

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday - Friday – 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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. - Sacristy

Weekdays – Before weekday Masses in Sacristy

or by appointment

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 JANUARY 2022

Let us pray . . .

For the Church, a sign of God's continuing presence among us.

For new beginnings, which will foster peace among the nations.

For all couples preparing for marriage.

For married persons, experiencing the joys and challenges of sharing life.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose of the souls of those who are forgotten and have no one to pray for them, and all the Pandemic Victims. Requiescant in Pace!

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Recoskie Family by Rosemarie Recoskie and Family Intentions of Marc Arsenault by M. Perry
Wednesday	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion 4:00 p.m.	Al Smaglinski by Maxine Smaglinski and Family
Thursday	12:00 noon 12:05 p.m.	The Angelus Peter Aleck by Dennis Herron Deceased Family Members of the Pecarskie's and Lapenskie's by Larry & Annette Lapenskie
Friday	St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr 9:00 a.m.	Basil Billings by Karen Yakabuski

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23 JANUARY 2022

Saturday	4:30 a.m.	Greg Conway by The Dwyer Family
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

	January 22 nd	January 23 rd
Readers	Karen Yakabuski	Judy Filion
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Maxine Smaglinski	Pierre-Paul Filion

In his "first sign" in the Gospel of John, Jesus' changing simple water into choice wine is a fitting sign of what Jesus has been sent by God to do: to transform our world from the brokenness of sin and the deadness of self-centeredness into God's banquet table of generosity, hope and healing.

Catholic Women's League

Thank you for an inspiring Mass last Thursday with an impressive attendance and moving tribute and generous gift.

Participate in the online questionnaire as part of the universal Synodal process: pembrokediocese.com/synod. For those who do not have access to the online questionnaire, your responses may be sent to the Diocese of Pembroke, P.O. Box 7, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 6X1. The questions for our synodal process are as follows: To become an evangelizing Church that reaches out to the disaffected Catholics, to the poor, and to those who do not know Christ . . .

1. How can we, the faithful and our Christian communities, be more open to evangelization? (Mission)
2. How can we, the faithful and our Christian communities, better respond to the universal call to holiness through a greater love for God and for one another? (Communion)
3. How can the priests, deacons, religious and all the faithful be mobilized to evangelize? (Participation)
4. What are your dreams, hopes and vision for the future of the Diocese of Pembroke?
5. How can we continue this consultation and dialogue after the Synod?

In seeking answers to these questions, we are invited to let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit through prayer and the meditation on the word of God.

Christian Hope During the Pandemic

"If there is one thing we should take from our time here, it is this: that there is an inherent joy in being a Catholic. This is a joy that is authentic, unlike anything else, and something our world is in so desperate need of. Let us get on out there, and be joy in a world of despair.

May Christ, who is Wisdom, and Mary who is the Seat of Wisdom, be with us on this journey!"

Joseph Mendonca, elected valedictorian, Class of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom of 2021,

Baptism is more than a family tradition or cultural expectation. It is being made new again in Christ. It is a commitment for all of one's earthly life in the hope of life eternal. We cannot live this commitment alone, and so we need daily nurturing through prayer, immersion into the sacramental life of the church and the support of others who are witness to their faith. The role of godparent is not merely ceremonial, but is asked of by the Church so that a man and woman may be chosen to be an authentic witness to the Catholic faith. If you are a godparent, I encourage you to make contact with your godchild. I also invite you to pray for them daily. This is a prayer for my own Godchildren:

Unto thee, O Lord, I commend N. and N.,
who became my godchildren by spiritual relationship at the baptismal font;
arm them against all temptations of the world, the flesh, and devil;
increase in them the gift of faith; given them strength to fulfill thy commandments;
pardon all their sins, negligence, and ignorance,
and at the last give them a portion with they holy and elect servants;
who lives and reigns, God, world without end. Amen.

Registered Households 173
Last Sunday Offering \$2069.00

62 Household Envelopes & 1 E-transfers: \$1781.00 Loose: \$56.00 Visitors: \$40.00 Initial: \$90.00
Building Renewal: \$20.00 Memorial Fund: \$25.00 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God: \$57.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Three Year Review:

The past years have brought unique challenges but many blessings and opportunities for the parish.

Spiritual

Parish Mission, Music (Traditional, Contemporary and Gregorian Chant), Guest Homilists and Confessors, Days of Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgical environment decorations, enriched liturgies, Bulletin Scripture Reflections, Extended hours of Confessions during Holy Seasons. Adults celebrating their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist), Adult Study Groups and also children programs.

Social

Spaghetti dinners, talent night, church calendar, Christmas caroling, Parish Picnic, after Sunday mass lawn reception.

Temporal

A more responsible accountability of administration, introduction of collection requirements and money counters and a slightly larger Property and Finance Council.

PROPERTY

Piano transferred in Choir Loft

West parking lot expanded

Rectory painted

Wood floor donated and installed

Most rectory windows replaced

Blessed Sacrament, Altar of Repose designed and created

Divine Mercy Shrine installed

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine Installed

St. Patrick Holy Well installed

Church repainted (entrances, sacristy, meeting room)

21 trees donated and planted on Church property

Bell Tower Lights replaced (LED's)

Sound System updated

Wax votive light stands installed

Church rugs shampooed

Church floor and pews polished and renewed

Sacristy roof sealed

Replaced three faulty toilets and two sinks

Cemetery and Church lawns renewed

Church organ renewed

All carpets repaired and sanitized

Hall Kitchen and Hall painted

Outside lighting and security lights updated (LED)

Outdoor and Hall speaker for Liturgies

Walkways resurfaced

Stations of the Cross, all statues repaired and painted

Inside church walls and choir room painted

Wiring updated

Church sanitized

Outside church painted

All plumbing evaluated