

november 19, 2023 thirty-third 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

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845-279-2021

sacredheartpattersonny.org

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IN HIS PRESENCE



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

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HOW TO GIVE BACK THIS THANKSGIVING

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

2. Donate items on 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
- Band-aids
- Tums
- Chapstick

Clothing needed:

- new winter coats
- new gloves
- new scarves

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OF PADUA



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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

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





November 19, 2023

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

The old saying about the Church is true... "If it ain't cryin', it's dyin'". That's why we welcome babies and kids in our two churches and run family-friendly programs in religious education, **Kidz Chapel** during Mass, and a healthy and professionally run early childhood learning center. It's why in most programs we run for adults, we offer child care alongside them so that busy parents can bring the kids along without fretting about babysitters. Kids? Bring them in – we love them!



We're blessed to be baptizing between ten and fifteen new Catholic kids each month, in English and among our Spanish community too. Our baptisms outnumber funerals by a lot. Kids are the future.

Passing on the faith to the next generation is something so deeply embedded in our Catholic faith that we often don't give it a second thought. The Catholic faith is a lifestyle and an identity, and parents live the faith out in practice and teach it to their children. They teach it like they teach kids to speak, to read, to write, how to behave in public, what good manners are, and how to respect others.

Catholics baptize babies because we see every child as a gift and a responsibility, and we want those children to be part of God's family right from the start. It's who we are so we share it with those we love. We want kids on the path to salvation, which begins with baptism and becoming part of the family of God. We train them from their earliest days to love God and others and to make the Gospel come alive in their way of living every day.

And that's why at our parishes we take seriously how the parents and godparents are living their Catholic faith when they bring a child for baptism. Each of them makes an oath to God at the altar that they will model the Catholic faith and help that child in the practice of the faith. Nobody can give what he hasn't got. Do you have what it takes?

So in choosing godparents, it's not just the next uncle in line or the cool auntie who is so much fun. It's definitely not a Michael Corleone "settling the family business" as he serves as godfather to Connie's baby. It's not someone who doesn't go to Church or is married outside the Church. It's got to be a person serious about their relationship with Jesus and striving to live with God in the center of their lives.

Passing on the faith is one of the most important responsibilities God entrusts to parents. Do it well. It's the best gift you can give to your child.

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.



presence

RITA GIANFRANCESCO

As a lifelong Catholic, I have always struggled with the realization of the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For many years I thought it was a part of the Mass that was merely symbolic of The Last Supper. When I found out that I was wrong, that my faith is centered around the Eucharist being the actual body of Christ, I was taken aback. By mere logistics, I just couldn't bring myself to believe that Catholics were actually consuming Christ during Holy Communion.

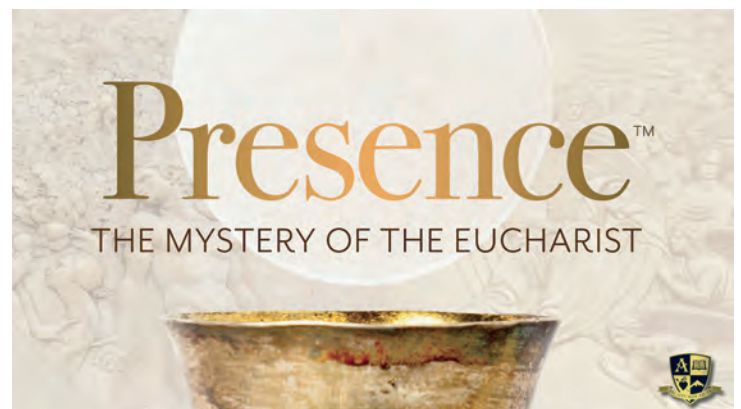
It was mind-boggling, so a little over a year ago, I decided to delve into a deeper understanding of my Catholic faith. I wanted to truly believe in what I was practicing, so I partook in several enrichment programs offered here at St. Lawrence O'Toole and they were all wonderful. They kept me wanting to learn more so when I found out about the **Presence** program geared specifically at what I struggled with most I jumped at the opportunity to enroll.

And I am so glad that I did! It was an eye-opening four-week course that covered so many topics that I've always questioned. The moderator was very kind and welcoming which always makes it a pleasure to attend these programs.

The sessions began with a video of the weekly topic followed by a small group discussion. We were then given

reflection questions to prepare us for the following week. Everything we learned was supported by scripture, from the Word of God Himself. I was delighted with the many 'a ha' moments and was honestly thrilled to be learning so much.

Belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist is mainly what defines us as Catholic Christians. I have learned and have gladly come to believe that Christ's presence on earth did not end with His Ascension. He did not leave us. He is still very much alive in the Eucharist, body, blood, soul, and divinity. Jesus loves us in a way that is almost beyond understanding and He wants us to be united with Him spiritually and The Eucharist is the way to that eternal unity.





holiday printmaking

TINA PENNACCHIA

The Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters, Court 2585, sponsored an afternoon of thanksgiving and creativity with artist Kinga Wiktor on November 11th. Over thirty lovely ladies from New Windsor to Brewster filled the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. We began with a prayer, asking the Lord to infuse us with creativity and for our Blessed Mother to inspire us as Catholic women. Then the lessons began and we were



eager to learn how to create our own decorated pair of tea towels. Some of us thought, "Oh this will be too hard to complete!" However, with Kinga's guided instructions, we all settled in to work easily, as we enjoyed the homemade treats and refreshments from the ever-busy team of Catholic Daughters.


