

The Parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr

THE PASTORAL STAFF

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Director of Parish Outreach
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 December, February, April and August.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

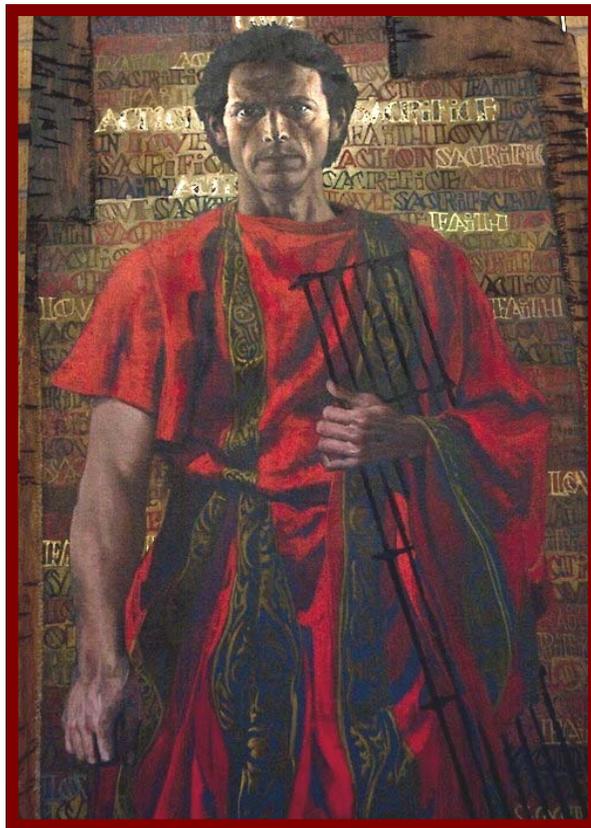


Image of our patron, St. Lawrence the Martyr, reproduced from an original painting in the church by Louis S. Glanzman.

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

To place an announcement in the bulletin please email:
bulletin@stlawrencesayville.org

240 West Main Street, Sayville, New York 11782

Parish Website: www.stlawrencesayville.org (631) 589-0042 Email us at: office@stlawrencesayville.org

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.

Saturday September 23, 2017*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

9:00 John Jordan +
5:00 Gary Barone + Charles Schlenner + Lilian Milana
John W. Hunt Jr. + Robert J. Seyffart +

Sunday September 24, 2017

7:30 Marion & John Cohalan +

9:00 All Our Parishioners

11:00 Jeanne Sullivan +

Monday September 25, 2017

9:00 Christopher Andrew Young +

Tuesday September 26, 2017*Saint Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

9:00 Dennis J. Mooney + Jibu George +

Wednesday September 27, 2017

9:00 John W. Shaughnessy +

Thursday September 28, 2017*Saint Wencelaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*

9:00 Mr. Mrs. William Hansen +

Friday September 29, 2017*Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels*

9:00 Michael Padilla +

Saturday September 30, 2017*Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 Michael S. Boruch +

5:00 Randall Cellan + Jonathan Rivero + Rose Koch +
Irene Frances Kucera + Mary Joan Monahan +
All Our Parishioners**Sunday October 1, 2017**

7:30 Marion & John Cohalan +

9:00 Mary Joan Monahan +

11:00 Geraldine Burricciello +

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. for information or email

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.

Weekly Collections

"How shall I make a return to the Lord, for all the good he has done for me?"

Sunday, September 17, 2017 = \$11,348.00

(includes Faith Direct)

Amount budgeted for the current fiscal year: \$13,078.00

Hurricane Irma Collection = \$3,632.00

A Message from Father Brian ~

Welcome, Bishop Barres!

This Sunday we have the great pleasure of welcoming our shepherd, Bishop John O. Barres, on his first visit to St. Lawrence. Bishop Barres has been “on the job” as the leader of the Catholic community here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre for only seven and a half months now, but so many Long Islanders—Catholic and non-Catholic alike—have already been caught up by his amazing energy, his prayerful proclamation of the Gospel, his warm outreach to the people of the Diocese, and the contagious spirit of hope he brings to his ministry. We welcome the Bishop not only at today’s 9:00 Mass, but as an ambassador of Christ in our midst—a living reminder that the Lord is at work in his Church through the hearts and hands and faces of both shepherd and flock. And we pray that the Lord will enfold Bishop Barres with an abundance of enthusiasm and joy as he proclaims the Good News here in Nassau and Suffolk counties, and empowers us to do the same.

