

january 31, 2021 fourth sunday in ordinary time



st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes

Mass schedule

St. Lawrence

Saturday Vigil

5:30, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

Sunday

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

5:30 pm

Monday-Friday

8:30 am

Wednesday

7:00 pm

Sacred Heart

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm

Sunday

10:30 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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sacredheartpattersonny.org

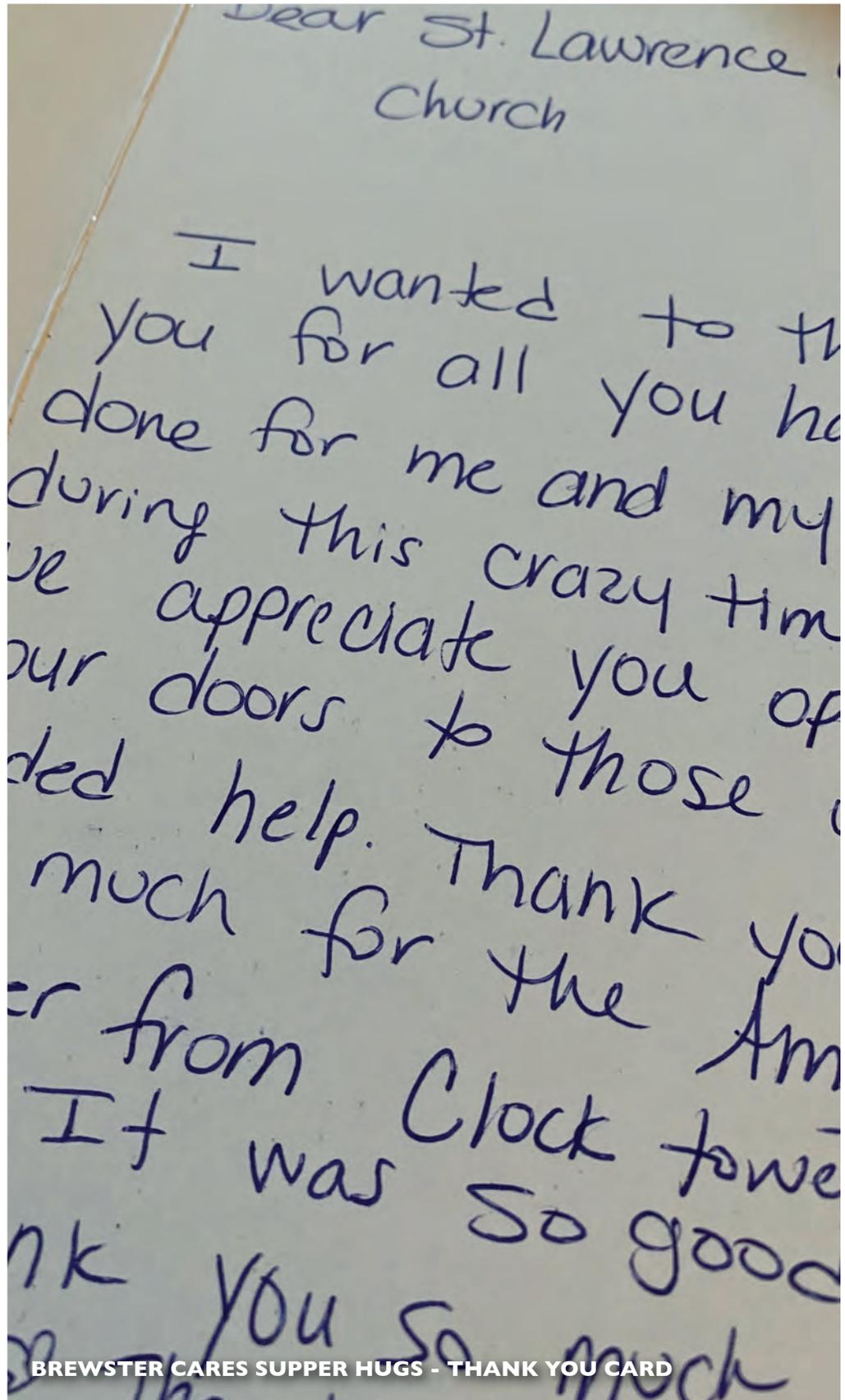
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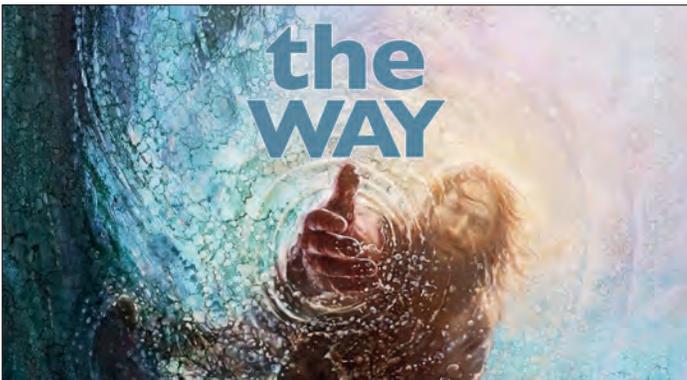
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the way

