

The Parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr

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Mrs. Jeanmarie Smith, Pastoral Associate
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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-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2017

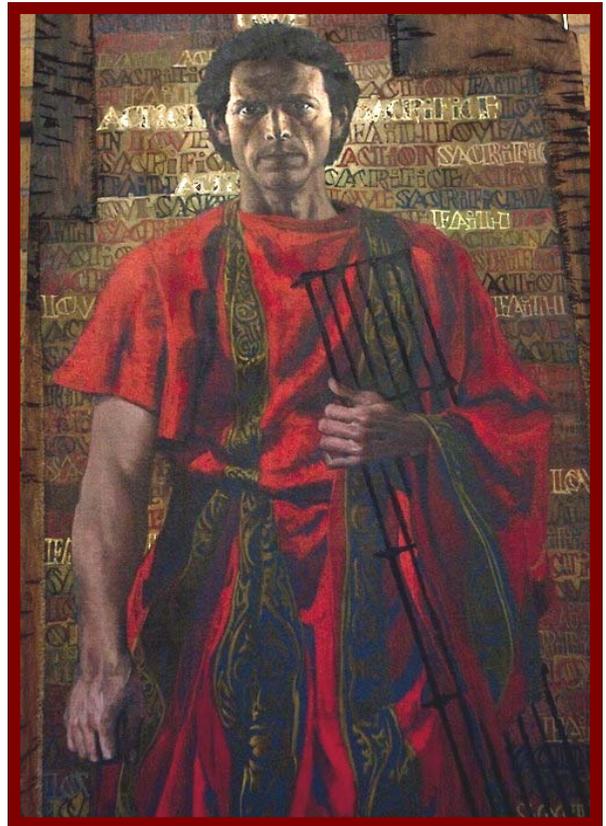


Image of our patron, St. Lawrence the Martyr, reproduced from an original painting in the church by Louis S. Glanzman.

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

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From Father Brian ~

The week of October 2nd, I had the opportunity to spend several days on retreat at a beautiful retreat center in Madison, CT, called “Mercy by the Sea.” The facility is run by the Sisters of Mercy, a religious congregation very familiar to us here on Long Island (I myself had Mercy sisters as teachers in elementary school). The Irish-woman who founded the congregation in December, 1831, is Catherine McCauley, and not surprisingly, her words and image can be found throughout that charming, grace-filled house of prayer. The anecdote I saw most often, referred to the time when Catherine was close to death, in 1841. Knowing that some of the sisters would be coming to bid her farewell, she told those standing close, “The sisters are tired. Be sure you have a comfortable cup of tea for them when I am gone.” The Sisters of Mercy continue to treasure those last words of their foundress, particularly because they capture the great warmth, hospitality, and basic human care that she radiated. I made sure I savored several “comfortable cups of tea” while I was on retreat!

Our responsibility to extend welcome, hospitality and genuine care to one another is one of the foundational mandates of the Christian life, and certainly one of our principal goals as a parish community. It’s not always an easy thing to do, and it doesn’t always come naturally, especially if the other person is off-putting, disagreeable, threatening, or very different from ourselves. But the teaching of Jesus is clear, and the opportunities to extend compassion and hospitality come daily. We respond when our Parish Outreach welcomes a needy person or family coming to us for food or other assistance; we respond when our Baptismal Team visits new parents in their home to help prepare them for their child’s christening; we respond when we open the classrooms of our school to the hundreds of children looking to meet Jesus in Faith Formation classes; we respond when we collect (as we did) over \$10,500 to help the recovery effort of those inundated by Hurricane Harvey. I literally could go on for pages, but I hope you get the idea . . . every day we have the chance to offer what the venerable Sr. Catherine McCauley would have called “a comfortable cup of tea.”

As we move deeper into the busy fall season, one of the most important challenges we can take up is that of extending welcome and hospitality to fellow Catholics who have drifted away from the practice of their faith, and inviting them to come home. It may seem an awkward prospect—to actually ask someone we know (family

member, neighbor, co-worker, friend) to “take another look”—but what a beautiful act of love and Christ-like friendship! Each of us knows *someone* who no longer worships with us on Sunday, but how willing are we to be the invitation that welcomes them home? In the end, we are simply instruments in God’s hands; everything depends upon him. But he will use us as his hands, his voice, his eyes, his smile, if we allow him. *Be the invitation . . . be the “comfortable cup of tea”* that just might reach a fellow believer who’s looking for a reason to come home.