Happy New Year!

This past Wednesday, at sundown, our Jewish sisters and brothers began their annual observance of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, and the start of the “Days of Awe”—the high holy days.

This period of remembrance, resolution, and atonement will culminate with the feast of Yom Kippur, the most solemn day on the Jewish calendar. While we Christians do not observe these ancient Jewish feasts (though Jesus, and all his earliest disciples certainly did), it’s not difficult to enter into the spirit of what our Jewish neighbors are doing, as they pray for God’s blessing at the beginning of a new year, and ask forgiveness of God and one another for the sins of the year just past.

I think September is a very appropriate month to put on something of the same mindset as does the Jewish community. This is most certainly a time of new beginnings—especially for our children and young people. The easier pace of summer will soon feel like a distant memory, as all the activity and intensity of autumn ramps up—whether at home, at work, at school, on the athletic field, or here at the parish. Lots will be happening (quite a bit already is), and as at the start of any task, we need to ask that the Lord give us the energy, trust, strength, and joy to make these days not only successful ones, but holy ones.

On that note, be sure to take notice of the many events and opportunities advertised in today’s bulletin, and scribble dates and times on your already expanding calendar. Whether it’s sampling the cuisine of our local restaurants at the “Taste of Sayville”; or spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer for the unborn during Right to Life Month; or registering online with FORMED and viewing your first free video; or planning to have your goldendoodle blessed on the Feast of St. Francis; or making sure not to miss our first Family Mass since summer (next Sunday at 9), I hope you’ll take the best possible advantage of everything that’s happening here at St. Lawrence, and do it with the fresh, hopeful spirit of New Year’s Day.

May our patron and brother, St. Lawrence, pray for us all! God love you.

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 in memory of

Rev. Timothy Toohig S.J.

Buster Ambrosio

Anna Flynn Fitzgerald

Please Pray for the Sick

Michael Schindlar; Steven Michael Keenan; Peter Hlywa; Gina Blenk; Jim & Lorraine Mattimore; Andrew Wittman Jr.; Doreen DeRuiter; Everett Maxwell; Bruce Weiler; Mary Jane Ingram; Kathleen Yaccarino; James Tisdell; Gloria Portman; Suzanne McCarthy and Brian Hunter

Periodically, we intend to update our Sick List in order to keep it as current as possible. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to place someone on our New 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.



MINISTERING AS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER

WE NEED YOU!! We are always in need of new **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**, and the diocesan training sessions will be beginning soon (the first of several is October 4, 2017). If you feel called to share yourself with our parish in this special way, please call us NOW by contacting Gloria Ryan at 589-8934. All that's required is a love for the Eucharist, and an willingness to let the Lord use you in sharing his precious Body and Blood with your fellow parishioners.

Respect Life Month

The month of October is a special time of prayer, reflection, and activism on behalf of the sacredness of human life, whether born or as yet unborn. As a believing community, we are challenged to see the living face of Christ in each and every person, and to do all we can to reverence the lives around us—particularly those who are most needy, vulnerable, or casually brushed aside. As we move through these special weeks, please be mindful of the following opportunities to lend your prayers, energy, and resources to defending the defenseless and reaching out to those whom our culture rejects or diminishes:

- * The weekend of October 1st, we celebrate **Respect Life Sunday**. The second collection taken up at all the Masses will support our parish's pro-life activities, as well as the diocesan Respect Life Office.
- * On Sunday, October 15th, we are inviting parents who have baptized a child here at St. Lawrence during the past year to join us for the 11:00 A.M. liturgy.
- * The following Saturday, October 21st, we invite you to spend time in adoration before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, beginning after the 5:00 PM Mass and ending with Benediction at 8:30 P.M. The Rosary will be recited shortly after six o'clock, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in common at 8:00PM—all with the intention of asking God to surround each human life with his grace, and to empower those who give so much to advance the spectrum of life issues. Eucharistic Adoration will also take place, as usual, on the first Friday of the month, October 6th, from 12 noon to 3:30.
- * Early next year, we hope once again to participate in the popular **"Baby Bottle Campaign"** to benefit the work of the Life Center of Long Island.