LYNDA HOLLER DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Divine Conductor – In the Details



Our Lord's promptings in our lives is not just for the betterment of others, but I learned personally that He is conducting our lives for our own well-being in very unexpected ways.

A few years ago, when my son was playing travel baseball, we had a Saturday tournament near New Haven. It started early, and I wanted to reserve a nearby hotel for Friday night, so I was utterly frustrated when the closest location had no vacancy. In fact, another team family had gotten the last room! I was forced to settle on a hotel farther from the field. The extra miles meant we would have to leave before their free breakfast started too...

Friday night we checked in, had a great night's sleep, and got a recommendation for a restaurant for breakfast. As we sat, enjoying exceptionally delicious egg sandwiches, we watched a beautiful sunrise over the diner parking lot. Full and content, we arrived first at the field for the start of a fun day.

Interestingly, when the family who stayed in the nearer hotel arrived, they were not as refreshed. Their hotel had three weddings staying there with guests partying all night. The dad explained that his wife spent the night beating on the wall and calling the desk hoping for quiet. Their breakfast was disappointing too!

A few days later, I awoke from a dead sleep at 3:30 AM with the message, "I am taking care of your everyday needs, even your hotel." Wow, how wonderful! God not only revealed that He is taking care of us with great attention to detail, but He chose to tell me it in a humorous and unmistakable way. Interestingly, if we hadn't known the family that got the last room, we wouldn't have known the difference between God's plan and our own. We normally don't; so, now when things don't work out as we hope, my sons and I recognize that God is in the details and Jesus is offering us a better way.

Scripture: Read Psalm 32:8-11. What is God saying to you?

Call to Action: Pray for God to reveal the details He is conducting in your life.



January 31, 2021

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,

Our bishops have a tough job these days. They have to lead and preach the Gospel in times that are increasingly secular and in which religious practice is declining in many places. They face financial challenges as the mistakes of the past catch up with the Church in the form of lawsuits for victims of abuse. And they have to run the Church with fewer priests to help them. It's a thankless job and one they do for love of God. They need our prayers and our support.

One sticky area for them (and all of us) is how to lead and preach about the sanctity of human life, the truth of marriage as one man/one woman union, and the goodness of the sexual differentiation as willed by God in "male and female he created them." We Catholics know the truth from the Scriptures and two thousand years of Christian teaching. These foundational truths of Christian family and society are widely challenged today by many in academia, the media, and in government. Many are looking to impose a radically different policy than what we know to be true.

It is especially difficult when the new president is himself a Catholic but is strongly at odds with the Church on many issues that touch on our sacred beliefs about marriage, the family and sexuality. Take a look at the statement in this bulletin by Archbishop Gomez, the President of the US Bishops Conference. It seems to me to be a good approach to call on the President to engage in a dialogue on these matters that concern us all.

Our country needs our prayers more than ever. If you haven't yet, sign up for time in **Adoration** before the Blessed Sacrament. It will be the best hour of your week – you and Jesus alone, speaking heart to heart.

Brewster Cares, our ministry to the poor, is continuing with the **homeless shelter** and we are having as many as a dozen men and women each night who are homeless in our area. We've also launched the **tutoring** program free for kids in grades 1-5 who need help with reading and homework help. And also in this bulletin we explain the work of **Supper Hugs** ministry in which people volunteer to cook meals for those who are sick from COVID or who have recently had a death in the family.



The work of Christian love continues. Thank you for being a part of it.

