

The Parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr

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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-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

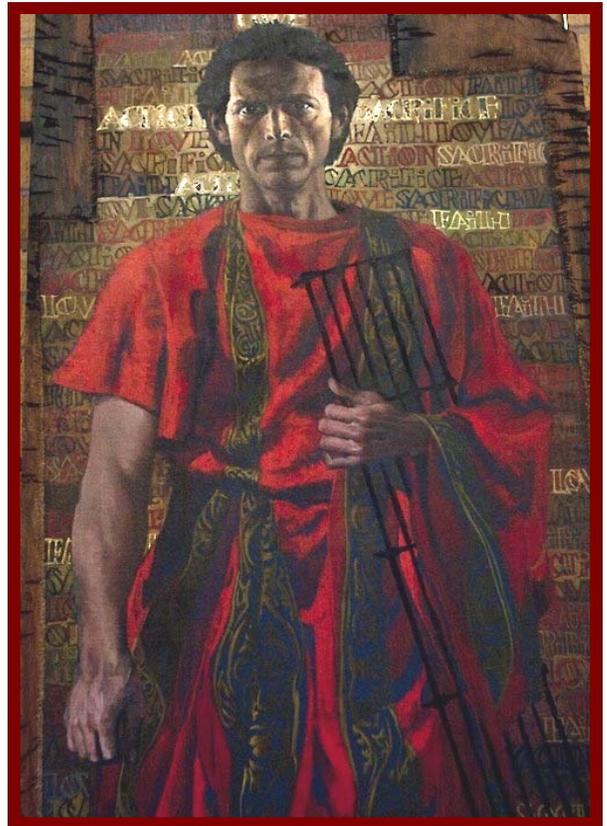


Image of our patron, St. Lawrence the Martyr, reproduced from an original painting in the church by Louis S. Glanzman.

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

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A Message from Father Brian ~

Soles & Souls

Pardon the punning, but the Suffolk County Marathon is racing toward us once again; the event will take place next Sunday, October 29th, with the runners closing down Montauk Highway from Patchogue to East Islip and back for most of the morning. I've never run a marathon, and I have real admiration for those—both young and old—who have trained so hard to accomplish something most of us couldn't imagine doing. My understanding is that the race is intended to support our veterans, which gives the athletic challenge an even greater nobility of purpose. The *problem*, as you realize, is that those thousands of soles flying down Montauk Highway virtually shut us down from just after the 7:30 AM Mass until early Sunday afternoon; there's just no practical way for many of our parishioners to get here, and those who go to another parish tend to take their weekend donation with them. For that reason, we'll once again be adjusting the Mass schedule in the hope of allowing all our parishioners to join us (without having to shop for another church). **On Saturday, 10/28, we will celebrate Masses at 3:30 and 5:00 PM. And on Sunday, the day of the race, the Mass times are 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM.** Please make every effort to join us at one of those times. And *good luck* to all the runners!

October will soon give way to November, and the Church will once again invite us to enter prayerfully into two very special celebrations: the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. The first, All Saints Day on November 1st, is a solemn holy day of obligation. The liturgy is festive, and encourages us to give God praise for the throng of men, women and children—whether officially canonized or not—who even now enjoy the bliss of heaven. The following day, November 2nd, is the Feast of All Souls, where we expand the margins of our prayers to include *every person who has ever lived*—saints and sinners alike. All Souls Day is the Church's great annual prayer for *all* who have died, and especially for those who may still be awaiting full union with the Lord in paradise. Here especially, we are asked to lift up our hearts and voices for those we ourselves have known, and for whom we may continue to grieve, confident that the Lord is full of gentleness and mercy in judging them.

Over the years of my priesthood, I'm afraid I've noticed a sad decline in the importance people seem to place on praying for the dead. Even so, it's an ancient tradition for us as Catholics to join one another around the altar,

especially on All Souls Day, and to ask God's tender mercy on all who have died—whether known to us or not.

I encourage you to make time, if you possibly can, to join us at St. Lawrence **both** days—All Saints and All Souls. On All Souls, we plan to celebrate a simple Mass in our parish cemetery (if Mother Nature allows!). Last year's was quite beautiful. We will also have a solemn, concelebrated liturgy at 7:00 PM, where we will recite the names of those who have died from our parish during the past year. The liturgy is not only for those who have suffered a recent loss, however; **all are welcome**, and all who attend will be invited to join in a lighting of candles for whomever they hold in prayerful remembrance that night.

