

# The Parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr

## THE PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Brian J. Ingram, Pastor  
Rev. Thomas Pers, Associate Pastor  
Deacon Patrick J. La Bella  
Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Candreva,  
Weekend Assistant  
Mrs. Maria Davidson,  
Director of Faith Formation  
Mr. Christopher Koch,  
Cemetery & Business Manager  
Mrs. Lorraine Magyar,  
Director of Parish Outreach  
Mrs. Diana Palumbo, Parish Secretary  
Mrs. Jean Rico,  
Assistant Director of Faith Formation  
Mrs. Gloria Ryan, Baptism Coordinator  
Mrs. Jeanmarie Smith, Pastoral Associate  
Mrs. Marie Winn, Director of Music

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Arrangements for preparation and celebration of infant baptism may be made by calling (631) 589-8934, Monday through Thursday.

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements should be made with the church at least six months prior to the wedding celebration. Either the bride or the groom, or one of their families, should be associated with the parish.

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession)

Celebrated each Saturday in church from 3:45-4:45 P.M., or by appointment with one of the priests.

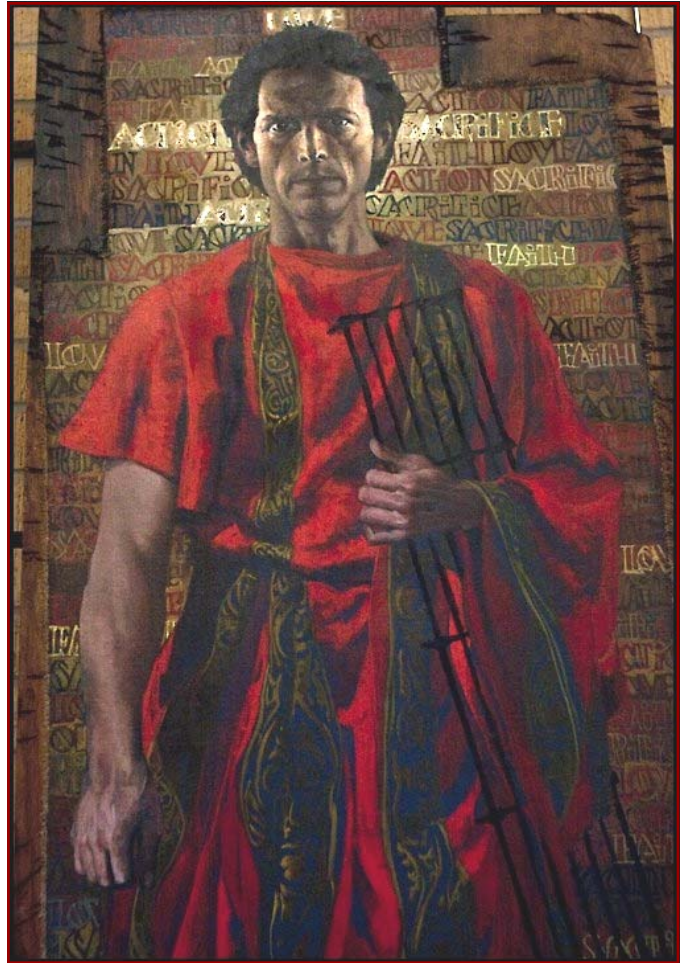
## VISITATION TO THE SICK:

May be arranged through the rectory office for the purpose of Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. For emergency sick calls, phone the rectory at any time.

## COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass on the first Saturdays of February, June, August, and December.

