

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

sacredheartpattersonny.org 414 Haviland Drive Patterson, NY 12563 845-279-4832

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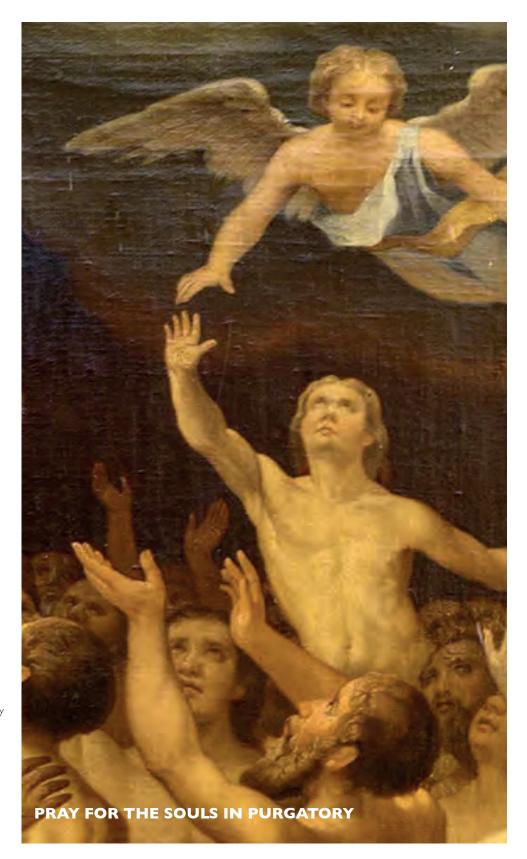
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november 12, 2023 thirty-second sunday in ordinary time

# st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes





# HOW TO GIVE BACK THIS THANKSGIVING

- I. Make an urgently needed financial donation to help feed 500 Bronx homeless people.
- 2. Donate items on Sunday, Nov. 12 and Nov. 19 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
- Bandaids
- Tums
- Chapstick

#### **Clothing needed:**

- new winter coats
- new gloves
- new scarves

#### 3. Volunteer to help:

ST ANTHONY

OF PADUA

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

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#### 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 to sign up to volunteer or donate or Text to Give Text -- GIVESLOT or GIVESH to 833-694-0460





# November 12, 2023 while we're at it

Dear Friends,

This week we've held meetings with the nearly 200 parishioners who do weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. We wanted to get everyone together to thank them for their interest in growing closer to God in prayer, and to thank God for making possible this amazing devotion and all the fruits it has borne for our parish and the Church.

People spoke of how they have grown in the love of God and in peace of soul, of the miracles of grace they have experienced in their lives and in the lives of people they pray for. It's undeniable that a person who commits to an hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament receives powerful graces and an answer to their prayers from the Lord.



I pointed out that since we started **Perpetual Adoration** (that means 24/7/365), we have seen so many fruits in our parish and beyond, such as:

- Long Confession lines every Monday and Friday from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm with 80-90 people going weekly.
- An increase in the number of children enrolling in religious education, while the number of kids in the local school district is actually declining.
- A 50% increase in offertory collections that enable us to grow our parish and be financially stable.
- Sponsoring two new non-profit organizations: **Brewster Cares** for the poor, the homeless, and the immigrant community, and **Gianna's House** Pregnancy Resource Center for women facing unexpected pregnancies.
- Renovation of our beautiful Church and grounds and staying on track to pay down our loans on time by 2025.

And these are just some of the external things we can measure and see. The interior fruits in souls and the improvements in people's families and relationships, their ability to cope with sickness, suffering, separation – all are graces we can't see but which individuals experience for real in their hearts. And those are the most important fruits God is giving us all.

We have many hundreds of other people who while they can't commit to a fixed hour each week, nonetheless drop in for ten or twenty minutes while running errands or on the way home from work. You're invited to do that anytime.

Maybe it's time for you to take your own hour too – we'd like to have at least two adorers every hour, so there is plenty of space... check it out at **stlawrenceotoole.org/adoration** 

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.