Please remember in your prayers as they prepare for their marriage in the Lord:
Matthew John Reuschle
&
Laura Marie Volks

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Typically, the beautiful Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (formerly known as "Extreme Unction," or the "Last Rites") is celebrated in the home or hospital room of a person who is seriously ill—whether in body, mind, or spirit. Sometimes the only people present for the ritual are the sick person him/herself, and the priest. But celebrating this gentle, powerful sacrament can also be a moving experience when experienced communally as a parish family. Our next large-scale communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick will take place on **Saturday, October 14th during the 5:00 P.M. Mass**. Those who are struggling with any kind of significant illness or disability, whether physical or mental, can present themselves for anointing. Those struggling with a chronic or worsening illness, the debilitating effects of aging, a psychological or psychiatric difficulty, preparation for upcoming surgery, a terminal diagnosis, or any other genuinely significant sickness are apt candidates to receive the Lord's healing blessing, surrounded by family and fellow parishioners.

"I'M READY FOR MY BLESSING, NOW"



On October 4th, the Church honors St. Francis of Assisi, one of the most beloved personalities in Christian history, known especially for his joyful acceptance of radical poverty, and his delight in God's creation. In celebration of Francis' feast, we will have a *Blessing of Animals* on **Wednesday, October 4th at 4:00 P.M. on the lawn behind the rectory and Outreach Center.** "All creatures, great and small" are welcome, with their human friends. If you do intend to bring your pet(s), please be sure they will not be able to get away from you during the brief service!

This event is weather permitting.

FAITH DIRECT

With the arrival of autumn, we invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code:

NY234.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

RECRUITING NEW ALTAR SERVERS!

For several weekends now, the bulletin has been inviting boys and girls in the fourth grade and older to think about becoming altar servers. Blue registration forms have been waiting for you to take home. We hope to begin a series of training sessions sometime in October.

Forms can still be found on the tables near the church doors, or at the rectory. If you're interested in signing up, don't waste any time! Complete a form and return it to Father Brian at the rectory as soon as possible. Questions? Call 589-0042 x 18. Thanks!

PANTRY REQUESTS

Our **Food Pantry** is in need of the following items:
Boxed Milk (Dry or Shelf Stable), Mayo, Pork & Beans,
Potatoes (Canned/Mixes), Pasta Sauce (Prego/Ragu),
Spaghetti style pasta, Snacks (Crackers/Cookies,
Vegetables (Canned or Fresh)
Bath Soap, Mouth Wash, Tissue, Toothpaste

Gift cards to Stop & Shop, Dollar Tree and Best Market are also appreciated.

Thank you for your on-going kindness and wonderful generosity!

St. Lawrence Family Mass



**9:00AM Mass
Sunday, October 1st**

HOSPITALITY

After the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses
Provided By: St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, October 6, 2017
with Exposition at 12:00 Noon &
Benediction at 3:30 P.M.**

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed communally at 3:00 P.M., and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows at 3:30 P.M. You are encouraged to commit yourself to a set period of adoration by signing the sheet on the table at the rear of the church.

FAITH FORMATION

Important Information for Parents of First Graders-

If you were unable to register your first grader (or older children) for our Faith Formation Program, you still have time. Please visit the Faith Formation Office to complete the registration and receive important information regarding the First Grade Program. The Office of Faith Formation is open Monday through Friday, 10am to 5pm. You may also call 589-3160 for more information.

Our Enrollment Prayer Service for Parents of First Graders is on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30pm in the Church. Come join the other parents as we thank God and ask for his grace and blessings as we all work together to prepare our children for First Holy Communion in 2019.

Also, our first **MANDATORY** First Grade Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at 1pm and 7:30pm in the Bethany Center. Please attend one of these sessions. Your child's textbooks and important information for you will be handed out and discussed at this meeting. Please call 589-3160 for more information.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus will provide a community service by hosting a defensive driving course in The Bethany parish center behind St. Lawrence the Martyr Church in Sayville.

Save money on your insurance or remove up to 4 points off your license. Good for three years.

