

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.

In the Crying Room at entrance

Weekdays – Before all Masses or by appointment
in the Sacristy

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

13 December 2020

Let us pray . . .

For all the Front Line Workers and their Families for their well-being.

For all those who find this time of year very difficult that their faith will console them.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially the repose souls of Deacon Michael Colin husband of Donna (nee McPhail) and all the Pandemic Victims. Requiescant in Pace!

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Monday

12:00 noon

The Angelus

12:10 p.m.

Stanley Zilney by Elmer Dombroskie
Deceased Sisters of Saint Joseph

Tuesday

12:00 noon

The Angelus

12:10 p.m.

Ashley Hunter by Friends
Deacon Michael Colin by The Family

Wednesday

9:00 a.m.

Teresa Sullivan by Andrew and Catherine Etmanskie

Thursday

9:00 a.m.

John Landon by Bob and Margaret Serran

(Rosary is usually recited 25 minutes before all weekday mass & Saturday vigil mass)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20 December 2020

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

Max, Theresa and Terry Luckasavitch by Maxine Smaglinski and Family

Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

December 19th

December 20th

Readers

Jane Beahen

Brook-Lyn Lundy

**Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion**

Neil O'Reilly

Martin Yakabuski

The coming of Christ calls us to the work of making a straight road for Him, of transforming the barren deserts around us into harvests of justice and peace, of reflecting the light of his forgiveness and mercy in our midst. We are all called to this kind of “prophetic” work begun by John at the Jordan River: To use whatever skills and resources we possess to bring hope into prisons of despair, joy into deserts of sadness, love into broken hearts and spirits of stone.

GAUDETE SUNDAY (Third Sunday of Advent) of joy marks the half-way mark Advent.

Twelve months ago, as we prepared to enter 2020, none of us could have imagined the many challenges that would face the entire world community.

It is all too easy to share in the despondency that abandons the Advent message of hope. The readings for the Sunday of Advent are permeated with Christian Hope despite what storms batter our lives. This Season is a special gift this year and puts our fears into a net of trust in the God’s Divine Providence.

Jean-Pierre de Caussade in his “Abandonment to Divine Providence” offers these thoughts: “The designs of God are the fulfillment of all our moments. They manifest themselves in a thousand different ways which thus become our successive duties and form, increase and perfect the ‘new man’ until we attain the full stature destined for us by the divine wisdom. This mysterious growth to maturity of Jesus Christ in our hearts is the end and fulfillment produced by the designs of God; it is the fruit of his grace and his divine goodness”. Put another way, there is no situation which God cannot turn around and use – what we might initially experience as a negative can be reversed and become a means of grace. It is worth reflecting on the lessons we have learned during the past months. Have we grown closer to God? Has our concern for one another been taken more seriously? Ronald Knox once wrote about God using adversity to “make the thoughtless, whose attention was all directed to outward things, turn back upon themselves and see their own souls in the light of eternity”.

Although the Advent season is the immediate preparation for the celebration of Christ’s first coming at Christmas, the Church’s concentration is never far from His promised second coming and the need for us to stand ready and prepared. But in pondering what was (Christ’s incarnate life) and what will be (the final placing of everything under His rule) we need to keep a very firm handle on what is. A Carthusian monk says this: “The first thing, then, is not be afraid, either of ourselves or of others. We must face life. It is this deep and prolonged contemplation of reality which brings us to God, for He is behind everything”.

Registered Households 183
Last Sunday’s Offering \$4054.00

88 Household Envelopes & 4 E-transfers: \$3249.00
Christmas Flowers: 180.00

Visitor: \$50.00
Christmas Offering: \$220.00

Loose: \$35.00
Building Fund: \$320.00

By including St. Lawrence O’Toole Parish in your Will, the faithful commitment you’ve shared throughout your life will benefit our community long after you’ve gone.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – This is a very difficult time for many people struggling to survive. For those who are able we encourage you to remember our parish at Christmas to help augment the loss of over \$10,00 .00 dollars of revenue from the extra parish events that have all been cancelled. Thank you for your consideration. We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

Advent/Christmas Confessions – In the Sacristy before all weekday masses

The Children's room at the entrance of the church - Fr. Wilfred Lenius and Fr. Patrick Dobec (sacristy)

Saturday, December 19th from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 20th after Mass.

Sacred Music

Although there is no congregational singing during these challenging times, many of us sing in our hearts when we hear those beloved Advent and Christmas carols to the Glory of the Word made flesh. When we are in the security of our homes and alone to sing aloud is a precious prayer of praise to Emmanuel and certainly a personal inspiration.

CWL NEWS : Membership fees of \$20.00 are due. Please label your envelope with name and address and return to the church collection basket or leave at the Drug store with Lorraine Flynn or Call Viola @ 613-756- 3327. New members are welcome! The CWL needs every Catholic /Christian woman!

A Prayer During the Pandemic

Merciful and Gracious Father, we place our trust in You.

May the power of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ bring peace to those who are vulnerable and are in any way suffering from the Covid-19 pandemic.

We ask you to pour forth the healing love of the Holy Spirit to bring comfort to those who are afraid, and enable us to embrace any changes we need to make in our daily lives so as to bring an increase of charity and safety to our brothers and sisters.

Holy Mother Mary, we ask that you cover us with the mantle of your tender love, with the intercession of St. Joseph, our patron and protector.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.