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

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:

John David Erroll
Msgr. Alexander Manly
Msgr. Joseph Granata

Please Pray for the Sick

Michael Schindlar; Steven Michael Keenan; Peter Hlywa; Gina Blenk; Jim & Lorraine Mattimore; Andrew Wittman Jr.; Doreen DeRuitter; Everett Maxwell; Bruce Weiler; Mary Jane Ingram; Kathleen Yaccarino; Gloria Portman; Suzanne McCarthy; Brian Hunter; Sr. Barbara Gerardi; Donald Lang and Jane Vlokhos

Please call the Parish Office if you wish to place someone on our Sick 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.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: LAST CALL!

The boys and girls who've signed up to become new altar servers here at St. Lawrence will begin their training on Wednesday, October 18th, at 4:30 P.M. *It's not too late to sign up . . . just contact Father Brian at the rectory.*
We can always use more servers than we have, and we'd love to have **YOU!**

SUFFOLK COUNTY MARATHON

On **Sunday, October 29th**, 2017 Catholic Health Services will be sponsoring the 3rd Annual Suffolk County Marathon once again in support of our Veterans. The route for this event has changed direction completely from last year which results in 2,000 additional runners running through Sayville. Montauk Highway will be closed from Patchogue to Hecksher State Park from the hours of 8:00AM until 2:00PM. As you can imagine, this complicates our situation tremendously. We have been in contact with Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone's office and the Suffolk County Police Department to determine the best possible solution for our Mass schedule. So that we may accommodate parishioners please note the following revised Mass schedule for Saturday, October 28th and Sunday, October 29th. These changes are for the weekend of the marathon ONLY.

The schedule will be as follows:

Saturday, October 28th
3:30P.M. and 5:00P.M.

Sunday, October 29th
7:30A.M. and 5:00P.M.

On Saturday, October 28th confessions will remain at the same time (3:45-4:45) but will take place in the Bethany Center.

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:

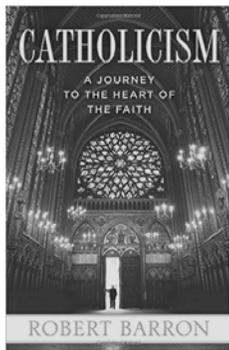
- * On Saturday, October 21st, we invite you to spend time in adoration before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, beginning after the 5:00 PM Mass and ending with Benediction at 8:30 P.M. The Rosary will be recited shortly after six o'clock, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in common at 8:00PM—all 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 join us as we welcome the newly baptized to our Christian community:

- Coleman Robert Edwards**
- Maximus Aurelius Krepela**
- Brielle Olivia Menzel**
- Claire Elizabeth Rogers**
- Isla Rose Amalia Rowland**
- Kathryn Maeve Ryan**
- Alexandra Rae Seluga**
- Theodore Rork Sheehan**



Join Us.....

5 consecutive Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. beginning October 17th to view

The Catholicism Series with discussion to follow in the school gym

The Catholic Faith As You've Never Seen It Before

For the first time, in breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated in a multimedia experience.

Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. Learn what Catholics believe and why. Discover the full meaning of the faith.

THE QUESTION BOX

Just for fun—and some ongoing education—here's a question on our Catholic spirituality and tradition. Enjoy!

Q: Like May, the month of October is traditionally seen as a time of special devotion to the Blessed Mother, and particularly to the Rosary (the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was Oct. 7th). Pope Saint John Paul II made a very significant addition to the devotion, by adding an entirely new set of mysteries—the **Mysteries of Light**. Which of the following is NOT one of the Mysteries of Light (aka, the Luminous Mysteries)?

- (a) the miracle at Cana
- (b) the healing of the man born blind
- (c) the Transfiguration
- (d) the institution of the Eucharist

A: The correct answer is (b). There are five Luminous Mysteries, just as there are five Joyful, five Sorrowful, and five Glorious. Saint John Paul suggested that the Luminous Mysteries be meditated on when one prays the Rosary on a Thursday. All of the Luminous Mysteries point to a pivotal event in the public ministry of Jesus. The two that are missing from the list above are: the Baptism of the Lord in the River Jordan (the first mystery), and the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (the third). The healing of the man born blind is a remarkable episode—particularly as recounted in John, chapter 9, but it is not one of the five Mysteries of Light.

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 **Erich Schindlar**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn alongside the Tabernacle during the week of **October 15th** in memory of **Adie Mampe** from **Sarsfield & Georgette**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Discern how to give thanks to God for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Huntington, NY and Feb 9-11, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <http://www.wwmeli.org>.

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 November 18TH 2017 @ 9:00 A.M.



The Saint Lawrence Knights Columbus will host The Long Island Blood Service for A BLOOD DRIVE. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

The next drive is:

Sunday October 22nd 2017

8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

Located in The Bethany Center Main St. Sayville (behind St. Lawrence Church)

...people can't live without it.

Operation Christmas Child

Could you imagine being a child who has never received a gift? Many children around the world have never even received a Christmas gift! You can change that when you pack a shoebox full of small, simple gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Brochures with complete information can be found at the doors of the church or on the web at www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ. Shoeboxes should be returned to the Office of Faith Formation in the school by November 9th to be sure they reach their destination by Christmas. *And remember to please pray for Operation Christmas Child.* Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIRST GRADERS-

If you missed last week's mandatory meeting, please contact the Office of Faith Formation for dates of make up meetings. There you will receive your child's textbooks and other important information regarding preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019. Please contact Jean Rico in the Office of Faith Formation at 631-589-3160 or email her at jrico@stlawrencesayville.org.

PANTRY REQUESTS

Our **Food Pantry** is in need of the following items:
 Boxed Milk (Dry or Shelf Stable), Beef Stew/Chile (Canned, Cereal (Hot/Instant), Mayo, Potatoes (Canned/Mixes), Pasta Sauce, Ravioli/Pasta (Canned), Snacks (Cake Mix, Crackers/Cookies), Veggies (Carrots, Peas, Green Beans)
 Bath soap, Deodorant (Men's & Women's)
 Gift cards to Stop & Shop, Dollar Tree and Best Market are also appreciated.

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

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.]



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 15, 2017

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Since my installation in January, I have had the joyful opportunity to visit many of the Diocese's parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your commitment to the pursuit of holiness and mission in every dimension of your lives. Thank you for your intimacy with Father, Son and Holy Spirit and your deep desire to share your Catholic faith on Long Island and to be instruments of *dramatic missionary growth*. Your commitment to the Catholic Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy to the World has inspired me at every turn.

As your Servant Successor of the Apostles and as your Shepherd, I am now asking all of us together to take a new and important step in the Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy by announcing that the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be making a major commitment to the ongoing healing of survivors of acts of child sexual abuse committed by clergy.

As you may have heard, I announced this past week the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. This program follows years of meaningful and ever vigilant steps taken in this Diocese to protect children and youth. It is a critical and tangible next step towards reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors of acts of abuse committed by diocesan clergy.

Our Program will be administered by Mr. Kenneth Feinberg, a preeminent mediator in the country who has administered numerous high-profile compensation programs, including the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and the Compensation Fund for the victims of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Feinberg will be aided by his colleague, Ms. Camille Biros, in this effort.

The Diocese has also established an Independent Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. This committee consists of the Honorable A. Gail Prudenti, Dean of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and former Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State; Michael Cardello III, a partner with the law firm of Moritt Hock & Hamroff; and Dr. Thomas Demaria, a New York State Psychologist who is the Director of the Psychological Services Center of the Doctoral Psychology Program at Long Island University Post.

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The Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program builds on the reforms and best practices for protecting our children in the Catholic Church. The outreach of Bishops and survivors' assistance coordinators to survivors and their families, a firm zero tolerance policy and immediate reporting and cooperation with civil authorities, diocesan and parish audits, the ongoing training of clergy, employees and volunteers to prevent child abuse, extensive background checks on employees and volunteers, thorough screening of our seminarians preparing to be priests – these are examples of the proactive procedures which have been integrated into every dimension of the Catholic Church's life and will always require our moment by moment vigilance and commitment.

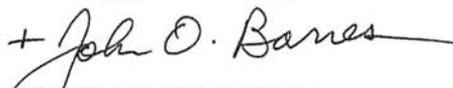
It is important to note that the funding for this program will come from investment returns over time and insurance programs. Of course, if we were not using these funds for this purpose they could have been used for other dimensions of the Church's mission. However, I am convinced that using these funds to help bring reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors is a vitally important goal and commitment, and the critical next step in our Church's mission of mercy.

Pope Francis said that survivors of abuse and their families are "true heralds of hope and ministers of mercy". Each one of us in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the universal Church is called to pray, to sacrifice and to be instruments of healing for those who have experienced sexual abuse or any form of abuse. In this spirit, we are instruments of the Holy Spirit and the Divine Mercy.

To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, please visit the diocesan website www.drvc.org and click on "Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program" to access full Program information. *You can visit the Program site directly by going to www.RockvilleCentreDioceseIRCP.com.*

We as a Church recognize that no amount of monetary compensation could ever erase or undo the grave harm suffered by survivors of child abuse. Still, we embrace Christ's healing power and the Mission of Mercy of the Catholic Church as we begin our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. We stand in solidarity with our survivors and their families and we continue our commitment and vigilance to the protection of children in our Church and in society. God bless you all and thank you for the inspirational way you live our Church's Mission of Mercy each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+ John O. Barres
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre