

april 12, 2020 easter sunday



## st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes

### Mass schedule

#### St. Lawrence

##### Saturday Vigil

5:30, 7:30pm (Spanish)

##### Sunday

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

5:30pm (Youth Mass)

##### Monday-Friday

8:30am

##### Saturday

9:00am

#### Sacred Heart

##### Saturday Vigil

4:00pm

##### Sunday

10:30am

#### 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

**Instagram:** [stlawrenceotoole\\_brewsterny](https://www.instagram.com/stlawrenceotoole_brewsterny)

**Facebook:** St. Lawrence O'Toole

**Twitter:** St. Lawrence O'Toole Church



**He Has Risen!**

## power of prayer

Please keep these special intentions in your prayers this week

- April 13 For the Blessed Virgin Mary's Protection
- April 14 For parishioners ill from the virus
- April 15 Intentions of Pope Francis
- April 16 For all the health care workers are kept safe and healthy.
- April 17 Intentions of Deacon Mark
- April 18 For all our students learning remotely.
- April 19 For all our parishioners to keep the risen Lord in their hearts

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## readings for sunday

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9



## pray for

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

Marilyn Squeo ◦ Joan Quinn ◦ Michaelene Kamin ◦ Jill Moun-droukas ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ Larry Tobin ◦ Joan Vesey ◦ Sofia La-Rocca ◦ Victalino Garza ◦ Hanora Campbell ◦ Ryan McMahon ◦ Eleanor Jensen ◦ Sheila Richie ◦ Jessica Fitzpatrick ◦ Rose Maragni ◦ Peggy Cunningham ◦ Vilma Gjuraj ◦ David Weldon ◦ Barbara Hansbury Weldon ◦ Joseph J. Tierney ◦ Patricia Stone ◦ Denise Kurtz ◦ Roseann Blum ◦ Chuck Fox ◦ Frank & Carol Vaccarelli ◦ Elaine Steinhardt ◦ Nina Ricciardi ◦ Mary Thomp-son ◦ Rebecca Harris-Moreira ◦ Marie Amy ◦ Freddy Lyons ◦ Jennifer Grieves ◦ Dotty Lahm ◦ Maria Middleton ◦ Lawrence Iazzetti Sr. ◦ Mark Lapham ◦ William Fallon ◦ Walter Garecht ◦ Sr Marie Murphy ◦ Roseanne Barker ◦ Margaret "Peggy" Romano

**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)

*"Heaven for me is hidden in a little host where Jesus, my spouse, is veiled for love. I go to that divine furnace to draw out life, And there my sweet Saviour listens to me night and day."*

*-St. Therese of Lisieux*

Keep him company for an hour  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/Adoration)

Adore him where ever you are  
[stlawrenceotoolelive.org](http://stlawrenceotoolelive.org)





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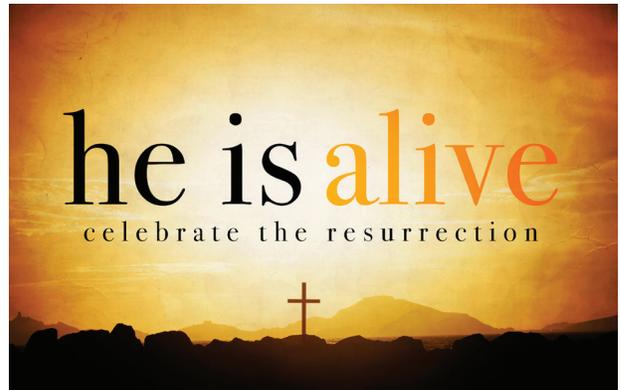
# while we're at it

**our vision** Create a parish of missionary disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.

Dear Friends,

He is Risen! Today Christians all over the world celebrate the most important event in history – the day Jesus overcame death and rose again. It means that whatever goes wrong in this world, God has the last word and is never overcome by death or evil.

And yet it comes at a time we are still suffering and many of our loved ones are sick or dying, and the rest of us live in fear of contagion and many are out of work. But we trust in the goodness and in the power of our Risen Lord. We will get through this and we will see his power win out over our fear. **“Pray, hope, and don’t worry”** in the famous words of St. Padre Pio.



The virus has taken the lives of two parishioners so far. Several other members are seriously ill. They are supported by our prayers - which are ongoing for all the victims. We give thanks to God for several parishioners who are now over the virus and fully recovered.

