

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. at entrance.

Weekdays - before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

## + Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord +

May 29, 2022

**CHRIST DEPARTING & ARRIVING:** The historical character of the mystery of Christ's Resurrection and Ascension helps us to recognize and understand the transcendent condition of the Church which was not born and does not live to compensate for the absence of her Lord who has "disappeared" but on the contrary finds the reason for her existence and mission in the invisible presence of Jesus, a presence working through the power of his Spirit. In other words, we might say that the Church does not carry out the role of preparing for the return of an "absent" Jesus, but, on the contrary, lives and works to proclaim his "glorious presence" in a historical and existential way. Since the day of the Ascension, every Christian community has advanced on its earthly pilgrimage toward the fulfillment of the messianic promises, fed by the word of God and nourished by the Body and Blood of her Lord. This is the condition of the Church, the Second Vatican Council recalls, as she "presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God, announcing the Cross and death of the Lord until he comes" (Lumen Gentium, n.8).  
~ Pope Benedict XVI, 2009

**MASS TIME CHANGES & ADDITIONS:**

1. Beginning on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole on a year-round basis.
2. Beginning on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales for the summer months.

**Sixth Week of Easter**

May 30 – June 3

**Friday**            9:00 a.m.            Cecil & Margaret O'Malley *by Danny & Patsy O'Malley*  
A. J. Stoppa *by Bruce and Karen Sullivan*

**+ Solemnity of Pentecost +**

June 5, 2022

**Saturday\*\*\*** 4:00 p.m.            Howard & Mary Fox *by Family*

**Sunday**            10:30 a.m.            Mass for the People

**Liturgical Appointments**

June 4

June 5

Readings

*Jane Beahen*

*Joanne Olsen*

Communion

*Maxine Smaglinski*

*Terry Recoskie*

**IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:**

-that the God of peace and mercy, who takes pity on the poor and lowly, and puts down their oppressors, may grant, deliverance to all victims of war and violence, and change the hearts of aggressors, so his peace will prevail.

-that the peoples of our country, legislators and healthcare practitioners would choose life and not death regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion.

-The Synod 2021 – 2022 and the Evangelization Project in the Diocese of Pembroke.

-The sick and all who asked for our prayers.

-Those who have died, especially: *Barry James Dombroskie*.

**BLESSED CATHERINE'S STARFLOWERS:** A new initiative in prayer is being offered to us by Bishop Desrochers as we respond to the call of the Church to bring the good news of Jesus through evangelization in our communities. Under the patronage and through the intercession of Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine, we are invited to join a diocesan-wide spiritual community by offering our illnesses and sufferings, indeed our entire lives, into Jesus' crucified hands, for the salvation of souls in our diocese. *Anyone wishing to become a member of this prayer fraternity is asked to contact the parish office.* A booklet containing daily prayers and intentions will be given to all participants along with a medal of St. Catherine. Every month a Mass will be offered for the intentions of all members. [pembrokedioocese.com/new-evangelization/blessed-catherines-starflowers/](http://pembrokedioocese.com/new-evangelization/blessed-catherines-starflowers/)

**ECCLESIA:** The latest issue of our diocesan newspaper is now available at the entrances of the church. It contains extensive commentary regarding Canada's Indian Residential Schools.

**DIOCESAN OBLIGATIONS:** There are times when the weekday Mass schedule for all parishes will be affected by my other obligations as appointed by Bishop Desrochers: Delegate for Responding to Reports of Sexual abuse, Episcopal Vicar for the Evangelization Project in the English deaneries, Dean for the Barry's Bay Deanery and Personnel Board & Diocesan Finance Committee. Please pray for me. ~ *Fr. John*

**NOVENA FOR PENTECOST:** To celebrate this feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, prepare with 9 days of prayer beginning this past Friday. This Novena enters into the Mystery of the event occurred in the Upper Room with Twelve Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary when they prayed for nine days until the Holy Spirit descended on the Feast of the Pentecost. In the New Testament, this biblical event is often quoted from Acts of the Apostles, 1:12 – 2:5. The following traditional prayer is recommended:

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.  
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**

**LAST SUNDAY OFFERING:** Total: \$2,657.00; 88 of 176 Household Envelopes & 2 E-transfers: \$2,068.90; Loose: \$48.10; Visitors: \$235.00; Easter Offering: \$20.00; Pope Pastoral: \$255.00; Building Fund: \$15.00; Northern Mission: \$15.00

**ROCKATHON:** The St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, along with a dedicated committee, is organizing its first ever Rockathon event for the Valley Manor long-term care home. Participants will raise pledges from family and friends and commit to rocking in a rocking chair for a day. This is sure to be a fun event that will be held on Friday, June 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds will help support the needs of local healthcare, including a much-needed update to the patient lifts at the Valley Manor, which help with safe transfer of patients. For more information, or to register, call 613-756-3045, ext. 217 or visit [www.sfvhfoundation.com](http://www.sfvhfoundation.com).

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. ANN, CORMAC:** On Sunday, July 31, 2022 with Bishop Guy Desrochers “History of the Devotion to St. Ann” Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mass and Homily given each evening by Bishop Guy Desrochers Sunday, July 31 Celebrations 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass of Healing at the Shrine; 1:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and 2:00 p.m. Closing Benediction.

**CWL:** Dear sisters in the League, I am happy to tell you we will have our annual June BBQ this year. Jane (Mullin) Beahen has graciously offered her home to host us. Pencil in Wednesday, June 15th on your calendar. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share with 4-6 other members. The meat dish will be provided. Coffee and tea will be provided. You may bring refreshments of your own choosing. Our celebration will start at 4 pm with dinner served at 5:15 pm and a short meeting to follow at 6:15ish. Wear your masks at your discretion. Jane lives at 464 Weglarz Rd. Contact Jane at 613 585 2619 or Carmel at 613 756 3200 to confirm your attendance. We look forward to your company after such a long time. The way to Jane's house: Siberia Road past the hospital, turn right on Matcheskie Road, go 2.5 km . you come to a 90degree turn but don't turn...go straight ahead. The last house on the right is Jane's. Park along the road to allow the drive-way to be available for those with walking difficulties. Let's make this an event to remember!!!

Blessings and cheers to all, Carmel (*Madame President*)