



december 24, 2023 fourth 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.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER CHRISTMAS SHOW



Pre-K 3s



Pre-K 4s

the true meaning of christmas

BRITTANY GAURIOFF
DIRECTOR OF ECLC

The Early Childhood Learning Center held its annual Christmas show on Friday, December 15. There was not an empty seat left as the family and friends of the pre-k three and pre-k four students filled the gym awaiting their little stars.

As a cherished tradition at the preschool, the pre-k three children began the production lending their sweet voices to songs highlighting the true meaning of an ECLC Christmas. While at the ECLC we learn traditions about Christmas presents, ornaments, Christmas trees, and craft with paper, glitter & glue, Christmas is special because our Savior Jesus Christ was born to save you and me!

The show continued as the pre-k four students presented the greatest story ever told, the Nativity. As precious faces walked down the aisle to take the stage, you could feel the joy, love, and pride exuding from the audience. It was a treasured sight to see our proud fours standing on the stage singing "Happy Birthday to Jesus" while presenting such a beautiful scene.

The pre-k four classes finished their performance with a few traditional Christmas carols, and as they completed the last verse of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," jingle bells could be heard down the hall! Sure enough, Santa Claus himself, with special guest Rudolph, arrived to deliver gifts to all the wonderful girls and boys of the Early Childhood Learning Center.

The special event concluded with the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," giggles with friends, and a few treats from the refreshment table. The community at the Early Childhood Learning Center is one filled with such faith and love which was palpable in the gym that morning. As the school winds down for the Christmas holiday, the staff of the ECLC is filled with heartfelt gratitude to all our wonderful families.



fa la la la la.....

MARGARET ZAMBRASKI

Catholic Daughters, Our Lady of the Lake Court #2585 once again rocked around the Christmas Tree at Putnam Ridge Nursing Home. Tee Vozzella orchestrated a beautiful event! We had twenty-one Sacred Heart parishioners and Catholic Daughters singing joyful Christmas songs for the patients and staff at Putnam Ridge. The great room was packed with patients who were singing and moving to the music in their wheelchairs, clapping after every song! It was such a good feeling bringing smiles to all of them on a cold rainy Sunday. The room was filled with laughter and joy. In the end, they showed their gratitude by giving us gingerbread cookies and Christmas egg nog.



St. Lawrence O'Toole Knights of Columbus and parishioners spread some Christmas cheer caroling to the residents at Putnam Ridge on Dec. 14.



LifeTeen Bake Sale was a success! They raised \$774 for their upcoming trip to Washington, DC for the March for Life. They still need to raise \$3,222 for the journey. Look out for more fundraisers coming in the New Year!



December 24, 2023

while we're at it

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! This season is a beautiful time for gratitude and I like to look over the year we are leaving behind and thank God for his blessings on our parishes this year. Despite all the problems swirling around in our country and the world, we are grateful to God for so much:

- For helping us persevere in our **Catholic faith** on our way to eternal life, even with the crosses we've had to carry on sickness, death of loved ones, financial uncertainty, difficult relationships and so much more. "God is good – all the time."
- For the opportunity to **worship that good God and focus our attention on his Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.** "I am with you always, to the end of time."
- For the good example of parishioners who, though far from perfect, are **striving to live by the Gospel and giving a witness that by his grace**, we can live as true Christians. "For nothing is impossible to God".
- For a parish of **intentional disciples that support each other in small group ministry**, in adult faith formation, and through works of charity. "Love one another as I have loved you".
- For a **healthy parish that is diverse and growing**, enabling us all to experience the many different ways the Holy Spirit is working to build unity.
- For many parishioners and friends **who reach out to serve the poor in Brewster Cares.**
- For the great work of Gianna's House in **providing full support to pregnant moms so they can embrace life** and find the love and assistance they need from committed Christians.



I'm especially grateful to all of you for your commitment to our Faith and our parish life. You all make it a pleasure and an honor to serve here. We're glad that our parish is thriving spiritually, apostolically, and financially.

Our religious education is growing (Over 500 kids!), and our attendance at Mass is also growing and we can keep improving our campus thanks to your generosity. Our Early Childhood program is thriving and our youth ministry is renewed.

Thanks be to God and Merry Christmas to you and your families!

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

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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.

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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!

Travel: on your own



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EXCITING NEWS!

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

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



Holy Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule

CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT

Saturday, December 23
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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



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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**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

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.

