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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Let us pray . . .

For the shepherds of our Church . . . Francis, our Pope, Michael our Apostolic Administrator and Bishop-designated Guy Desrochers. C.S.s.R.

For those who seek healing . . . especially Reverend Norbert Cybulski, those suffering from Covid-19, those undergoing treatment and those experiencing any form of anxiety and suffering at this time.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose souls of the Pandemic victims, Catherine Recoskie, Reverend Jeffrey King. Requiescant in Pace!

Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

During this current pandemic, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly by praying the Rosary and the various Marian prayers of our faith. We certainly need her maternal help. By consecrating ourselves to her we put ourselves with childlike simplicity and confidence under her care and that of her Divine Son, regardless of what lies ahead.

(ALL CANCELLED) PUBLIC MASSES & MEETINGS

Masses celebrated by Fr. Patrick Dobec

Barbara Murack by Ursula Strachan

Jacqueline Luckasavitch by Gerard & Beverly Brotton

Lawrence Sullivan by Andrew & Catherine Etmanskie

Stanley Zilney by Ted & Liz Murray

Bill Green by Peter and Lorraine Mahoney

November Intentions

Every Sunday for the Intentions of all the People – Missa Pro Populo

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24th be observed as a Day of Prayer of the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Great Feast that Easter is, one day (not even three days!) is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the mystery of the resurrection. So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated by the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord – the fortieth day of Easter. The Feast of the Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colours of the Easter spectrum.

Three images from the Ascension liturgy give us a sense of the hope and joy that colour this feast: “Christ’s Ascension is our glory and hope.” “The joy of the resurrection and the Ascension renews the whole world.” “Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow.” “Christ has passed beyond sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope.” “Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life.”

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in the transformation and redemption of his humanity. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of our glorious destiny even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community rejoices in the life we share with the risen Lord.

DAILY MASS: If you hear our church bells ringing, then know that I have just celebrated Mass or the Angelus (12 noon, 6 pm). Even if you can't hear the bells, and if you can, stop what you are doing and make an Act of Spiritual Communion and, or pray the Hail Mary.

MY JESUS, I believe that You are present In the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, And I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

SUNDAY BULLETIN – For those who do not use the internet, copies are at the rectory front door. Devotional reading are also available there.

If you know of someone who does not have access to a computer and would like the bulletin mailed to them please contact the parish.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK Angel Etmanskie-Henderson for the homemade card you sent me, "Praying and hoping that this virus will go away." GOD HEAR HER PRAYER.

GRATITUDE FROM YOUR PASTOR: I am so blessed at this time of my ministry to witness your tremendous generosity and affirmation of our parish endeavours and your concern for my own personal and spiritual well-being. This parish is truly blessed. Our community of faith is a gift from God to experience His grace during this pandemic. With hope in His Providence we TOGETHER look to the future with Christian confidence. At every Mass that I am privileged to celebrate, all of you are remembered, both living and our beloved dead. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us. Thanks be to God and to you.

Gratefully,
Reverend Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

Sunday Collection Options

1. Leave at the Parish Office in the mail box at the front door of rectory.
2. Mail envelope to the Parish - St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish - Box 118, Barry's Bay, ON K0J 1B0
3. E-transfer – stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com emailing separately security question.

Registered Households 176
Last Sunday's Offering \$1996.00

**64 Household Envelopes &
5 E-transfers: \$1976.00**

Seminary: \$10.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity to our parish during this time when public parish life has been suspended. Your sacrifice continues the mission and work of the parish during this difficult time.

FUTURE CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Q . . . Is there diocesan preparation to establish protocols and guidelines for resuming public Masses and church celebrations?

A . . . Yes, there is a committee that has been examining these questions.

Our diocese is awaiting directives from Ontario Bishops Assembly, which has been working with health officials and insurance providers.

When Mass resumes it will be a very gradual approach.

For now STAY AT HOME as much as possible for the safe well-being of all.

NOTICE FROM THE DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE: A number of people have been asking when the churches will reopen, and under what circumstances. While the Ontario and Quebec governments have not yet provided information as to how long the restrictions of public gatherings will continue, our diocese has already begun a process of consulting and establishing a protocol for an eventual and gradual reopening of our churches and the restoration of the public celebration of the Mass and the sacraments when such is again permitted. The Bishop, in concert with the Bishops of Ontario and Quebec, will issue directives once these have been vetted by health authorities.

DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER: The April issue of Ecclesia is available online on the diocesan website, www.pembrokedioocese.com, under "News and Events." Once the churches are reopened, the issue will be updated, printed and distributed as usual.

CANCELLATIONS:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Supper, Braeside on May 24th

Annual Pilgrimage of the Shrine of St. Ann, Cormac, in July

St. Francis Xavier Parish Supper, Renfrew in June

St. Mary's Parish Supper, Wilno in September

PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST – 2020

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples – deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, to perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me

The Spirit of Wisdom – that I may not be attached to the perishable things of this world, but aspire only after the things that are eternal.

The Spirit of Understanding - to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth.

The Spirit of Knowledge – that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the example of the saints.

The Spirit of Counsel – that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven.

The Spirit of Fortitude – that I may bear my cross with You, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation.

The Spirit of Piety – that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable.

The Spirit of Fear of the Lord – that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may avoid anything that may displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen