



december 17, 2023 third sunday of advent

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 Monday — Friday

6:30 pm Monday on Zoom

8:30 am Saturday

Confessions

4:00 pm-7:00 pm Monday & Friday

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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Brewster, NY 10509
845-279-2021

sacredheartpattersonny.org

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Patterson, NY 12563
845-279-4832

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& Sacred Heart

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FAMILIES VENERATING IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Saturday
JAN 13
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
DINING HALL

**COME
follow
ME**
RETREAT

Begin the New Year with a resounding "Yes" to Jesus' call to the **Come follow Me Retreat**, as you explore his teachings, experience his love, and walk in his footsteps. Embark on a transformative one-day retreat led by the captivating retreat leader, **Tony Bellizi**.



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**FAMILY-FRIENDLY
NEW YEAR'S**
family fun



You're Invited!
COUNTDOWN TO NOON YEARS!
December 31 • 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
St. Lawrence O'Toole GYM • 31 Prospect St, Brewster, NY

Join us for a family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration! We'll have tons of fun activities including games, crafts, a DJ, a photo booth, and a balloon drop at noon with an apple juice toast. Don't miss out—come ring in the New Year with us!

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY FOR THIS SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S EVENT! FREE entry
Mark your calendars!
We can't wait to see you there!



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oh little town of bethlehem

Over the weekend, the Family Program joyfully celebrated and deepened their understanding of Jesus's birth through a captivating Nativity play. Additionally, families had the opportunity to express their creativity by crafting a special keepsake that would serve as a constant reminder of the beautiful holiday season in their homes.





December 17, 2023

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

This past week the press was buzzing about the story of Kate Cox in Texas, a woman five months pregnant who is seeking an abortion. It's a hard case that makes media heads explode. But there is a clear moral issue at stake.

Miss Cox wants the abortion because tragically, her baby has **Trisomy-13**, a condition in which the brain is underdeveloped and the baby usually dies shortly after birth, if not sooner. There's no cure and sadly, the baby will die. But no one else's health is in danger. The courts in Texas said they are not free to reinterpret state law and make an exception. She has announced she will go to another state (such as New York) that allows abortion for any reason with no questions asked. The media loves it and portrays her as a victim of heartless judges.



She wants the abortion to be spared having to carry the baby to term and then seeing him or her die. In other words, she wants to end the baby's life through abortion rather than allow a natural death whenever it comes.

But that is what we call "euthanasia" and that is morally wrong. Always. When we have a person who is terminally ill, we do what we can to alleviate their suffering. We don't give our elderly parents pills to kill them. We manage their pain with pills and make them as comfortable as we can. We make sacrifices of our time to be with them and care for them. We stay by their side and hold their hand and tell them we love them, and we'll be with them to the end. It's hard to go through, but it is always the right thing to do. That is what love does. And we're better human beings for it.

Once upon a time, nearly everyone in society agreed on that. Now people like us are the minority. We need courage. Lord, help us be brave in standing for the truth.

Kate Cox's situation is sad and tragic, but killing her sick, innocent baby is morally wrong. Christians welcome all human life and we care for each person, no matter how small or weak or handicapped because we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Yes... the hard cases too.

We have a long way to go to create a "culture of life", one in which every human person is welcomed into life and protected by the law. But that's why we started Gianna's House – to stand with women, support them in difficult situations and help them choose life. It's why we have the March for Life in Washington. We have the light of life. The world needs to rediscover what is true and good. It needs to relearn what love means. Get on the bus and join us at the March January 19.

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.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

**Be There When
God MOVES**

COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it.

THE FIRST NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN 83 YEARS

This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims—but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?

JOIN ST. LAWRENCE AND SACRED HEART

Get ready for an unforgettable experience as St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart embark on a journey to attend the historic National Eucharistic Congress:

July 17-21

Price per ticket: \$200

We have purchased tickets discounted from \$375 to \$200. Hurry, only 30 available at this price!

EXCITING NEWS!

We have limited housing in a Dream Retreat with room for 16.

**Price per person: \$200
(4 night stay)**



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**Holy Christmas & New
Years Mass Schedule**

CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT

Monday, December 11

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Friday, December 15 & 22

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 23

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, December 18

2:00 pm to 9:00 pm (2 Priests)

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23

ST. LAWRENCE

5:00 pm, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

Sunday, December 24

ST. LAWRENCE

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

SACRED HEART

10:30 am

FOR THE CHRISTMAS OBLIGATION

Monday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day, is a holy day of obligation. Therefore we are obliged to attend Mass twice - once for the Sunday obligation, and once again for Christmas. Masses beginning in the evening on Christmas Eve count for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24

ST. LAWRENCE

4:00 pm GYM & CHURCH, 5:30 pm, 7:30 Spanish,

10:00 pm (Midnight Mass)

SACRED HEART

4:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25

ST. LAWRENCE

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm Spanish

SACRED HEART

10:30 am only

This year, since the Solemnity of Mary falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation. Mass schedule is the usual weekend schedule, for the Feast of the Holy Family for Sunday obligation.

