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PENTECOST SUNDAY

31 May 2020

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 . . . 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, Reverend Francis G. Morrissey, O.M.I. and Rudi Goring Father of Reverends Michael and Mark Goring. 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

Catherine Recoskie by Viola Cybulski

Lawrence Sullivan by Pauline Smith

Kathleen & Alex Cybulski by Francis and Kathleen Pecaskie

Bertille Arnold by Jerry and Diane Green

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

IN THE PENTECOST EVENT, the spirit of God enables Peter and the community of disciples to break down the barriers of language to reveal God's peace in the midst of all these visitors to Jerusalem. God's Pentecost Spirit enables us to break down the "adult" barriers of age, culture, nationality, race, gender and creed to realize God's vision of an earth that serves as home to one human family, united in peace, respect and justice.

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.

BUILDING FUND: We are grateful to Marie Landon who donated to the Building Fund in memory of Barry Crawford.

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 \$1711.00

**34 Household Envelopes &
3 E-transfers: \$1606.00**

Visitor: \$85.00

Building Fund: \$20.00

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.

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

PENTECOST MESSAGE
TO CATHOLIC MOVEMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Time has ground to a halt – but the Spirit is moving!

Borders are closed, isolation is making itself felt, physical distancing is taking its toll even though we are finding ways to stay connected by various technologies and other media. Through this pandemic, humanity, surrounded by a shared suffering, has embarked on common quest for solutions that will spare people, especially those who are vulnerable on account of their health or employment. Every one of us is affected by the question, “Who are we?” Human beings, by virtue of their sense of responsibility, cannot but seek to control situations, and to use their knowledge to forecast what will happen.

The experience of Pentecost allowed the disciples to enter into an attitude of tremendous openness that allowed them to continue Jesus’ mission throughout the whole world, with the Holy Spirit. The Upper Room was no longer a hiding place, and boldness took the place of fear. They say things will never be the same after Covid-19: the ways we have of being Church, our ways of thinking about the world, of living together . . . Ever since Pentecost, everything has shifted towards a future forever opened by Love and borne along by the Kingdom’s abundance. Each one of us must labour to ensure that this future remains open. Enlightened by faith, the human experience of precariousness and fragility is an opportunity for each person to live the grace of listening and of self-abandonment, of healing and of discernment with the Spirit of God.

As was the case for the two disciples the compass of a heart that is burning for God guides our hopeful gaze. Many initiatives and examples of willingness to help have revealed the greatness of caregivers and health-care workers.

That too is Pentecost, releasing peace from its lockdown and breaking down the distances created by sin.

To all groups and associations borne along by enthusiasm for the mission, may we wish you joy and audacity in that post-Covid time where the Spirit will be at work creating and recreating!

Standing Committee for Relations with Movements and Associations
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

THE MOST REVEREND GUY DESROCHERS, C.S.s.R. will be canonically installed as the Ninth Bishop of Pembroke on Friday, July 3rd, the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. Due to the present circumstances, Bishop Desrochers will take possession of the diocese in a private ceremony. When circumstances permit, a public Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated to which all will be invited.

ARCHBISHOP MULHALL, OUR APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR conveyed the following information:

Members of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario have been meeting with representatives of the provincial government concerning the gradual reopening of churches. In about two weeks’ time, the ACBO will publish a series of guidelines on a province-wide basis. From there, each diocese will publish a protocol spelling out the details of the reopening.

In this diocese, work is already being done on a draft protocol. Since the Diocese of Pembroke is in two provinces, there will likely be some variation between the re-openings in the Quebec and Ontario sectors of the diocese, mostly with regard to timelines and the maximum numbers of people allowed to gather at any given time.

THE 99TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN REPORT of the Catholic Women's League has been published, outlining the spiritual and corporal works carried out by the members of the League. One item of interest in the report noted that the CWL members of St. Lawrence O'Toole had many activities during 2019. In total in the Diocese of Pembroke the various councils donated \$121,684 to charitable works. This is not to mention the countless hours of service as well as the spiritual fruits of the members of the League.

FROM THE CCCB (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops) – Euthanasia

An Article from the World Medical Journal – The April 2020 issue of the *World Medical Journal* (Vol. 66, No. 2), pages 28-37, includes an extensive article (in English only) on experiences by Canadian physicians with euthanasia and assisted suicide entitled, "The 'Normalization' of Euthanasia in Canada: The Cautionary Tale continues." Its authors are three Canadian physicians: Dr. Leonie Herx (Chair, Division of Palliative Medicine, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Queen's University, Kingston), Dr. Margaret Cottle (Assistant Professor, Division of Palliative Care, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Vancouver), and Dr. John F. Scott (Associate Professor, Division of Palliative Care, Department of Medicine, University of Ottawa). Over 140 Canadian physicians have added their names as "endorsers" to the article, including the founder of palliative care in Canada, Dr. Balfour Mount.

PROCESSION FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI – CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Celebration of the Eucharist with Procession scheduled for Sunday, June 14th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columbkille Cathedral will not be held this year.

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

SUMMER COURSE:

Our lady Seat of Wisdom College is offering its first live-streamed summer course: "The Capital Vices according to Saint Thomas". This 3-credit (or audit) course in the department of Philosophy is taught by president Dr. Ryan Williams. It will run from June 2nd to July 9th on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. For more information please see www.seatofwisdom.ca/summer-course-2020-st-thomas-vices

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