Sadly, we cannot do funerals at the moment, but we can bury them in sacred ground, have a service at the cemetery, and a memorial Mass later on when things get back to normal.

Please let me know of anyone who is sick so we can pray. If anyone is seriously ill, call me urgently at my cellphone 301-873-8418 and I will go administer Anointing of the Sick at home or in the hospital. It is so important to get them the graces of the sacraments before they pass away.

Our parishes’ outreach to the vulnerable through the **Safety Squad** is ongoing... we have 60 people calling all the elderly and shut ins to make sure they are okay and their needs are met.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

P.S. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish in these hard times by getting your collection envelopes in to us. We’re so grateful and it enables the parish to keep going. And 28 parishioners have switched over to **WeShare** electronic giving, which makes it easier for them and for us. God bless you all!

## online offerings coming up after easter

We are putting together an online Faith Formation lineup. Look for more information next week in the bulletin. Many programs will use Zoom to connect to one another.

### **Our Story** – on FORMED.com

A basic introduction to the Bible for Catholics

### **A Prayer with Peter**

Peter Ryan

### **Freedom to Love** - Young Adults

### **Consoling the Heart of Jesus**

Fr. Michael E. Gaitley

### **Defeating Fear During the Virus Crisis,**

Rick Warren series

### **Women's Gift**- weekly zoom meeting

### **Men's Ministry**- weekly zoom meeting

### **Bereavement Ministry**

From Mourning to Joy

## scholarship opportunity

The **St. Lawrence Catholic Daughters** are offering a college scholarship of \$400 to a senior who is a parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole parish. Write a 150 word essay on **what it means to be a Catholic**. All applications submitted by April 1, 2020. For the application call Mary Thomson 845-279- 6949.

The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Our Lady of the Lake** Court #2585 will be awarding our annual \$300.00 Scholarship. Requirements: Must be a practicing Catholic from Sacred Heart Church. 250 Word Essay: **What it's like to be a Catholic teenager in today's society**. Contact Melody Curra, Regent of CDA Court 2585, at 244 Pine Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812, Submit by May 1, 2020!

The **St. Lawrence Council Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a one-time, \$500 scholarship to a senior who is a parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole parish. A 500-word essay on "**How the teachings of Jesus affect my Life**." All application submitted by June 8th. Contact Peter Persampieri for more information at (845) 661-3578. St. Lawrence Council #1495, PO Box 268, Brewster, NY 10509.

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## as of april 8, 2020

We thank God for those who have recovered: Ed Lestrangle, Loretta Lestrangle, Suzanne Walsh, Eileen Fallon, Catherine vanBuskirk, Mackenzie Feehan, Dan Mulvihill, Jilian Rummo For those still sick, we ask God to heal them: Vivian Taylor, Bill Fallon, Theresa Dolak, Mike Quatrocchi, Ernest Rummo, Patricia Casso.

We pray for Peg Romano, who is in palliative care at the moment. We pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Costa.

## WESHARE ONLINE GIVING



It's simple and easy and takes about a minute. You can back in at any time and change your amounts.

1. **Go to** [stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com](http://stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com)  
or  
[sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com](http://sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com)

2. **Click** Make a Donation

3. **Click** Recurring Donation

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account.

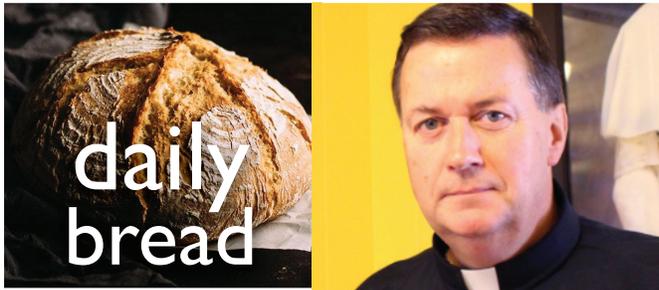
# VIRTUAL CHURCH

Go to [stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org) for links

We've turned St Lawrence into a "Virtual Church" delivering formation and prayer online throughout the day. Join us in these tough times for some renewed hope that Jesus is with us always.



Go to our Facebook page at St. Lawrence O'Toole.