THIS YEAR THIS FEAST IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Sunday, December 31

ST. LAWRENCE

5:30 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1

ST. LAWRENCE

8:30 am, 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION MONDAY Dec. 18

PRIEST SCHEDULE
St. Lawrence O'Toole Church

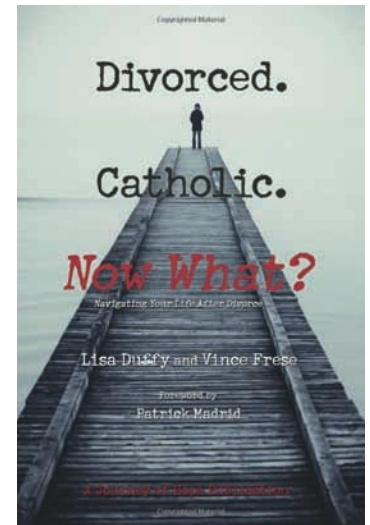
Fr. Hernandez
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Fr. Tom Berg
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Fr. Rich
2:00 pm - 9:00 pm

JOURNEY OF HOPE
WEDNESDAYS
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
PARISH CENTER
BOARDROOM

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.



REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/JourneyofHope
FREE childcare available—click to add on registration.



BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

LifeTeen is having a bake sale on December 17th. All proceeds are going to help LifeTeen Teens attend a 3 day March for Life Trip to Washington, DC.

Come out and support LifeTeen after the **Sunday morning Masses on Dec 17.**

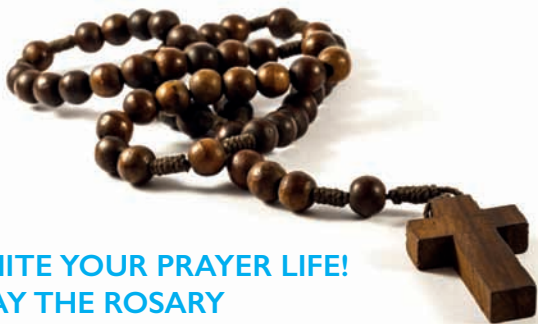
BREWSTER cares

The Homeless Shelter is OPEN. We need your help!

To sign up to help
scan below



Our Spanish community celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



**IGNITE YOUR PRAYER LIFE!
PRAY THE ROSARY**

FRIDAYS

Jan. 12 - Feb. 9

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SACRED HEART - CHURCH HALL

The Rosary is our greatest weapon and comfort. Our Blessed Mother gave us 15 Promises for those who pray the Rosary and it is her repeated instruction in her apparitions – that we pray the Rosary for peace. Yet, the Rosary can seem long and redundant until we really come to know and feel the power of fingering the beads and meditating on the messages. Join us for this 5-week series dedicated to the Sorrowful Mysteries. The weekly video and discussion will ignite and empower your prayer life as we head into Lent.

FREE: No registration required
For more information, contact Deb 845.494.6857

DONATIONS FOR TEENS Trip to March for Life

Not able to attend the March for Life in January but still want to show your support for LIFE?
Help send the Teens of the parish!

This January, our LifeTeen Youth Ministry is taking a group of teens to Washington D.C. for the March for Life! They depart on Thursday, January 18th and return on Saturday, January 20. Before the March for Life, the teens will attend the Life Is Very Good Rally at the Eaglebank Arena.



The March for Life is an incredible witness to the dignity of conception to natural death. Our youth today are THE PRO-LIFE GENERATION!

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TEENS MARCH FOR LIFE

ST. LAWRENCE & SACRED HEART



SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 18th

Youth Rally at the Eaglebank Arena

Friday, January 19th

Youth Rally at Eaglebank Arena

Mass for NY Pilgrims

March for Life

Saturday, January 20th

Return Home

Price per Teen: \$100 to register.
(\$100 for spending money for meals-
not included in registration)



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MARCH FOR LIFE

Jan 19, 2024

ST. LAWRENCE & SACRED HEART



march for life schedule

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 2024

- 3:30 am Coach Bus leaves Brewster, NY to Washington DC
- 10:30 am Mass for the NY Pilgrims
- 1:00 pm March up Constitution Avenue to Capitol Building
- 3:00 pm Finish marching
- 3:30 pm Bus back to Brewster, NY
- 9:10 pm Arrive at St. Lawrence O'Toole

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Sign up today

stlawrenceotoole.org/MarchForLifeBus

For more information contact Maureen at 845-279-2021

Reserve Your Seat: \$50

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 ◦ 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 Mazarulli ◦ Sherry Malbety ◦ MaryLu Hyatt ◦ Paula Schlick ◦ Casey Spor ◦ Rodney Ward ◦ Nancy Pironi ◦ 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 ◦ Stephanie Martin ◦ John Tomassetti ◦ DJ Alix ◦ John Curra ◦ Patricia Palumbo ◦ Brendan Lomas ◦ Ryan Fitzsimmons ◦ Robert Shisler

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

RITE OF
CHRISTIAN
INITIATION
FOR ADULTS



RCIA is the perfect opportunity for those considering Catholicism or seeking to complete their sacraments. We offer classes in both English and Spanish to cater to a diverse community. Embark on this transformative experience. You'll have the chance to receive your Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Imagine being surrounded by loved ones as you take this significant step in your spiritual growth.