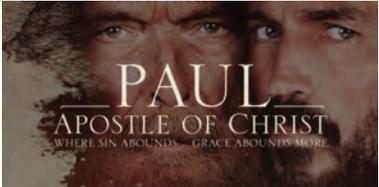
God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill



winter faith formation

MOVIE NIGHT: PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST
FRIDAY
Feb 26
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
GYM



Roma, 67 AD. After the fire that burned a great part of the city, Emperor Nero names Paul, Jesus' apostle, as guilty of the fire, arresting and imprisoning him. Despite the risks, physician and medicine man Luke gets access to the jail and meets Paul, who accepts Luke's request to tell his biography for a new book about Jesus' teachings. Join us for a revealing portrayal of the barbaric conditions the early Christians endured and the great faith that formed the foundation of our Catholic Church. Warning: contains graphic and disturbing scenes.
REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/PaulMovie

PRAYER – SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD
SUNDAYS - IN PERSON: & ZOOM
Feb 21 – Mar 28
6:45 pm – 8:15 pm
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



One day we will stand before Jesus and speak face-to-face. We don't have to wait for heaven for intimate communication with our God. A deep prayer life allows us to have a close relationship with Jesus here and now. Our goal in prayer is to deepen our friendship, to pour out our hearts and hear God's merciful and loving guidance in return. Use this Lent to learn to pray following the model of Scripture and the saints. Bring a Bible and a small notebook.
REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/FaceOfGod



SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

WEDNESDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM

Feb 24 – Apr 14

7:00 pm – 8:45 pm

DINING HALL



If you are a Catholic who loves your faith and wants to know how to share it with those in your life (or even with those you have never met before), join us during Lent for this exciting new program. Sharing our faith can seem daunting or even out of place for Catholics today, but it is our duty and vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This training is designed for beginners. It includes informative videos, small group discussion, and role-playing exercises.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/GoodNews



FROM MOURNING TO JOY BEREAVEMENT

TUESDAYS - IN PERSON & ZOOM

Feb 2--ONGOING

7:00 pm -9:00 pm

NEW YORK ROOM



Our bereavement group meets weekly to help people rebuild their lives after the loss of a spouse, child, parent, family member, or friend through group support and applying biblical principles to the healing process. We meet both live in the parish center and on Zoom to accommodate everyone. We have witnessed great healing, as people move from morning to joy.

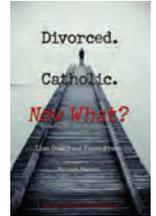
REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/Bereavement

SURVIVING DIVORCE

TUESDAYS, EVERY OTHER WEEK

ZOOM ONLY

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



Jesus longs to mend your heart and lead you to a life filled with promise, peace, and joy. We offer support to begin the healing process. Journey of Hope is a program for separated and divorced Catholics. The practical topics addressed in each session are discussed within an intimate, confidential environment and give participants the tools they need to begin a hopeful new life. The program uses the teaching of the Catholic faith, including the teaching on the nature of marriage, annulments, and remarriage.

REGISTER: stlawrenceotoole.org/Surviving Divorce

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

FEAST OF ST. BLASE

**Blessing of throats at the end of
8:30 am Mass and 7:00 pm Mass**



The traditional prayer for the Blessing of Throats will be given at the end of the Mass for those who would like this blessing.

St Blase was a Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blasé has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for the protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blasé is a sign of our faith in God's protection and the love for us and for the sick.



statement of the president of the US Bishops Conference on the election of Joseph Biden, Jr.



Abp. Jose Gomez, President of the US Bishops Conference

On these and other issues, our duty to love and our moral principles lead us to prudential judgments and positions that do not align neatly with the political categories of left or right or the platforms of our two major political parties. We work with every President and every Congress. On some issues we find ourselves more on the side of Democrats, while on others we find ourselves standing with Republicans.

Our priorities are never partisan. We are Catholics first, seeking only to follow Jesus Christ faithfully and to advance his vision for human fraternity and community.

I look forward to working with President Biden and his administration, and the new Congress. As with every administration, there will be areas where we agree and work closely together and areas where we will have principled disagreement and strong opposition.

Working with President Biden will be unique, however, as he is our first president in 60 years to profess the Catholic faith. In a time of growing and aggressive secularism in American culture, when religious believers face many challenges, it will be refreshing to engage with a President who clearly understands, in a deep and personal way, the importance of religious faith and institutions. Mr. Biden's piety and personal story, his moving witness to how his faith has brought him solace in times of darkness and tragedy, his longstanding commitment to the Gospel's priority for the poor — all of this I find hopeful and inspiring.

At the same time, as pastors, the nation's bishops are given the duty of proclaiming the Gospel in all its truth and power, in season and out of season, even when that teaching is inconvenient or when the Gospel's truths run contrary to the directions of the wider society and culture. *So, I must point out that our new President has pledged to pursue certain policies that would advance moral evils and threaten human life and dignity, most seriously in the areas of abortion, contraception, marriage, and gender.* Of deep concern is the liberty of the Church and the freedom of believers to live according to their consciences.

Our commitments on issues of human sexuality and the family, as with our commitments in every other area — such as abolishing the death penalty or seeking a health care system and economy that truly serves the human person — are guided by Christ's great commandment to love and to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable.