GAINING CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY
MONDAYS

Jan 22 – Feb 26
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



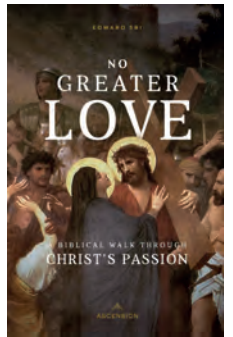
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REGISTER: scan code
FEE: \$ 50

NO GREATER LOVE
BY EDWARD SRI

WEDNESDAYS
Feb 28 - Mar 27
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. The program includes a video, workbook, and reading book to help you walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Join us this Lent to experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God’s immeasurable and unconditional love for you.



Order by Feb 15th so we can order your books in time
REGISTER: scan code
Fee: \$35

FAMILY-FRIENDLY NEW YEAR'S family fun



NOTE THE CHANGE:

You're Invited!

COUNTDOWN TO NOON YEARS!

December 31 • 12 PM - 2 PM

Sacred Heart GYM • 414 Haviland Dr., Patterson 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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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



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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:
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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 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 ◦ Gary 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 ◦ 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 ◦ Penelope Stein ◦ Andrew Meola

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

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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 January 2
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, 845-310-8148

mass intentions

Saturday, December 23

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

Sunday, December 24

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

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Vigil

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

Monday, December 25

8:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00 AM
12:30 PM Patrick Disbrow
Justin Tavino
Nancy Jean Buckley
Carmen Gloria Roman
Spanish

Tuesday, December 26

8:30 AM Hanora Campbell

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 AM Blanca Gomez

Thursday, December 28

8:30 AM Rosemarie Disbrow

Friday, December 29

8:30 AM Joseph G Chiulli
Roy Colsey

Saturday, December 30

5:00 PM
7:30 PM Myles Tomblin
Spanish

Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:30 AM *Sacred Heart*
11:00 AM
12:30 PM
5:30 PM Margaret Dempsey
Michael McCluskey
Deceased of Merlotto &
DiSaro Families
John Harley
Spanish
Hanora Campbell

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 by Geraldine and girls.

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



LYNDA HOLLER
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

RADICAL ABUNDANCE

In *The Chosen*, the historical drama based on Jesus' life, they have a great quote: "I was one way and now I am completely different. And the thing that happened in between was Him." Mary Magdalene says those words when Nicodemus questions her about Jesus. She had a radical conversion that made her very aware of before and after Jesus in her life. Most of us have not witnessed radical transformations like that, but it isn't that we didn't have them – we just may not be aware.

This weekend we celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' incarnation – the day God Himself entered the world as a human being. That is the most important thing that has happened in the history of the world since its creation. And nothing more important has happened since. Because of Christmas, we

can say, "The world was one way and now it is completely different. And the thing that happened in between was Him."

When Jesus came, he revealed much to the Jews that had not been revealed to their forefathers and prophets. He also started spreading the Good News of God's Kingdom to the Gentiles, and He instituted the sacraments - the most important being Baptism. When we are baptized, we are transformed from being just beloved creatures of God to his sons and daughters. Just as we are not part of our boyfriends' and girlfriends' families until we intentionally go through the wedding ceremony, we are not part of God's family until we are baptized. That transformation may be invisible, but it is very real. Each of us who are baptized can say, "I was one way and now I am completely different. And the thing that happened in between was Jesus. Now I am part of Jesus' family; I am his brother/sister, not just a creature!"

The other sacraments also allow us to continue to experience conversions. Every time we go to confession and receive the Eucharist, we can proclaim that we are changed because of Jesus. Let us make 2024 the best year ever by receiving the sacraments regularly and allowing Jesus to share his joy and peace with us in radical abundance.

Scripture: Read Act 22:16. What stands out?
Call to Action: Know any adults who are considering becoming Catholic or Catholics who want to complete their sacraments? Point them to our RCIA program beginning January 2. Contact Gabby at 845-310-8148. For infant baptisms, contact Savannah at 845-279-2021.

parish support
st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of December 17

In Pew Collection	\$	9,171.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	7,299.02
Total	\$	16,470.02

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of December 17

In Pew Collection	\$	1,688.00
November <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$	488.14
Total	\$	2,176.14

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.

thank you!

Thank you to the local restaurants and businesses who donated to our Wine or Dine Raffle! Thanks to their generosity, we awarded 30 gift certificates and 14 bottles of wine to the lucky winners! Congratulations to all winners and thank you to all who purchased tickets and supported our raffle! With sincere appreciation, Our Lady of the Lake Court #2585, Sacred Heart.

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- 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
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