## Daily Bread

Fr. Richard Gill

Mondays -Saturdays 12 pm



## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Cecilia Britez

Monday-Saturday 3 pm



## Psalm you to Sleep

Lynda Holler

Mondays-Saturdays 11 pm



[stlawrenceotoolelive.org](http://stlawrenceotoolelive.org)



If you over sleep, watch the Mass when you wake up and make it the most important part of your Sunday.

## Livestream Mass

Sundays 9:30 am

Easter Spanish Mass 5 pm

## LIVESTREAM

Our viewers of the Livestream Mass are up from 30 people viewing Mass to 683 people.

## FACEBOOK LIVE

Our viewers of Daily Bread, Divine Mercy and Psalm you to Sleep are reaching 500 people at each LIVE post and up over 1,000 as the day progresses.



Suzanne and her mom

## you don't have to be alone in grief

Suzanne Walsh

"He has risen, Alleluia"! My Mom posted this message on her Facebook page before she died three years ago. It was the last message she wrote. She shared this beautiful thought on Easter, six months later, she died, the result of an accident that no one expected. Mom was the heart of our family, always there to listen, offer unconditional love, wisdom, and encouragement. We miss her very much. Although this was a painful experience for me, I can honestly say that despite the pain, something good came from it. Through prayer and the support of many, God healed me of my pain and grief.

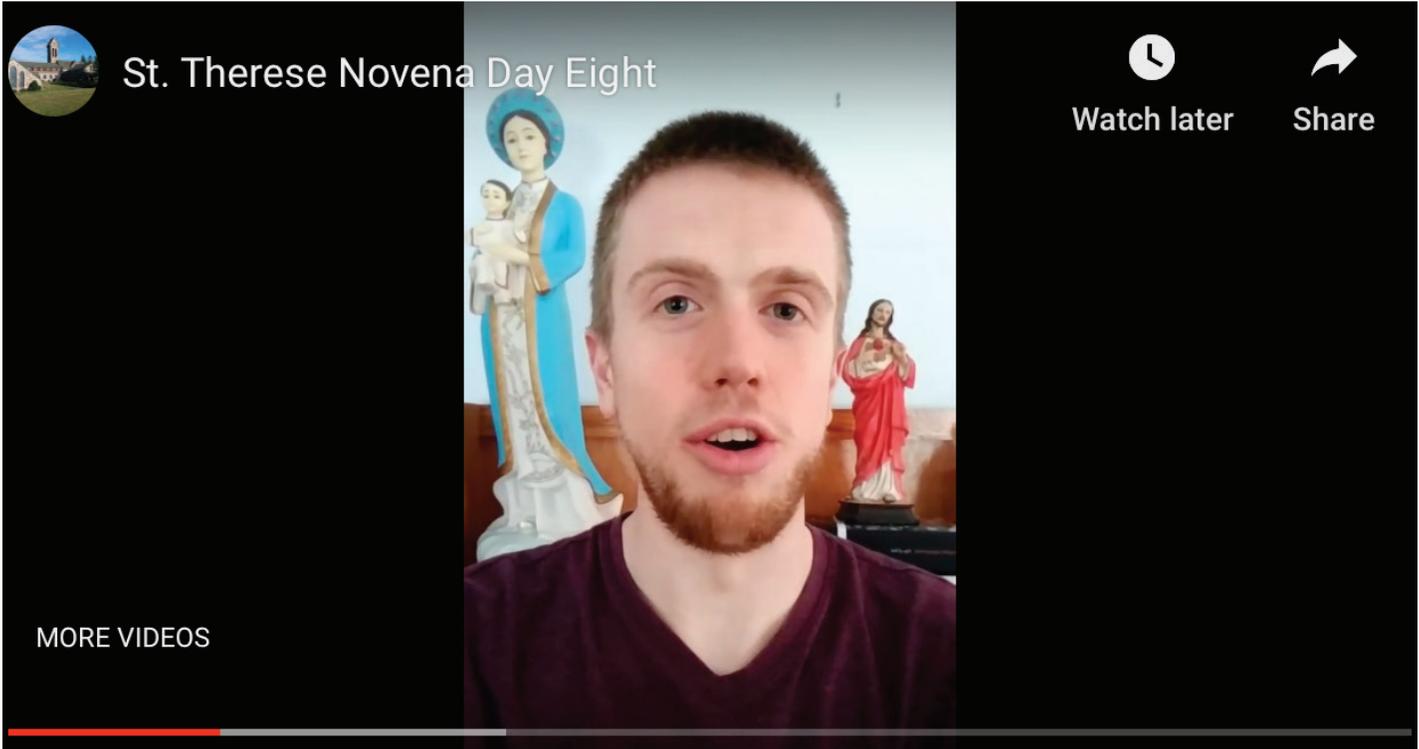
They say nothing prepares us for the death of a loved one. Yet it is something that each of us will encounter sooner or later. For many, the journey of grief is a lonely one, but it doesn't have to be that way. At St Lawrence, we have a community for those looking for healing and support on their grief journey.

The St Lawrence Bereavement Program Griefshare: ***From Mourning to Joy*** offers weekly meetings, which

include prayer, a video presentation, and group discussion. We use a nationally recognized program called Griefshare. Topics for discussion include the challenges faced during the grieving process, such as how to manage relationships, how not to get stuck in grief, and how to turn to God for help. Meetings are Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Recently we have started meeting via video conference with **Zoom**. Connecting this way has been a great blessing for the group. Participants are able to see one another and share how they are doing. This simple act of being apart physically but together to share our stories has been a powerful way to help us all get through this difficult time.

Since the program began, many have benefited. Participants have shared their experience of how God is working in their lives, helping them to overcome challenges. It's beautiful to see the healing that is happening through this ministry. If you, or someone you know, is grieving the loss of a loved one, I encourage you to come and experience the St Lawrence Griefshare Program: ***From Mourning to Joy***. Learn more here [stlawrenceotoole.org/GriefShare](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/GriefShare).

Suzanne Walsh is a parishioner and a facilitator of the St Lawrence Bereavement Ministry



roses from  
heaven.  
st. therese  
of lisieux,  
pray for us!

Greg Rabito, Youth Minister

Last week the teens of St. Lawrence O' Toole's Lifeteen group began a novena to St. Therese of Lisieux. St. Therese, the Little Flower, helps us to embrace what it means to be a child of God. Children cannot do anything without the help of their parents, and so, we are not capable of anything without the love of our Heavenly Father. The novena is on the **St. Lawrence O'Toole Facebook** page and was originally streamed over the **Lifeteen Instagram** page. I have received amazing messages speaking to the power of St. Therese and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Check them out!

"Thank you for those beautiful and encouraging words. Keep it up!" -LIFETEEN Teen

"I watched your video about the Novena you will be doing to St. Therese. I wanted to share with you my own testimony. My mom was in the hospital in 2001 and was scheduled for a triple bypass surgery. She had a great devotion to Our Blessed Mother and St. Therese.

She prayed to both equally. I was visiting my mom at the hospital the day before her surgery and the nurse walked into my mom's room. The nurse said, 'Oh my, it

smells absolutely beautiful in here, it smells like roses!' I said that I didn't smell roses. She kept insisting she smelled roses. My mom didn't smell the roses but she knew it was St. Therese letting her know everything would be okay. I wish I did smell the roses! Your video is a reminder to me my mom's great devotion to St. Therese, the little flower of Jesus. My mom's anniversary is next week on Holy Thursday, April 9th . Please say a prayer for her soul".

-Catherine Van Buskirk

"When my godmother was in the hospital after suffering a deadly stroke, her family was all around and smelled roses. My mom, her sister who had passed the year before, had a strong devotion to St. Therese. I bet my mom was there waiting for her sister to pass through the veil. Little Flower at this hour show us thy power!"

-Sally Silvestro

The St. Therese Novena will be followed by a daily rosary on Facebook and Instagram. All of the teens are excited to keep in community while being at home. **Sunday Youth Nights** have continued virtually as well on an application called Discord. A popular online platform for the teens to video chat, play games, and pray together. These next few weeks we will be mediating on the rosary and its special importance at this time. We need the Blessed Mother's protection!

Along with the rosary each day the teens are gathering to play Minecraft together several times a week. While being at home can be tough, we are not alone. The teens of the parish are connected and praying for all of you. If you have a child in their teens, we would love form them to join us!