We drew and carved our printing blocks, but the best part was when we pulled the inked stamp off our towels. The love of everyone there supporting each other with "Ooh's and Ahhhh's" was truly heartwarming. And the women looked forward to using them over the Thanksgiving weekend as they gather with loved ones to give thanks for God's generosity.

When the session was over, a few of us stayed late to create extra tea towels to give as gifts to the people attending the Surviving the Holidays events on Sunday. It felt good to bring a little Thanksgiving joy to those who are struggling.



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JOURNEY OF HOPE
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 Nov 29
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Discover trusted, spiritual, and emotional support for divorced and separated Catholics. The Journey of Hope program by Lisa Madrid Duffy offers support from a truly Catholic perspective and addresses the important issues divorced/separated Catholics face. This is a video-based program with ample time for discussion, accompanied by a book and workbook.

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Adoration Open hours include:
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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 DeBono, 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 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.

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- 7:00 pm Worship Music
- 7:10 pm Spiritual Talk Bishops
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- 7:30 pm Exposition and Praise & Worship music
- 8:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

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Mass
12PM

reception
1PM-3PM

RECEPTION in LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AFTER MASS.

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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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

dedications

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Blessed Virgin Mary candle** is dedicated for **Peggy Brady** at the request of Ray and Kathy Friedlander

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 Iazzetti at diazetti@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.



mass intentions

Saturday, November 18

5:00 PM
7:30 PM Richard Hoffman
Spanish

Sunday, November 19

8:00 AM Kathleen O'Hanlon
9:30 AM Raymond Pellecchia, Jr.
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson
& Silvio Maron
11:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Secular Franciscan Order
12:30 PM Spanish- Victor Illescas
& Leandra Soria
5:30 PM Christopher Simone

Monday, November 20

8:30 AM Mort Kealy

Tuesday, November 21

8:30 AM Danny Sullivan

Wednesday, November 22

8:30 AM Michael Lynch
7:30 PM Michael Diggins

Thursday, November 23

8:30 AM John DelBono

Friday, November 24

8:30 AM Intentions of Susie & Ted Barnes

Saturday, November 25

5:00 PM Christine Disisto
7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, November 26

8:00 AM Cesare & Amelia Pigat
9:30 AM Mary Welsh
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart* Don Parfitt
11:00 AM Michael McCluskey
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30 PM Barbara McGuire

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

SCIENTIFIC DIGNITY

Today's science allows expectant mothers to follow their baby's weekly development from test-positive to delivery. At our **Gianna's House Pregnancy Resource Center**, we have a jewelry-style box, one that might house precious pearls, with four small rubber models of babies in the first trimester. Those perfectly formed figures show us that at such an early stage, they are already clearly developing human beings.

At 7 weeks, the child is the size of a coffee bean, but their facial features are visible, their eyelids are forming and their heart is beating at twice the rate of their mom. By 10 weeks the baby is about the size of a plum and squints, swallows, frowns, and puckers up its brow. Tiny baby teeth are forming

in the gums, and its heart resembles a small version of a newborn baby's heart.

Week by week, science allows us to follow the fascinating facts that surround this new child. It is predictable. You and I followed this course of development within our own mother's wombs, and our great and great-great grandchildren will develop the same way.

That means that since Jesus was fully human, He most likely developed this same way too.

The Christmas story has taught us that Jesus, King of the Universe was once a newborn baby. For hundreds of years, Christmas creches and artist renditions have helped us envision Jesus lying in a manger with Mary and Joseph in the cave. Now, science can help us appreciate the months and weeks leading up to his birth. This weekend, Jesus' Mother would be about 35 weeks pregnant. Mary of Nazareth was feeling her baby growing, stretching, and kicking within her. Let us use science's deeper understanding of human development to appreciate Jesus' humanity more deeply too. And allow Jesus's incarnation to give even greater dignity to all babies developing in their mother's wombs.

Scripture: Read Luke 2:4-7. What stands out?

Call to Action: Let us use these weeks leading up to Christmas to pray for all mothers and their unborn children.

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of November 12

In Pew Collection	\$ 8,660.00
September <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,704.21
Total	\$ 15,364.21

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of November 12

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,729.00
September <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 424.24
Total	\$ 2,153.24

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.

centennial renovations

October

Gold Envelopes	\$ 1,842
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 0
<i>WeShare</i>	\$ 789
TOTAL	\$ 2,631

parish staff

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
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- Fr. Jim Lynch, MM.....Weekend Associate
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- Beatrice Jacobsen.....Director of Pastoral Outreach
- Brittany Gauriloff..Director of Early Childhood Learning Center
- Denise Bassett.....Director of Music
- Melody Salas-CurraSacred Heart Director of Music
- Gabriela Ramirez.....Office Assistant
- Savannah DeFelice.....Director of Family Program
- Trisha ThienDirector of Youth Faith Formation
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