First Sunday of Lent  
March 5, 2017



*Image of our patron, St. Lawrence the Martyr, reproduced from an original painting in the church by Louis S. Glanzman.*

## PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

RECTORY	(631) 589-0042
RECTORY FAX	(631) 589-5318
FAITH FORMATION OFFICE	(631) 589-3160
CEMETERY OFFICE	(631) 589-3887
OUTREACH OFFICE	(631) 589-6155

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

*The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered in a special way for each of the names or intentions listed below. The donation received for each of these Mass intentions helps support the work of the parish, and our priests who minister at the Lord's altar.*

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>		<b><u>March 4, 2017</u></b>	
<i>Saint Casimir</i>			
9:00		Robert Grant Sr. +	
5:00		Victoria Anacreonte + Constance Russo +	
		Sylvester Brady + James Ostrom +	
		All Our Parishioners	
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>		<b><u>March 5, 2017</u></b>	
7:30		Marion & John Cohalan +	
9:00		Claire Jeanne Jackson +	
11:00		James E. McCartney +	
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		<b><u>March 6, 2017</u></b>	
9:00		Grace Ganshaw +	
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>		<b><u>March 7, 2017</u></b>	
<i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i>			
9:00		Rev. Peter J. McCrann +	
12:00		Pasquale Caligiuri +	
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>		<b><u>March 8, 2017</u></b>	
<i>Saint John of God, Religious</i>			
9:00		The Intentions of Maryann McMahon & Family	
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>		<b><u>March 9, 2017</u></b>	
<i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i>			
9:00		Barbara Gallagher +	
<b><u>Friday</u></b>		<b><u>March 10, 2017</u></b>	
9:00		The Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Marino & Family	
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>		<b><u>March 11, 2017</u></b>	
9:00		George McMahon +	
5:00		Dorothy Higgins + Hans Schollenber +	
		Josephine Boos +	
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>		<b><u>March 12, 2017</u></b>	
7:30		Sr. Grace Catherine +	
9:00		Ann P. Tierney + All Our Parishioners	
11:00		Cosmo Rotundo +	

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**THE PARISH OFFICE:** Open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.; Saturdays by appointment.

**THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE:**  
Open Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and Friday by appointment.

**PARISH OUTREACH (SOCIAL MINISTRY):**  
Open Monday through Friday, from 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon; Closed on weekends and holidays.

**THE PARISH CEMETERY OFFICE:**  
Open by appointment weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon

**SAINT LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**  
Meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.  
Please call (631) 317-9027 for more information.

**SAINT LAWRENCE COLUMBIETTES:** Meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Please call Diana (631) 589-0042 for information or email [stlcol.pres@gmail.com](mailto:stlcol.pres@gmail.com)

**PARISH DEVOTIONAL LIFE**

**THE ROSARY:**  
Prayed in common from Monday through Saturday immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the church.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:**  
Meets in the school on Mondays at 7:30 P.M.

**QUEEN OF PEACE ROSARY AND MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:**  
Mondays in church 6 to 7:15 P.M.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Come worship the Eucharistic Lord on the First Friday of the month, from 12noon to 3:30 P.M., with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00 P.M.

There is also a holy hour every Wednesday, dedicated to prayer for priests and priestly vocations, from 6 to 7:00 P.M.

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE:**  
Members pray at home for the intentions of the Church and parish. Designed for the homebound, senior citizens, etc.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP:**  
An ancient form of prayer that sets aside words and images in favor of sitting silently and receptively in the presence of God. Please contact Mrs. Barbara Shea at (631) 589-5257.



**Stewardship**

*A Way of Life*

**Weekly Collections**

Sunday, February 26, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_ \$13,003.00

Weekly amount budgeted for the current fiscal year:  
\$13,327.00

## *A Message from Father Brian ~*

*"It was a dark and stormy night . . ."*

No, not really. It was a gray late afternoon this past December, when Dr. Louis Rose, one of our parishioners, arrived at the rectory office saying that he would like to donate a gift to the parish. The gift was a striking replica of Michelangelo's beloved *Pieta*, which depicts the Virgin Mary holding the shattered body of Jesus, after her son has been taken down from the cross. The piece is large and very heavy (it took three people to move it), so initially we were unsure exactly where it might be displayed, or how. For a time it sat wrapped in styrofoam in the school lobby! Not wanting any accidents to befall the statue amid all the traffic in and out of our school, I asked that our maintenance staff move it (gently!) to the lobby of the Bethany Center. I had thought the lobby might actually be a good place for it, though I didn't know exactly where.

As the weeks drifted by, the *Pieta* in its big cardboard box sat in a corner of the Bethany lobby, with no bright ideas emerging for how and where it might be displayed. Finally, our Faith Formation Director, Maria Davidson, had the idea to place it under the skylight at the rear of what we still call the "crying room." She rightly thought that the bright white of the statue would look beautiful under the natural light coming through the roof. To support such a heavy piece, we looked to a small altar that's been standing for years at the end of one of the hallways in the school. The altar was in need of some "TLC," and for that we turned to another of our parishioners, Mr. Tom Goetz, who did a wonderful job of sanding, repairing, and refinishing it in just a few days' time. Finally, just this past week, the statue was carefully placed on the altar, where it will remain for the whole of the Lent and Easter seasons, reminding us of the Lord's great self-sacrifice, and of the love our Blessed Mother has not only for her Son, but for all of us, her adopted children, as well.

I mention this long saga by way of illustrating how very generous our parishioners can be, and how any given project can often require the labor and creativity of a whole assortment of people. One could point to this past Tuesday's delightful Pancake Supper, hosted by our newly formed Columbiettes as another perfect example . . . or to our parish choir working so energetically to prepare for the coming holy days . . . or to all of you who are already responding with a pledge to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Generosity of spirit takes many, *many* shapes, and we are so fortunate at St. Lawrence that so many of our parishioners, and the whole of our staff, give of themselves—*often very quietly*—to build up the life of this community. It's what being part of a parish is all about. Have a prayerful, reflective, and deeply satisfying Lent, and may our patron and brother, St. Lawrence, pray for us.  
God love you!

## Please Pray for the Sick

Bill Beaudry; Kevin Ferrara; Andrew Wittman Jr.; Kathleen Yaccarino; Allison Ruddick; John Zambito; James & Lorraine Mattimore; Bob McGarry; Jean Fallon; Jane Vlokhos; Eric Softye; Judith Cleary; John Susco; Gloria Portman; Rick LaFrance; John Kupres; Ellen Jordan; Catherine Birong; Thomas Macaluso; Michael Schindlar; Robert Southard; Jim Tisdell; Joan Kennedy; Peter Donato; Evelyn Chavez-Escoboer; Christopher Goetz; Raymond Meigel; Margaret Dempsey; Matthew DeGraw; Dan Lumley; Ruth Hill; Bruce Weiler; Hulda Maiforth; Donald Taylor; Jomarie Anderson; Joanna Holik; Peter Hlywa; Mary Jane Ingram; Joseph Pers; Maureen Grainger; Mary Gehler; Howard Grandjean; Gina Blenk and Doreen DeRuitter

*Please call the Parish Office (631) 589-0042 if you wish to place or remove someone on our list. The request to have a name placed on the list must be made by the sick person himself or herself, or by an immediate family member.*

## Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

We lift up our hearts in prayer for our brothers and sisters who have died, in the sure hope that they will see the Lord face to face:

**Maria C. Klahn  
Vincent Fattarusso**

## Gifts of Love

The **Altar Rose**, which stands to the left of the tabernacle as a reminder of our prayers for the unborn, is donated for  
**The Intentions of Bishop John Barres**

# OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

## Lenten Evening Eucharist

Wednesday Nights

March 22nd, March 29th and April 5th

7:00PM in the church

March 22nd

Msgr. Chris  
Heller

March 29th

Msgr. John  
Rowan

April 5th

Fr. Sean  
Gann

Come and bring a friend!

Stations of the Cross



Every Friday during Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 7:00P.M.

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

April 7th



Choral Stations the Cross

7:30P.M.

Presented by the  
St. Lawrence Choir

# OUR LENTEN JOURNEY



In  
addition to our regular schedule of  
Masses throughout the week we will be  
adding a Mass at 12:00 Noon on  
each of the Tuesdays of Lent.