# new catholics for sept/oct

We welcome the following children as newly baptized members of our parish:

#### SEPTEMBER

#### Heydi Amador Evan Cronin Vincent DiGioia Ian Reyes Jessie Aily Monroy Milo Massoud Yeismy Maria Mendez Jack Fraioli Mike Gonzalez Emely Orellana

next step turn to

#### OCTOBER

Dennis Barrios Inga Liam Barrios Inga Arthur Bernardon Genesis Cortez Espinosa Ariana D'Addario Danna Ithzel Jacinto Catalina Larencule Dominic Spedafino Gabrielle Tresca

> Phone | 845-279-8165 Text | 845-279-8165

Hotline (text only) 845-712-3390

468 N Main St. Brewster, NY 10509 giannashouse.com

# daily prayer for souls

Immortal God, holy Lord, Father and Protector of all You have created, we raise our hearts to You today for those who have passed out of this mortal life.

In Your loving mercy, Father of all, be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty.

Your only Son, Christ, our Saviour, suffered so cruelly that He might deliver them from the second death. By his merits may they share in the glory of His victory over sin and death.

For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for those dear to us, parents, relatives and friends. Nor do we forget all who did good to us while on earth, who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice and example. We pray also for any who may have done us harm, and stand in special need of Your forgiveness.

May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother, Mary, and those of all the Angels and Saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ's name.

Amen.

We must empty purgatory with our prayers!

St. Padre Pio



# this saint's nickname is the "thief of purgatory"

#### PHILIP KOSLOSKI -ALETEIA.ORG

# St. John Macias, a friend of St. Martin de Porres, is often depicted "stealing" souls from purgatory with his rosary.

A Dominican layman from the 16th century, St. John Macias was friends with St. Martin de Porres and helped him in his daily duties.

The **Nashville Dominicans** offer a brief explanation of his primary duties.

One of Juan Macias' chief duties was to **meet the poor** who came to **the convent seeking material or spiritual assistance**, often more than 200 people every day. Besides his cheerful disposition and encouraging manner, Juan Macias became known for the sometimes miraculous nature of his service to the poor. Everyone knew that Juan worked extremely hard to collect alms for distribution. Still, he would often return empty handed. Yet, somehow Juan never turned anyone away. Furthermore, his friendship with St. Martin de Porres, another Dominican saint, would eventually lead to a joint beatification ceremony.

The two saints often met on their daily rounds of the city and became close spiritual friends as well. They were a constant source of encouragement and ideas for one another. **The two were beatified together in a single ceremony by Pope Gregory XVI in 1837.** 

During his life, St. John Macias would frequently pray for the souls in purgatory with his rosary, as the *Confraternity of Intercessors for the Souls in Purgatory* explains on their website.

The iconography represents St. John Macias freeing the souls of purgatory with the rosary. The saint always carried the rosary that his mother left him as an inheritance. **Because of his constant praying of the Rosary for the souls in purgatory, his biographers call him the "thief of purgatory."** 

His example reminds us of the need to pray for souls in purgatory and the power of intercessory prayer.



#### 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

### Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

The **NEW SECTION** at the cemetery has 800 new single and double depth graves. In-ground and Columbarium interment of ashes also available.

Contact the Cemetery Office at 845-279-2021 x201 for more information **ST. LAWRENCE CEMETERY** 20 Turk Hill Road Brewster, NY 10509



# link for the talks!

If you were not able to go to the NYS Eucharistic Congress on Oct. 21 and would like to here the talks go to:



nyseucharisticcongress.org/videos

# help needed: thanksgiving meals for homebound

The San Damiano Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans and the St. Lawrence Council #1495 Knights of Columbus will deliver a hot turkey dinner to anyone in Brewster, Carmel, Mahopac, Patterson or Putnam Lake who is ill, homebound or alone on Thanksgiving.

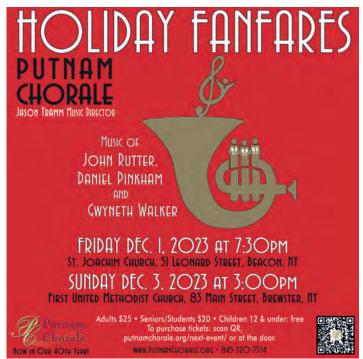
**Contributions:** will buy the food in quantities. Make checks out to SAN DAMIANO FRATERNITY and mail to Kathy DelBono, 27 Highview Terrace, Brewster, NY 10509.

**Dinner Referrals:** come from parishioners, family, friends, neighbors, and social service agencies. Contact Cathy Quaranta at 845-661-6783.