Please help carry on this particularly *Catholic* custom, and carry in your heart your hope that we will see our loved ones again.

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:

**Joseph P. Lupoli
Vincent Campanello
James Russell**

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; Gloria Portman; Suzanne McCarthy; Brian Hunter; Sr. Barbara Gerardi; Donald Lang; Bill Beaudry; 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.

"Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them, O Lord . . ."

Join us for one of three special Masses of gratitude and remembrance,
to be offered on All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2nd

9:00 AM in the church
12:00 Noon in the parish cemetery (weather permitting)
7:00 PM in the church
(with recitation of names & lighting of candles)



All Souls Day gives us an annual opportunity to lift up our hearts in prayer for our loved ones who have died, and to ask the Lord of Life to bring them home. The names of those from our parish who have died in the past year will be read aloud at the 7:00 PM Mass, with a special lighting of memorial candles, but all our parishioners and their families are encouraged to attend.

THE QUESTION BOX

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

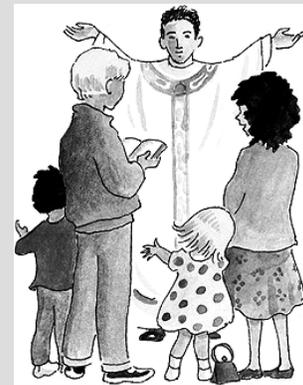
Q: Each of the four Gospel writers is traditionally associated with a particular symbol. St. Mark is symbolized by a winged lion; St. Matthew by an angel (or a man with wings); St. John by an eagle. What is the traditional symbol for **St. Luke**, whose feast day we celebrated this week (Oct. 18th)?

- (a) a tower
- (b) an ox
- (c) a great fish
- (d) an anchor

A: Christian iconography has long connected the authors of the four canonical Gospels (Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) with the four "living creatures" that surround God's throne in the celestial vision described in the Book of Revelation 4:6-9. A variation of these same four creatures in adoration before the throne of God can be found in the first chapter of the Book of Ezekiel. The ancient symbol for St. Luke is a winged ox (or bull). Hence, the answer is (b).

Next time you're in the Bethany Center, look for a magnificent representation of these four mythical creatures in a beautiful piece by Mr. Joe Alli.

St. Lawrence Family Mass



9:00AM Family Mass
Sunday, November 5th

HOSPITALITY

After the
9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses
Provided By: Faith Formation

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.

STILL GOING STRONG!

Our response to the **2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal** has been as generous as we've seen in years—to date, we have reached 105.5% of our goal!! This level of participation points to a community with an especially generous heart, quick to respond to the needs of those who are hurting, over and above what the parish itself needs to pay our bills and keep our spiritual and ministerial life moving forward.

If you receive envelopes at home, you should have one specifically for the Catholic Ministries Appeal, slated to be returned the weekend of **November 4-5th**. If you haven't taken the opportunity to make a pledge to the CMA this year, please consider using that envelope. The Appeal is the most effective way our Diocese has of raising the funds needed to support dozens of critical programs—from training men for the priesthood to sustaining Catholic Charities. Remember, too, that **St. Lawrence will receive 80% of everything collected over and above our goal** (which makes the CMA one of our most important fundraisers too). Thank you for your generosity—let's make this the most successful year yet!

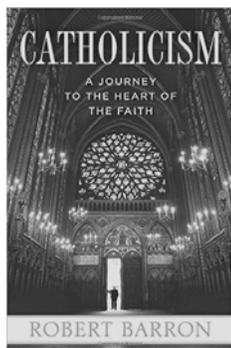


SERVERS' TIP OF THE WEEK

Some of you have been asking if you should come forward to serve if there are less than 3 people listed on the schedule. The answer is absolutely YES. We lost a good handful of servers over the summer, especially with some going off to college, so our numbers are a little low. But rather than schedule you too frequently, Mrs. Smith has a good number of Masses on the schedule with 2 (or even 1) server listed. That being said, **we always prefer to have 3 for each Mass**, so if you're in church and see that we're shorthanded, please do help out. You've always been wonderful about that!

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
Bill Zoller
Timothy & Catherine Toohig



Join Us.....
 Tuesday afternoons at
 4:30 p.m.
 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.

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.

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.samaritanspurse.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:
 Beef Stew/Chili (canned), Boxed Milk (Dry or Shelf),
 Cereal (Hot/Cold), Coffee/Tea, Jam/Jelly, Juice Drinks/
 Punch, Mayo, Veggies (Carrots, Spinach, Mixed Veg.),
 Toothpaste
 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

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.]