## CONFESSION

Every Saturday during Lent  
3:45- 4:45P.M.

Monday, April 10th  
4-5:30P.M. and 7-8:30P.M.

Tuesday, April 11th  
Following the 9:00AM Mass

Wednesday, April 12th  
7:00-8:00P.M.

*Please join us for our Annual Soup Supper*  
*Friday, April 5th*  
*at 5:45 P.M.*

*In the school gym*

Volunteers are needed to make a soup!  
Please sign up in the rear of the church or call  
Mary Lynn McCauley – 631-244-8282

Donations for the Soup Supper will be accepted at the door  
to benefit *Having Friends INN*.



## Children's Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 28th,  
4:30P.M. – 5:30P.M.

We need 14 families, individuals, or groups (a Faith Formation class, for example) to design one of the 14 Stations. We'll provide the blank poster board – you provide the imagination!

Sign up by leaving a message for  
Fr. Brian at 589-0042, ext. 18

## The Mary Connors Memorial Walk for Children

(formerly called The Children's Walk for Children)

Saturday, April 1, 2017  
10:30A.M. – 12:00P.M.

Take a Lenten step and join us for our walk down Handsome Avenue to the bay, pausing for prayer, and back. We will offer our prayers and the proceeds from The Mary Connors Memorial Walk for Children to our parish Outreach families in need. We encourage you to invite your friends and family members to consider being a sponsor. To register and for more information call the Faith Formation Office 589-3160.

## THE QUESTION BOX

*Just for fun—and some ongoing education—we offer a question on our Catholic spirituality and tradition. Enjoy!*

**Q:** We always talk about Lent being forty days, but it adds up to *more than forty* if you take a look at a calendar. Do Sundays count? When does the season actually begin and end?

- (a) Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday
- (b) the First Sunday of Lent, to early evening on Holy Thursday
- (c) Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, but *minus the Sundays in between*
- (d) the First Sunday of Lent, to Palm Sunday

**A:** The answer to this question really has two parts: Lent does indeed begin on Ash Wednesday. And the Sundays of the season certainly do “count” – in fact, one could argue that the Sundays of Lent are the pillars on which the season rests. But Ash Wednesday and the three days that follow it are a kind of “orientation” to the season, a preamble if you will. The *forty-day period* we refer to so often, begins on the First Sunday of Lent, and extends to the evening of Holy Thursday, ending just as we begin the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Take out your calendar and do some counting for yourself! The correct answer is (b).



Did you know that CRS Rice Bowl has a free Lenten app? Download it for iPhone or Android devices and get daily Lenten reflections right on your phone.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

### **Remember!**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word takes place Sundays at the 9:00AM Mass.  
March 12th, 19th and 26th .

## ASHES

We all know that “Christmas comes but once a year . . .” So, too, does Ash Wednesday. Nevertheless, you’ll notice that a glass dish of ashes will remain to the right of the sanctuary for the length of the Lenten season. May they serve as a visual reminder of the spiritual resolve that we brought to Ash Wednesday, and of the Lord’s promise to raise us from the dust of death to a newness of life.

## CRS Rice Bowl



This Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors and our God. As we, the global Church, prepare for this holy season of Lent, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family, reflecting on the role we each have to play in building up God’s one human family. Please consider these suggestions in shaping your own family’s Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Be sure to visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to watch videos of the people and communities your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family this Lent.

## NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED?

Quite a few Catholics have not had the opportunity to receive this marvelous sacrament, and for any number of reasons. We would like to make it possible for any adult or young adult Catholics to be confirmed on **Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017**.

In preparation, the staff here at St. Lawrence will be offering a series of 6 meetings, beginning in April (day and time TBA). Participants would need to be baptized Catholics, who have *already received Holy Communion*.

For now, we'd like to know who is interested. Please contact the rectory, and leave a message for Fr. Tom (589-0042 x 17).