ONLY 750 TICKETS TO BE SOLD



st. lawrence o'toole

# mega raffle

DRAWING at 7:30 pm

postponed till

## sat, july 4<sup>th</sup>

\$100 EACH OR 3 FOR \$250

# WIN \$25,000 cash

PROCEEDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ST. LAWRENCE FAMILY PROGRAM

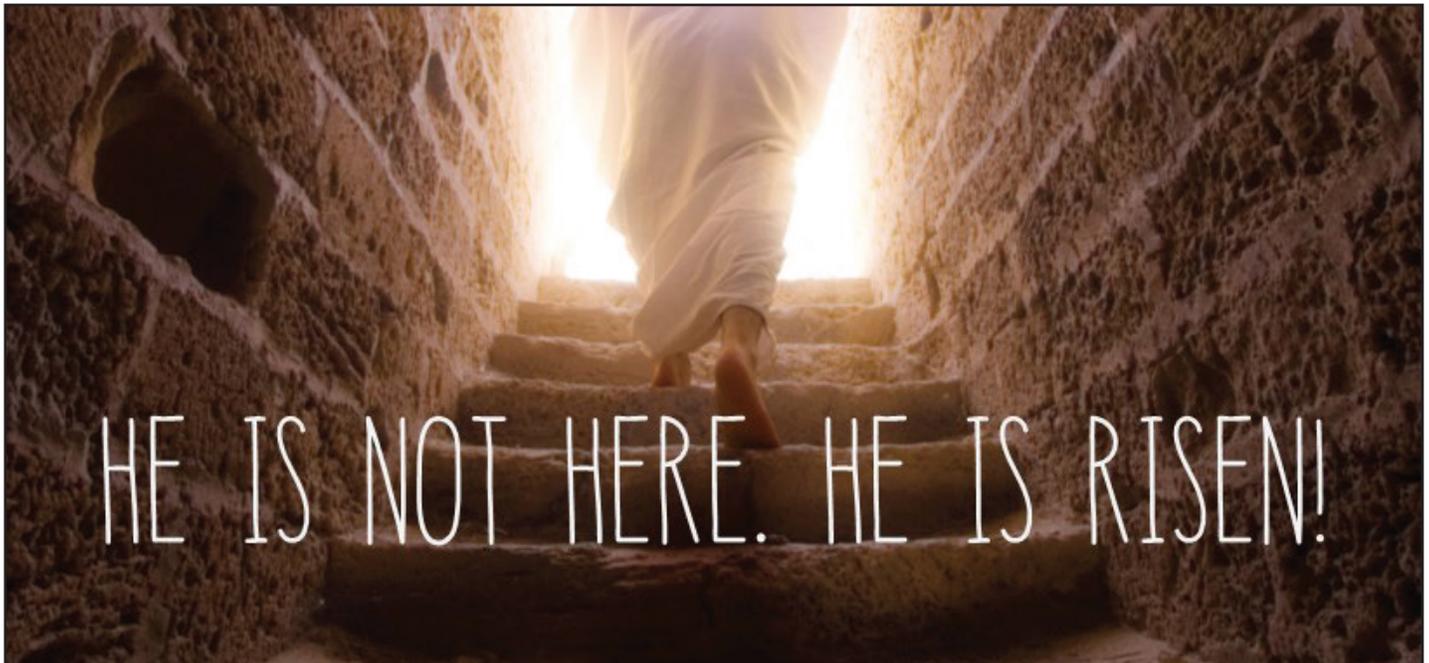


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We are going dancing  
once again after  
Coronavirus is defeated!

# Gala

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## HE IS NOT HERE. HE IS RISEN!

### easter giving

Easter is a time so many parishioners give generous gifts to the parish. Please remember our parish again this year in spite of not being able to attend Mass. Our donations are seriously down and we are struggling to meet our expenses.

**give online** [stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com](http://stlawrenceotoole.churchgiving.com) or  
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Virtual Narthex

## spiritual medicine

Mary Beth & John Murphy

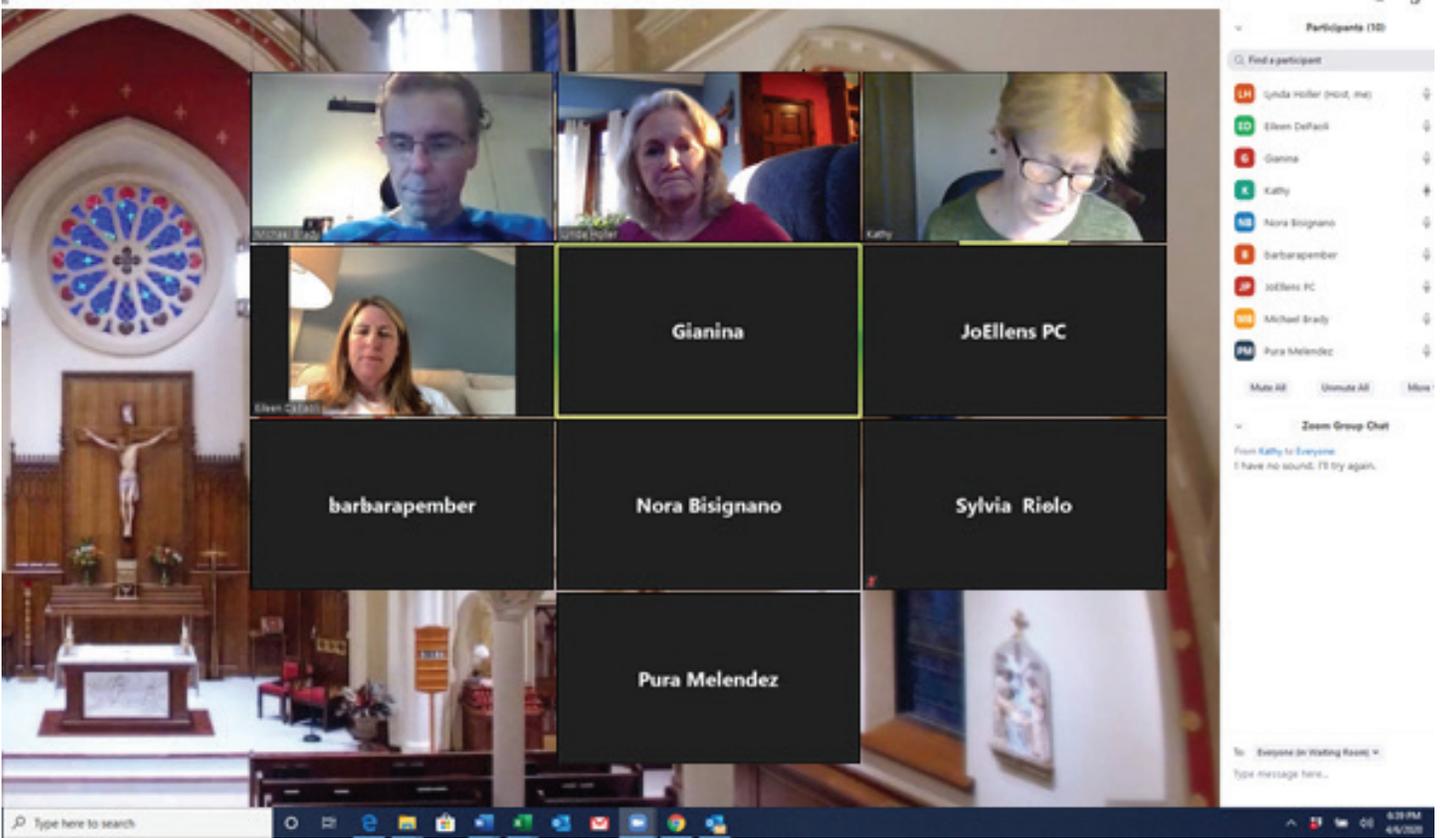
We are all experiencing many challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic. Life as we knew it has totally changed. Not being able to attend Sunday Mass and receive the Eucharist is especially difficult for us as Catholics.

We are very fortunate, however, as parishioners of St. Lawrence O'Toole, to be able to LIVESTREAM the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays. Many people don't have access to their local parish Mass. We feel very blessed, and experience much peace and comfort, as we participate in the Mass from our living room. Although we can't physically receive the Eucharist, we recite the ***Prayer for Spiritual Communion*** and receive Jesus into our hearts.

Despite the challenges presented by social distancing, St. Lawrence has risen to the occasion by providing us with ***Virtual Narthex***. This Zoom meeting provides a way to experience community by seeing and chatting with our parish

friends. Since gathering with our fellow parishioners is an integral part of the Mass, this virtual tool has helped us to feel connected to others at a time when we are spending so much time isolated and alone.