For the nation's bishops, the continued injustice of abortion remains the "preeminent priority." Preeminent does not mean "only." We have deep concerns about many threats to human life and dignity in our society. But as Pope Francis teaches, we cannot stay silent when nearly a million unborn lives are being cast aside in our country year after year through abortion.

Abortion is a direct attack on life that also wounds the woman and undermines the family. It is not only a private matter, it raises troubling and fundamental questions of fraternity, solidarity, and inclusion in the human community. It is also a matter of social justice. We cannot ignore the reality that abortion rates are much higher among the poor and minorities, and that the procedure is regularly used to eliminate children who would be born with disabilities.

Rather than impose further expansions of abortion and contraception, as he has promised, I am hopeful that the new President and his administration will work with the Church and others of good will. My hope is that we can begin a dialogue to address the complicated cultural and economic factors that are driving abortion and discouraging families. My hope, too, is that we can work together to finally put in place a coherent family policy in this country, one that acknowledges the crucial importance of strong marriages and parenting to the well-being of children and the stability of communities. If the President, with full respect for the Church's religious freedom, were to engage in this conversation, it would go a long way toward restoring the civil balance and healing our country's needs.

President Biden's call for national healing and unity is welcome on all levels. It is urgently needed as we confront the trauma in our country caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the social isolation that has only worsened the intense and long-simmering divisions among our fellow citizens.

As believers, we understand that healing is a gift that we can only receive from the hand of God. We know, too, that real reconciliation requires patient listening to those who disagree with us and a willingness to forgive and move beyond desires for reprisal. Christian love calls us to love our enemies and bless those who oppose us, and to treat others with the same compassion that we want for ourselves.





supper hugs— feeding those in need during COVID

CHRIS SHERMAN

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35

Helping others is one of the most rewarding graces that God gives to those who put their faith into action and helps those in need. In April of 2020, the St Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council partnered with St. Lawrence O’Toole and Sacred Heart and began helping feed at least five families every Friday night.

Theresa Scorca, our Religious Education Coordinator, would identify the families in need each week. These were families who may have lost a loved one or just needed a little help during COVID. For the first few months, the Knights of

Columbus did all the cooking and deliveries every week. In the summer, we reached out to parishioners who had cooked for the homeless shelter in the past. I was blown away by their response! It was beautiful to see so many amazing people in our community who offered to help cook one, two or three meals, and who would continue to help during this COVID crisis.

As someone who has cooked and delivered many meals since we started this program, I can tell you that it is so rewarding to know we are helping these families. I even got to see the smiles on their faces when we delivered them their meal. This is one of the things I love about our parish and our community. It’s the willingness of our parishioners to get involved and help others in need!

Now operating under under Brewster Cares, **Supper Hugs**, has expanded to help more needy families in the area.

Donate a meal:

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/MakeAMeal>

Deliver a meal:

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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

brewster community food pantry

If you need to stretch your dollars, sign up at the Food Pantry at 10 Park St. We have fresh produce, meat and canned goods. If it's your first time to the Food Pantry, bring a form of ID. Hours: Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon; Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

magnificat lenten companion

Lent begins Wednesday, February 17. The **Catholic Daughters at St. Lawrence** will be selling the **Magnificat Lenten Companion** for \$4 per copy after the morning Masses on Sunday, February 7. Contact Donna Iazzetti on **845-803-6367** or diazzezzetti@gmail.com for more information.

mass intentions

Saturday, January 30

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Eleanor Ball
5:30PM Intentions of Adalia Rosamilia
7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, January 31

8:00AM Christopher Falgiano
9:30AM Kay & Bill Sullivan
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Silvio Marin
11:00AM Thomas Patrick Reidy
12:30 PM Spanish
5:30 PM Josephine Russell

Monday, February 1

8:30AM Robert Rickard

Tuesday, February 2

8:30AM Irma Inco

Wednesday, February 3

8:30AM Julie Bizzarri
7:00 PM Gavina Mari Malaguit

Thursday, February 4

8:30AM St. Lawrence O'Toole Society

Friday, February 5

8:30AM Msgr. McCabe
7:00 PM Scholarship Fund
Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

Saturday, February 6

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Nancy Distefano
5:30PM Rosina & Pasquale Ruggiero
7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday, February 7

8:00AM Armand Giglio
9:30AM Luisa & Andrew Maiorino
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Sacred Heart Deceased
CDA Members
11:00AM Alfonso Pilla
12:30 PM Kathy Cooper
5:30 PM Stephen Zagami

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it may be a chance to give to those in real need.