### OUTREACH

#### St. Lawrence Food Pantry

The Parish Outreach food pantry appreciates any and all donations, but this week we are in special need of the following items: **Paper towels; Grits; Bath tissues; Napkins; Boost/Ensure; Rice (1lb size box)**

Any gift cards \$5, 10, 20, 25

Thank you always with love and peace



### LENTEN KEY TAGS

Please take a key tag from the tables by the doors with you after Mass, and carry it with you as a reminder of your Lenten journey.

St. Theresa, pray for us!

## RCIA

For some months now, we have had the wonderful privilege of working with three non-Catholic adults, who are asking to be received into the Catholic Church. They are moving through the process we call "RCIA" (shorthand for the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults"). **Larry, Tracey and Danielle** have been meeting regularly with members of our parish, who, along with staff and guest facilitators, have been guiding them through the fundamentals of our faith—inviting them not only to a deeper understanding of what we believe, but also of how we pray, and how we approach living the Gospel in the modern world.

As they move closer to Easter, these adults will be worshipping with us at one of the Masses each weekend, and at whichever Mass they attend, you will notice them being ritually led out of the church after the homily. This "dismissal," as it is called, can leave an observer feeling that the parish is being less than hospitable, not inviting them to stay for the second half of the Mass. No lack of graciousness is intended, however. Larry, Tracey and Danielle leave the Eucharist not because they are "unworthy" or "unready" to remain with us, but so that they can prayerfully reflect on the readings and homily they have just heard (with the guidance of an RCIA team member). The hope is that their time spent in "breaking open" the Word of God will sharpen their ability to hear God's call, and fill them with an even greater longing for the Eucharist. Let's keep Larry, Tracey and Danielle in our prayers, as they prepare to formally join our faith family at Eastertime.



**Girl Scout Sunday  
March 12th  
9:00AM Mass**

Join us to celebrate the beginning of Girl Scout Week!! Girl Scouts (all levels) and their families are encouraged to attend and participate in this Mass!!  
Girl Scouts must wear their vest, sash, or tunic. Girls are asked to arrive at 8:45A.M. to be greeters, walk in the opening procession, and receive a special blessing; some girls will also be ushers and bring up the gifts. Celebrate Mass together as a family of Girl Scouts and share the scouting spirit!!

**St. Lawrence Youth Ministry**

The Youth Group of St. Lawrence is looking for donations of snacks, water bottles and board games. Any donations can be dropped off at the rectory.

**The Youth Group is open to all youth, sixth grade and above.**

**Join us  
Sunday Nights At 7:00PM**

During our Youth Nights we have lots of games and fun. We spend time together discussing different topics that apply to teens.

For more information on participating in our Youth Group please call Jeanmarie Smith 589-0042

*Please keep us in your prayers.*

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Parents of First Graders:** Our final mandatory parent meeting is on Tuesday, March 14 at 1:00pm or 7:30pm in the Bethany Center. Please attend one of these sessions. We will discuss requirements for next year as your child prepares for First Holy Communion. This is a very important and informative meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA**

Nervous about going to confession?

Haven't been there in a long time?

Read Vinny Flynn's 7 Secrets of Confession in which he addresses the most misunderstood sacrament of the Church. "It turns what many see as a tiresome obligation into a precious, longed-for encounter with the Lord."

Especially for LENT, the kiosk is stocked with CDs dealing with anger and forgiveness; sin and virtue; Divine Mercy and the healing power of confession; seeing yourself as God sees you, and understanding ourselves in relation to God. For you Michael Kelly fans, the front kiosk has CDs about Michael's own spiritual journey; insights into spiritual training; how our lives change when our habits change; the best way to live; and how to be the best you can be. All wonderful guidelines for Lent. CD's \$4; Books \$5



**Bishop Barres will be celebrating a noon Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church on Wednesday, March 8th**

**70 Rockaway St.  
Islip Terrace, NY**

Members of our parish are welcome to attend this liturgy, to meet and welcome our new Bishop.