Throughout Lent, and the coronavirus pandemic, we are very thankful to be able to participate in LIVESTREAMING of the Mass and Virtual Narthex, as well as the streaming of Seasons of Praise and Stations of the Cross. All of this spiritual medicine, as well as spending more time in prayer, has brought us nearer to Our Lord this Lent, and has served as a constructive way to combat the coronavirus. Through more frequent prayer time, and by participating in the various streamed prayer services, we have experienced more deeply Jesus' love, healing and overwhelming presence this Lenten season. By walking closer with Jesus this Lent, we accept his incredible mercy as we await His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.



# zoom rosary carries on decade by decade

Kathy Friedlander

Six years ago, our Women’s Cornerstone retreat was devoted to Mary. The goal was for us to come to understand her as a woman, to recognize that although she was chosen by God for the extraordinary role of being His Son’s mother, she was also a human woman that didn’t have all the answers or know the future. Her perfect trust of God through both her joys and her sorrows is a model to us on how to trust God in our lives through all of our earthly experiences too.

Therefore, at that time it was only fitting that the rosary become part of our regular devotion. The rosary is a powerful prayer where we meditate on the mysteries of our faith from Mary’s perspective. We contemplate her Joyous, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries, the mysteries that she pondered in her heart.

Praying the rosary can be life changing as it brings graces and blessings. The Cornerstone women have been praying every Monday night since 2014 for the heart’s desires and intentions of the women and the needs of our parish. Two years ago, the Stephen Ministers joined us to unite with us in prayer for their intentions.

With the church unavailable over the last few weeks for group prayer, we were missing our connections. I pray the rosary daily, but there is something very special about reciting it aloud and hearing the many different voices call out in unison. So we have just set up a Zoom link for us to resume our group prayer and it is a beautiful experience. The timing may be off a bit and our words might be a bit messy and not be in sync as it is when we are physically together, but it has given us different insights like the melodious sound God hears as the world prays from their own homes and at their own paces.

Join us! Jesus and His Blessed Mother will be glad you did; and you will too!

Zoom Meeting

**us04web.zoom.us/j/5551621936**

Meeting ID: 555 162 1936

6:30 PM every Monday night.

## parish support

### st. lawrence parish support

#### Weekend of April 5

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,910.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 4,086.60

### sacred heart parish support

#### Weekend of April 5

In Pew Collection	\$ 847.00
March WeShare weekly	\$ 204.13

**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

#### March

Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,115
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 5,000
WeShare	\$ 935

**TOTAL \$ 8,050**

The balance owed on our \$3.8 million renovation is \$754,000.

## parish staff

Rev. Richard Gill.....	Pastor
Rev. Thomas Berg.....	Weekend Associate
Mark Shkreli.....	Deacon
Gregory Miller.....	Deacon
Julie Noce.....	Pastoral Assistant
Maureen Herbstritt.....	Business Manager
Lynda Holler.....	Director of Discipleship
Sally Silvestro.....	Director of Communication
Cecilia Britz.....	Director of Evangelization and Family Program
Peter Ryan.....	Director of Music
Theresa Scorca.....	Coord. of Religious Education
Clara Segreti.....	Family Program Assistant
Gregory Rabito.....	Youth Ministry
Kim Santerre.....	Director of Early Childhood Learning Center
Irene Westin.....	Adult Sacramental Administrator
Eileen Stokes.....	Cemetery Administrator



No one should be without  
someone to check on them.  
**SEND SAFETY SQUAD.**

St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart will call the elderly and those with health issues. **Safety Squad** members will keep in touch to make sure the most prone to illness are looked after properly to prevent infection, offer prayer, encourage them and help them obtain any needed supplies.

Sign up your loved one  
[stlawrenceotoole.org/SafetySquad](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/SafetySquad)

# CALL A PRIEST

If you need to speak with a priest, Fr. Tom Berg, Fr. Joe Heim and I will be “on-call” and available during the following hours if you have questions, issues or need some guidance in these hard times or just some prayers.

**FR. JOE HEIM**  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Mondays-Fridays  
Phone: 914-941-7636 x2792



**FR. TOM BERG**  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Mondays -Thursdays  
Cellphone: 914-261-9639



**FR. RICH GILL**  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Tuesdays - Fridays  
Cellphone: 301-873-8418

EVERY MONDAY IN EASTER

## Seasons of Praise



**Confessions**  
**4 pm-7 pm**

April 13, 7pm

LIVE STREAMED  
[stlawrenceotoolelive.org](http://stlawrenceotoolelive.org)

APRIL 13

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