study how they look in the different seasons when they are bare, holding snow, coming to life, or fully bloomed.

Deeper observation reveals that some trees are healthy, and others are not. Many have been invaded by parasites, an enemy who is working to suck the goodness out of its host, indifferent to the consequences. Parasites invade an unsuspecting environ-

ment and not only destroy individual trees but ultimately impact the entire forest community. Some invaders can be thick, hairy, ugly vines that, if allowed to mature, climb upwards strangling the trunk and hanging triumphantly off the branches of even the most majestic trees. Other assailants cover the ground with poisonous thorns and pricklers threatening all passersby, making the woods uncomfortable, unpleasant, less beautiful. They spread and block the way requiring the natives to find a different path.

The poor cell phone and radio reception during those drives have left me time to reflect on the parallels between invasive plants and sin. All plants start as seeds and seem insignificant, just as our small sins may. But left untended, they grow stronger, bolder and start to become accepted as part of the landscape of our life. If it seems too daunting to imagine chopping away at your big vines of sin, perhaps start small. Diligently watching for sins, just as weeds, and then eliminating them early, is far easier than when they have taken firm root.

Whether we boldly grab an ax or cautiously begin with pruners, we will only be successful when we ask for help. Jesus is waiting patiently for us to invite him into our messy garden. Through prayer and the Sacrament of Confession, He shows us the way to defeat our sins, so we can be fresh and beautiful again.

**Scripture:** Psalm 1:1-3 Where is your tree planted?

**Call to Action:** Take full advantage of the Sacrament of Confession to enjoy the superb life God has designed for you.

## parish support

### st. lawrence parish support

<b>Weekend of October 15</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 8,306.00
August <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 7,473.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,779.80</b>

### sacred heart parish support

<b>Weekend of October 15</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 773.00
August <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 501.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,274.99</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.

## Jesus is waiting for you!

### Adoration Open hours include:

Tuesday 1am, 9am  
Wednesday 1pm  
Thursday 11am  
Friday 12am  
Saturday 9pm, 10 pm

Sign up at: [stlawrenceotoole.org/adoration](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/adoration) or  
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