Meals for families in need



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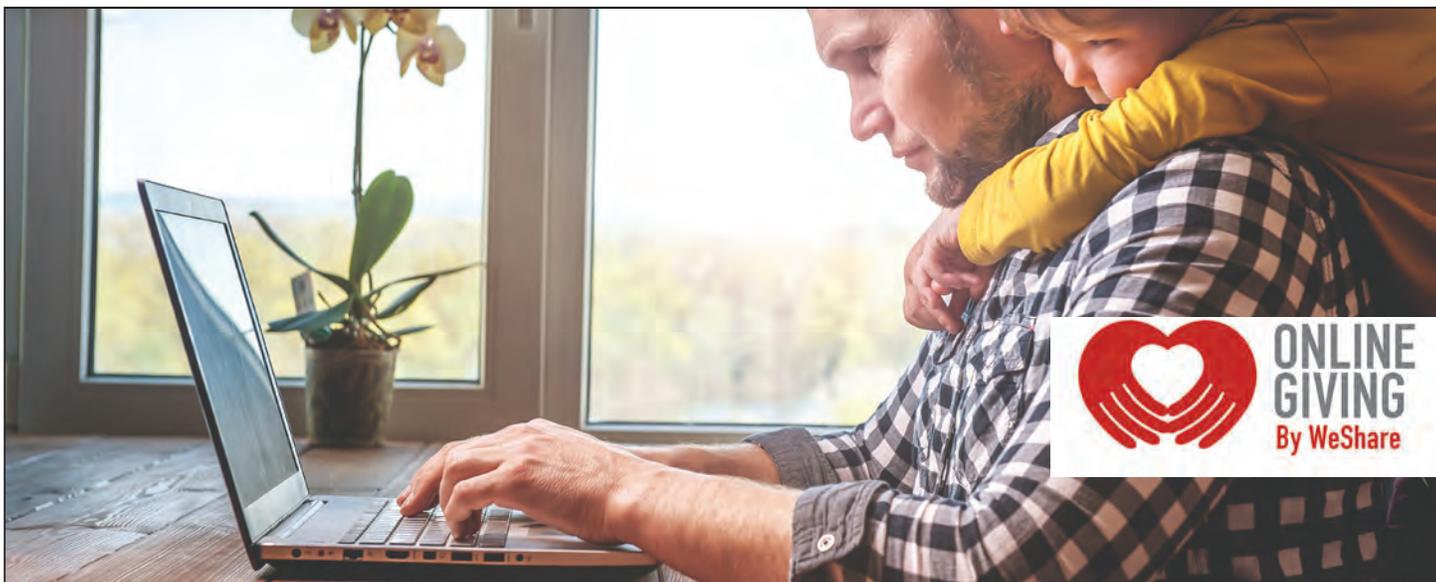


It is important to have a will in order to be sure your assets are directed according to your intentions and that everything is clear when you go back to God. Many distribute what they have to loved ones and also leave a portion of their assets to the parish.

You can leave a gift to build up the future of your parish (St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart) with a bequest in your will.

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Many parishioners in both parishes have switched over to this easy way to give. It has helped us tremendously in keeping our churches going in spite of the pandemic.

Please consider switching over to electronic giving - it's safe, easy, flexible and you don't have to think about it every week. At the same time, you can change and update your giving anytime you want with a few clicks.

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parish support

st. lawrence parish support

Weekend of January 24

In Pew Collection	\$ 6,125.50
December WeShare weekly	\$ 6,306.55
Total	\$ 12,432.05

sacred heart parish support

Weekend of January 24

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,636.00
December WeShare weekly	\$ 506.87
Total	\$ 2,142.87

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.



COMMITMENTS

Gifts: 43
Total Committed: \$153,000
 Average pledge: \$3,558
 Over goal: \$18,000
13% over goal!

WeShare: sacredheartpattersonny.churchgiving.com

parish staff

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
- Rev. Thomas Berg.....Weekend Associate
- Mark Shkreli.....Deacon
- Julie Noce.....Pastoral Assistant
- Maureen Herbstritt.....Business Manager
- Lynda Holler.....Director of Discipleship
- Sally Silvestro.....Director of Communication
- Cecilia Britez...Director of Evangelization and Family Program
- Peter RyanDirector of Music
- Theresa Scorca.....Coord. of Religious Education
- Clara Segreti.....Family Program Assistant
- Janine Kristensen.....Family Program Coordinator Support
- Kim Santerre.....Director of Early Childhood Learning Center
- Irene Westin.....Adult Sacramental Administrator
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