

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday & Wednesday - Friday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

**PASTOR**

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASS**

See Bulletin

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Weekdays – Before all Masses or by appointment

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED**

**SACRAMENT**

Solemn Exposition – First Friday

Simple Exposition – To Be Announced

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

29 December 2019

*Let us pray . . .*

For those we will welcome at Christmas Season . . . especially for those who may have been away from the regular practice of the Sacraments.

For those who are experiencing illness . . . especially those who are in hospital or care facilities during this Christmas season.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially the repose of the souls of Alice Zilney and our family members whose loss we keenly feel during these HolyDays.

Requiescant in Pace!

# CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS

Tuesday      **New Year's Eve**  
4:30 p.m.      Heidi Recoskie by Basil & Margaret Brotton

Wednesday      **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**New Year's Day**  
9:30 a.m.      Bill Green by Karen Yakabuski

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5 January 2020

Saturday      4:30 pm      Clarence Prince by Dorothy Prince  
Sunday      9:30 am      Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

## LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

	January 4 <sup>th</sup>	January 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Readers</b>	Jane Beahen	Lorraine Flynn
<b>Ushers</b>	Jacob Dombroskie & Barry Dombroskie	John Jeffrey & Lawrence Biskup
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Tony & Debbie Burant	Jerome & Agnes Sernoskie
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Viola Cybulski	Larry Serran & David Cannon

### CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and rising is more important than the Christmas Season.

**FLOWERS** that adorn our sanctuary during Christmastide are given to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of all those who are listed in this week's bulletin.

2020 ENVELOPES – Please put your name and full address with Postal Code on the envelope during the first month of the year. Thank you for your cooperation.

PASTORAL VISITATION – Please contact the parish office if there is anyone sick at home or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visitation.

DID YOU KNOW – THE COMING OF THE RAILWAY: The Ottawa Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway owe its beginning to the lumber industry. J.R. Booth, lumber king of the Ottawa Valley, purchased the Egan Estate timber limits on the Madawaska River west of Ottawa in 1867. As demand for Canadian lumber was rapidly increasing, Booth built the O.A. & P.S. Railway mainly to access the giant white pine timber on his vast limits, which extended into Algonquin Park, and to get his logs from the bush to his Ottawa mills.

With the first Mass of Christmas Eve we acknowledge that Christmas is just beginning!  
The Christmas season will continue for the next few weeks until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 12<sup>th</sup>.  
The twelve days between Christmas Day and Epiphany are the origins of the "Twelve Days of Christmas".  
How can we as individuals or a family celebrate this Christmastide?

In this Holy season, we embrace and be embraced in such wonder; we behold the light that illuminates the joys and sorrows of our lives with pure grace. In the wondrous light of Christmas, the love of God is revealed. Here, in the Christ Child, the sacred is not some abstract concept of theological theory: the love of God takes on a human face; the Word of God becomes "enfleshed" in the Child Jesus, enabling us to transform our hearts in that love and re-create our world in that Word of justice and compassion. The challenge of Christmas is to continue to make that love incarnate in our own lives and in the lives of those we love.

**Registered Households 182**  
**Last Sunday's Offering \$3180.30**

**116 Household Envelopes:**  
**\$2551.55**  
**Christmas Offering: \$396.30**

**Visitors Envelopes: \$118.95**  
**Loose Collection: \$88.50**  
**Building Fund: \$25.00**



### SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained

This compelling series contains two parts including ten episodes each. In Part 1, we journeyed through the core teachings of the Catholic Church traced out in the Creed and *Catechism* with the goal of **knowing the Faith**. In Part 2, we will focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and the moral life so that we can be fully **living the Faith**.

For 10 sessions in the fall of 2019, 8 parishioners completed Part 1 of the Symbolon series on Friday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. We will delve into Part 2 of the series starting in mid-January for 10 weeks on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. All parishioners are most welcome to join us for all sessions or just ones you are available for or interested in.

Comments from those who attended Part 1: excellent videos, very informative, enlightening, inspiring, challenging, learning more about and strengthening our faith and great discussions.

Topics for Part 2: The Sacraments, The Eucharist, Walk through the Mass, Penance and the Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony and Holy Orders, A Catholic Moral Vision, A Love that lasts (Part 1), A Love that lasts (Part 2), Catholic Social Teaching (Part 1) and Catholic Social Teaching (Part 2).

**CatholicsComeHome.org** is a website to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith. It provides reflections on questions such as Who is Jesus Christ? What is different about Catholicism? How do I come back to the Church? How do I talk to my family and friends about coming home? How can I feel welcomed in the Catholic Church after experiencing hurt at the hands of people in the Church? These questions are addressed along with explanations about the beauty and grace of the Church's sacramental life. Take a few minutes over this Christmas Season to visit this website.

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**PARISH REGISTRATION** - (Families and/or single families who have not registered or a change of address, phone or email)

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Other Members of Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelopes: Do you need envelopes  yes  no (Drop this into the collection basket or office, thank you)