**Volunteer**: to deliver meals. Contact Cathy Quaranta at 845-661-6783.

# Wine or Dine Raffle

Fundraiser sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Our Lady of the Lake Court #2585, Sacred Heart Parish Tickets available after the Sacred Heart 10:30 am Mass on Sundays. There are 44 prizes! **\$5 per ticket ~ Prizes to be drawn on 12/4. Contact** Peggy Zambranski for more details 845-309-2023.





Monday, Dec. I I BISHOP BONNICI

Thursday, Jan 18 BISHOP COLACICCO

Thursday, March 7 CARDINAL DOLAN

#### EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL HOLY HOURS



| 7:00 pm | Worship Music  |
|---------|--|
| 7:10 pm | Spiritual Talk Bishops<br>of the Archdiocese of New York |
| 7:30 pm | Exposition and Praise & Worship music                    |
| 8:15 pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction                       |

#### EMBRACE THE DIVINE GIFT OF HEALING JOIN US FOR A SACRED

MASS OF HOPE & HEALING!

Mass 12PM reception 1PM-3PM

#### RECEPTION in LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AFTER MASS.

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All are welcomed since anyone may receive healing prayers, both Catholics and non-Catholics, those experiencing physical, emotional, spiritual or psychological illness, or those praying for a loved one.

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From Mourning to Joy Bereavement Program Saturdays, 9:00 am – 11:00 am PARISH CENTER, BOARDROOM For information email: slotbereavement@gmail.com or call Suzanne 914-523-8165

#### November 18th WHAT DO I LIVE FOR NOW?

#### **MATTHEW 6:34**

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

# 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 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 · Tyler Fawcett · Joyce Bothe Susan Farrell
 Randy Anderson
 Logan Meisse
 Thomas Mazzarulli · Sherry Malbety · MaryLu Hyatt · Paula Schlick · Casey Spor · Rodney Ward · Nancy Pironti · Gerardo Bianchini · James McCloud 

Jim Morton 

RoseAnn Taranto 
Larry Campbell · Lou Riolo, Sr · Lori Jean Rooney · Jason Morales · Brianna Martinez · Eddie Fernandez · Tim Murphy · Kenneth Winter

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

# magnificat advent & lenten companion

The **Catholic Daughters at St. Lawrence** are selling Advent 2023 and Lenten 2024 Magnificat companions after Mass on November 18,19, 25, and 26. They are \$5 each or a set for \$8.



Contact Donna lazzetti at **diazzetti@gmail.com** or 845-803-6367 if you have any questions

### snowflake tea \* \* \* \* \*

The Snowflake Tea is a fundraiser for Court Bernadine #185 Catholic Daughters of America. **Dec 3** at 1 pm to 3 pm in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Center Dining Hall. **\$20 per person** 

**RSVP** by **November 20** at: **cdacourt185@gmail.com** or Danielle Thompson at 917-567-1995. Make checks payable to CDA 185 and note in memo *Tea.* Seating is limited.

# o'toole seniors

Join our monthly meeting on Nov. 13th, every second Monday of the month. We meet at the Parish Center in the New York Room at 1:00 pm. Enjoy light refreshments, time to socialize and share relevant information about upcoming programs and events at St.Lawrence and in the community.

# mass intentions

Saturday, November 11 5:00 PM

7:30 PM

Sunday, November 12 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM Sacred Heart 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM Spanish Arlene DelGatto

**Myles** Tombline

Vincent LaMorte Gladys O'Connor & Bowe Family Phillip J. Merritt Spanish Edmond O'Connor

**CDA Spritiual Bouquet Donors** 

Monday, November 13 8:30 AM

Tuesday, November 14 8:30 AM

Wednesday, November 15 8:30 AM Michael Rozzi

Thursday, November 16 8:30AM Peter Brophy

Friday, November 17 8:30 AM Saturday, November 18 5:00 PM 7:30 PM

Sunday, November 19 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM Sacred Heart 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM

Emma Morales

Richard Hoffman Spanish

Mildred Fusco

Kathleen O'Hanlon Raymond Pellecchia, Jr. Edward Richardson & Silvio Maron Deceased Members of the Secular Franciscan Order Spanish- Victor Illescas & Leandra Soria Christopher Simone

## new tickets available a night out on the knights

Purchase tickets for the new '23-'24 program: Tom Radak at 845-279-7934 or any Knight of Columbus.

# christmas with st. francis

St. Francis of Assisi started the tradition of the Christmas creche 800 years ago.The San Damiano Fraternity of Secular Franciscans are celebrating this anniversary, and invite you to **Christmas with St. Francis** on Sunday, December 3rd at 3 pm in the church. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Center Large Conference Room.



The fraternity is collecting boxers for the men at St. Christopher's Inn, Graymoor.



LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

#### **ELEVATED VOCABULARY**

Recently, I have become very conscious of word choices. Certain words are nagging at me, causing me to ponder their contemporary uses compared to their original meanings. What especially bothers me are words that have beautiful, rich definitions, but have been diluted to the point of worthlessness.

I think the word "good," is the most tragic victim of present-day word neutering. "Good" is so overused and weakened that it is bland and meaningless. The Webster Dictionary has the first definition as, "morally excellent; virtuous, righteous," yet every mass murderer's mother will tell reporters that her son was a good boy. Jesus revealed his high standard for good by saying, "No one is good except God alone," yet most people will claim that they expect to go to heaven because "I am a good person."

# parish support st. lawrence parish support

#### Weekend of November 5

| In Pew Collection        |       | \$<br>9,009.00  |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| September WeShare weekly |       | 6,704.21        |
|                          | Total | \$<br>15,713.21 |

### sacred heart parish support

### Weekend of November 5

| In Pew Collection        |       | φ  | 1,523.00  |
|--------------------------|-------|----|-----------|
| September WeShare weekly |       | \$ | 424.24    |
|                          | Total | \$ | 1 ,947.24 |

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**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 Friday 12am Saturday 9pm, 10 pm

Sign up at: stlawrenceotoole.org/adoration or Call/Text Ellen 845-216-4883 or Llamada/Texto Wilda 845-406-8432 As disciples, I propose that we hold ourselves to a higher standard than the current, flavorless word good suggests. Rather than considering ourselves and others good, can we replace "good" with "virtuous" or "righteous?" Can you say, "I am trying to be a virtuous person," or "He is a righteous person."? These words are not commonly used, so they get our attention and have power. In fact, saying, "I am trying to be a virtuous woman," provides a very different understanding than saying a "virtuous person," doesn't it? By stating that, I would be saying that I am trying to exhibit the virtues expected of a woman. To say, "He is a righteous man," tells us that he is holding himself to the high standards of manhood. Labeling ourselves as persons dilutes our identity even further.

Two other words that nag me are "awesome" and "adorable." A prayer that I say every morning describes God as adorable and it awakened me to the true meaning of that word: "worthy of being adored." With "adore" meaning: "to regard with the utmost esteem, love, and respect." "Awesome" is supposed to mean, "inspiring awe." While "awe" means: "an overwhelming feeling of reverence, admiration, fear, produced by that which is grand, sublime, extremely powerful." Two beautiful words currently being used to elevate frivolous things to levels only worthy of God. I will never use adorable or awesome to describe cute puppies and party dresses again.

**Scripture**: Read Matthew 19:17. What stands out? **Call to Action**: Stay watchful with your vocabulary and save words like good, adorable, and awesome for God who deserves them.

# parish staff

|  | Rev. Richard Gill         | Pastor                               |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  | • •                       | Parochial Vicar                      |
|  | Fr. Jim Lynch, MM         | Weekend Associate                    |
|  | Julie Noce                | Pastoral Assistant                   |
|  |                           | Business Manager                     |
|  | Lynda Holler              | Director of Discipleship             |
|  |                           | Director of Communication            |
|  | Beatrice Jacobsen         | Director of Pastoral Outreach        |
|  | Brittany GauriloffDirecto | r of Early Childhood Learning Center |
|  | Denise Bassett            | Director of Music                    |
|  | Melody Salas-Curra        | Sacred Heart Director of Music       |
|  | Gabriela Ramírez          | Office Assistant                     |
|  | Savannah DeFelice         | Director of Family Program           |
|  | Trisha Thien              | Director of Youth Faith Formation    |
|  | Janine Kristensen         | Administrator                        |
|  | Karen DiTaranto           | Database Administrator               |
|  | Danielle Salvo            | Early Childhood Assistant            |
|  | Eileen Stokes             | Cemetery Administrator               |
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