English

TUESDAYS beginning December 19
JERUSALEM ROOM, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Spanish

SUNDAYS, beginning January 7
NEW YORK ROOM, 11:15 AM-1:30 PM including Mass

Contact Gabby with questions or to register
gabbyr964@gmail.com, 914.621.1660

mass intentions

Saturday, December 16

5:00 PM James Lynch
7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Robert Russo
9:30 AM Usher & Duffett Families
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson
& Silvio Maron
11:00 AM Michael Bonilla
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30 PM Arthur A. Manoni

Monday, December 18

8:30 AM Patricia Wynn

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 AM Joseph Grimardi,
Carmela & Ugo Gaudelli

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 AM Maryann & Ed Mulvilhill

Thursday, December 21

8:30 AM Ana Nadia Illescas

Friday, December 22

8:30 AM Hanora Campbell

Saturday, December 23

5:00 PM John Piazza, Sr.
7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM Ralph M. Nalbene
9:30 AM Michael Keegan
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart* Gladys O'Connor & Bowe Family
11:00 AM Giovanni Malandrucolo
12:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Vigil

4:00 PM Ellen Jane Knox
4:00 PM *Sacred Heart* Judy McDermott
5:30 PM Myles Tomblin
7:30 PM Spanish- Peggy Brady
11:00 AM Edna & Joseph Allen

dedications

St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for **Vincent LaMorte** at the request of his family.

The **Tabernacle Candle** is dedicated for **Michael Keegan** at the request from the Liguori Family

FLOWER MINISTRY- HELP WANTED!

Join us in beautifying our church



We appreciate any volunteer willing to help arrange and water altar flowers
Call Patty Brady at 914-882-3539



LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

UNEXPECTEDLY WONDERFUL

Back before Jesus came, the Jews had formulated an image of their messiah – one who would rescue their people and make them into a great nation again. They were right, and that is ultimately what happened through Jesus Christ, but the prophecies didn't provide all of the specifics. None of them would have predicted that God would become man, be born a baby to a virgin, live for 33 years, teach for the last three of them, die an excruciating death, and rise from the dead to fulfill the rescuing expectation. Since Jesus didn't fit their preconceived image, most struggled to believe in Him and many ultimately didn't. Even the ones that accepted Him early in his ministry, struggled with teachings that came up along the way.

Our God is a God of the Unexpected. We see it over and over throughout Scriptures and if we are alert, we can witness it over and over today. Our Creator is creative, and He likes to surprise and enthrall us.

As we enter into the last week of Advent, let us consider the preconceived images that we have created of God. Rather than the God we have designed in our minds, can we accept the real God? The God who demands that we be prepared for the unexpected, that doesn't allow us to become too comfortable with the familiar and predictable. Can we let go of the notion that God should make us all happy and answer all our prayers the way we desire them? That He should cure all our ills, end all our wars, and feed all our hungry? When He doesn't, can we reject the temptation to believe that He isn't a good God, or that He doesn't love us, or that He isn't powerful enough? Instead, can we embrace the unexpected knowing that we are following in the same footsteps as the shepherds and Magi who were drawn to the stable, without really understanding why?

In fact, rather than just accept the unexpected, let us approach baby Jesus at Christmas and ask him to help us long for his surprises and unexpected graces. For it is the surprises that make life wonderful, isn't it?

Scripture: Read Isaiah 7:14. What stands out?

Call to Action: During this last busy week before Christmas, make sure to leave time for prayer and reflection on the life-changing mystery of the Nativity.

parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of December 10

In Pew Collection	\$	10,270.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	7,299.02
Total	\$	17,569.02

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of December 10

In Pew Collection	\$	1,382.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	488.14
Total	\$	1,870.14

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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- Fr. Osvaldo Hernandez.....Parochial Vicar
oswald24.oh@gmail.com
- Fr. Jim Lynch, MM.....Weekend Associate
- Julie Noce.....Pastoral Assistant
- Maureen Herbstritt.....Business Manager
- Lynda Holler.....Director of Discipleship
- Sally Silvestro.....Director of Communication
- 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
- Savannah DeFelice.....Director of Family Program
- Gabriela RamirezDirector of Youth Faith Formation
- Janine Kristensen.....Administrator
- Karen DiTarantoDatabase Administrator
- Danielle Salvo.....Early Childhood Assistant
- Eileen Stokes.....Cemetery Administrator
- Tom Healy.....Parish Trustee
- Joe Massimo.....Parish Trustee

MAYBE YOU'RE
ONE OF US