Cost of class is \$35.00 when mailed in or \$40.00 at the door. Price includes coffee/bagel breakfast & Wrap/ Salad Lunch. Class limit is 40. Registration is required by calling the council @ 631-317-9027. Make checks payable to: "St. Lawrence Council"

OUR NEXT CLASS IS:

Saturday, October 7th, 2017 @ 9:00 A.M



SAVE THE DATE SAINT LAWRENCE K OF C CHARITABLE GOLF OUTING

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
WEST SAYVILLE GOLF COURSE**

For your \$150.00 per player donation, you get: 18 holes of golf surrounded by the Great South Bay. Continental breakfast, BBQ lunch on the turn and a three hour prize dinner... Proceeds to support local charities and food banks. CALL 631-317-9027 to reserve your place or for more information.



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St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility for Retired Priests

"Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ's heart."

-Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

We are very blessed in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to have so many priests who have devoted their lives to the service of God and our Church. Even after retirement, these dedicated priests continue to serve the ministerial and spiritual needs of our Long Island community.

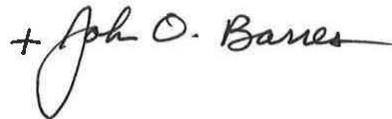
Several times during the last few months, I have had the opportunity to meet and celebrate Mass with our retired priests who reside at **St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility**. I am delighted to share, that they are *"still on duty"* praying for the people of our Diocese each and every day.

St. Pius X is truly an extraordinary facility that has proven to be a life-enriching entity for the men who reside there. The residence enables them to live or recuperate at a facility that gives them the extra care and attention that they need, while still allowing them to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community.

These dedicated priests have celebrated with us, mourned with us and ministered to us throughout our lives. As they age, we, in turn, are called to minister to their needs. Let us show our commitment to our retired priests by making a gift to St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility.

You have my deepest thanks for your caring generosity and for the loving care that you have for these wonderful men who have dedicated their lives to help bring Christ into our lives. Please remember them in your prayers, as I know we are remembered in theirs.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Annual Mass for Deceased Children

The 29th Annual Mass for Deceased Children will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Cathedral. Please come early to inscribe your child's name in the "Book of Families." All are welcome. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Parish Center. For more information please call Ellen Zafonte at (516) 678-5800 Ext. 506.



The Diocese of Rockville Centre **Golden Wedding Celebration Couples** celebrating 50 years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 22, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa OR Sunday, November 19, Christ the King, Commack. Both Liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm. Couples may register for one liturgy. Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to the Office of Worship by October 9 for the October 22 liturgy & November 6 for the November 19 liturgy.

For more info call: 631-589-0042

**TASTE OF SAYVILLE
ST. LAWRENCE PARISH
FUNDRAISER**

A night to taste specialties from local restaurants & food vendors,
and enjoy live music and camaraderie.

ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL GYM

**THURSDAY, OCT. 12TH
6:00-9:00PM**

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Purchase Tickets \$35 each
At Rectory Office Call 631-589-0042

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR TABLES OF 8 OR MORE

THE PROCEEDS OF THE EVENT WILL BE USED
TO FURTHER THE MISSION OF THE PARISH,
INCLUDING OUR ONGOING EFFORT TO BE A
SOURCE OF SUPPORT AND OUTREACH TO
SAYVILLE AND OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

**Saint Lawrence
Youth Ministry**

Youth Group Meetings will
begin October 1st

Join Us Sunday Nights At
7:00PM

Service projects, games,
snacks, music, prayer,
discussion and
so much more.....

All youth **sixth** grade and
above
are welcome!!!

[The Youth Room is located in the
school basement.
You may enter from the outside.]

R.C.IA.

Join the Catholic Church!

**Don't let another year slip by
without following your heart's dream
of full membership in the Church.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an unhurried process of instruction, prayer, conversation, and ritual that is meant to prepare adults to enter the Church at Easter.

If you, or someone you know, has been contemplating this step, don't hesitate to contact us. *Why wait any longer?*
Call the rectory at 589-0042 x 24, and leave a message for Jeanmarie Smith.



**Fatima
Rosary Rally**

**Saturday,
October 14th from
12:00 to 2:00.**

This will be the 10th year Our Lady Of Fatima Public Square Rosary Rally will be held at the Five Corners in Sayville, which is located on Main Street and Lakeland Ave.

Please Bring a folding chair.