

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 October 2020

Let us pray . . .

For those who seek healing . . . especially 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 Sister Constance Lacroix, C.S.J. and Margaret Christine Cowan. Requiescant in Pace!

A father's workbench becomes a sign of loving service and responsibility for the next generation; a handmade quilt becomes the very embrace of the quilter's love and care. Humility and selflessness are the tools that build and repair and create a home; grace is the thread that transforms a collection of squares of cloth into something beautiful. They're all manifestations of joy and optimism, of kindness and generosity, of gratitude and respect, that become our "garment" for God's wedding banquet, a feast that begins in our own homes and workplaces, at our own tables and benches. God's invitation to every one of us should inspire us to make our lives a "proper garment" that expresses our love and care in ways that will live on after we have taken our place at Go's wedding feast.



CELEBRATION OF MASS

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Family Members by Eddie & Diane Etmanskie Mass of Thanksgiving for all
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Mass of Christian Burial for Margaret Christine Cowan
Wednesday	12:00 a.m. 12:10 a.m.	The Angelus Ambrose Recoskie by Family
Friday	9:00 a.m.	St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious Phil Herron Jr. by Dennis Herron

(ROSARY IS USUALLY RECITED 25 MINUTES BEFORE ALL WEEKDAY MASS & SATURDAY VIGIL MASS)

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 October 2020

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Al Smaglinski by David and Susan Recoskie
Sunday	9:30 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) – Saturdays at 3:45 – 4:15 p.m. in the Crying Room at the entrance of the Church and weekday in sacristy before all masses.

Registered Households 182
Last Sunday's Offering \$2987.00

87 Household Envelopes & 1 E-transfers: \$2697.00
Building Renewal: \$55.00

Visitor: \$70.00
World Mission: \$70.00

Loose: \$75.00
Christmas Flowers: \$20.00

Reflect upon leaving an extraordinary legacy Gift: Have the foresight and consider making a bequest to St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish through your will and ensure that future generations continue to have a home to celebrate our Christian Faith.

October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a prayer that invites us into contemplation of the mysteries of our Lord's life, death and resurrection. This month dedicated to the Holy Rosary can be an opportune time to discover or re-discover this venerable prayer. Perhaps during this month households can commit to praying at least one decade of the Rosary each day. The Rosary is a meditative prayer that can be prayed in the car, while going for a walk, or at meal time, giving an opportunity to voice the needs and intentions of those for whom you wish to pray. You may want to let others know that you have prayed for them in this way. If you find praying the Rosary difficult to do alone, go online to YouTube and you will easily find different scriptural and musical settings to assist in your meditation.

THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES are available in the Link between the church and office. Please take and fill your shoebox according to instructions in the Pamphlet. Please return shoeboxes to the Link between the church and office by Sunday, November 8th, 2020. Thank you.

GRATITUDE: Autumn is here and our flower beds reflect God's beauty at His Dwelling Place. Thank you to Cathy Serran, Liz Murray and Joanne Olsen for your early Saturday morning project. The parish receives many compliments from visitors concerning the beautiful church grounds.

VOLUNTEERS: This pandemic is lasting longer than most of us expected. To keep our church open we must be diligent in our sanitizing of the building after EVERY liturgy to keep all us safe. Consider staying after any mass to help with this important effort. If you can wipe, you are welcome AND needed.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST CONFESSION, HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

What remains before us now is a unique challenge of developing a way to offer preparation for those desiring the sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation in the months within the restrictions that we are facing. So as to assist in our discernment as how to best proceed, it would be very helpful to know how many parents are interested in having their child prepare for any of these sacraments this year. Once we know how many families are interested, then we can proceed immediately. If you are a parent and wishes to have your child prepare in some manner for these sacraments this year please drop your name and phone number in the collection basket or call the parish office by October 20th.

St Lawrence O'Toole Parish Podcast – on any cell phone, tablet or computer connected to the internet, use Google, Bing, or other search engine to type <https://btconway.podbean.com> so *The Opeongo Line* archive loads. Scroll down thirty or so shows to 'St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish' (i.e. 22nd July 2019), then click on the green triangle below the steam engine to begin the show."

CWL NEWS: Thank you for praying the Holy Rosary for the needs of our parish and all sister members during this month of October. Your letters to Government officials re: Developments of a safe vaccine are important. Be pro-active. Write. Call a friend during this pandemic. Blessings to all.

WORLD FOOD DAY: October 16th – A World Food Day has been promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization since 1981. The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world, remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgment of the nations, “. . . I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink . . . “

Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., announces the following appointments: Rev. Anthony Burchat is appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Columbkille Cathedral. This appointment takes effect October 1, 2020.

Rev. William J. Kenney will become chaplain of a “virtual school” of about 300 pupils, organized by the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bishop has approved Father Kenney’s taking this position, which takes effect on a date determined by the School Board.

Last week Pope Francis issued through the Holy See a letter to all Catholics titled *Samaritanus bonus (The Good Samaritan): on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life* which addresses the moral and pastoral issues arising from the legalization and promotion of euthanasia. The letter seeks to: reaffirm the teaching of the Gospel and provide formation for all who come in contact with the sick and terminal and critical stages: relatives, legal guardians, chaplains, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, pastoral workers, hospital volunteers and healthcare personnel, as well as the sick themselves; and provide precise and concrete pastoral guidelines to deal with these complex situations at the local level and to handle them in a way that fosters the patient’s personal encounter with the merciful love of God. Since the beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis has spoken extensively on the need to affirm the dignity of all human life and that euthanasia is in every circumstance against the law of God. This timely letter has made it very clear as how family members, medical professionals, Catholic health care institutions and clergy are to respond. These are not new teachings, since they flow from the commandment of God not to kill, and the Church’s consistent teaching on the dignity of human life. In a very short period of time in our own country since euthanasia has become legal, the language around this has rapidly changed (from euthanasia to medical assistance in dying) and now we readily see in media coverage and even obituaries that euthanasia is something that is promoted and celebrated. I strongly encourage each of us to take time to read the letter *Samaritanus bonus* which may be accessed online at www.vatican.va . If we are going to be able to witness and speak to our children and grandchildren faithfully and mercifully on this issue, then we must form our hearts and minds on this urgent issue in a way that is captured with a challenge to all at the end of the letter: “*The Good Samaritan, who puts the face of his brother in difficulty at the center of his heart, and sees his need, offers him whatever is required to repair his wound of desolation and to open his heart to the luminous beams of hope.*”

PARISH REGISTRATION - (Households who have not registered or a change of address, phone or email)

Name: _____

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)