

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Tuesday & Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Holy Canadian Martyrs at 613-756-3606
during Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday,
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

✠ **Third Sunday of Lent** ✠

March 12, 2023

THIS SUNDAY: we have the great privilege of hearing the story of the woman at the well, the definitive text on Christian evangelization. Take the time this week for a prayerful reading of this story and notice that as this woman seeks, she's already been found! If only we would surrender to our God who is already always pursuing us! Then, we might realize how the Everlasting Lord is the only one who can quench the otherwise unquenchable thirst of our hearts. Make the effort this Lent to clear a path and set down your old buckets so that the water of Christ's divine life can flow through you. ~ *Bishop Robert Barron*

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: for the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones can be made with the envelopes provided at the entrance of the church. The Masses of Easter will be offered for your intentions. Donations must be submitted by Friday, March 31st, in order to have loved ones listed in the Easter bulletin memorial page.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL TODAY, March 12th in the parish hall after 10:30 a.m. Mass. Refreshments will be served with home-made muffins etc., some Irish music will be led by the Kelly's, a 50/50 draw will be held, and the raffle tickets will be drawn. Come and enjoy some time together. ~ *sponsored by the Catholic Women's League*

Third Week of Lent

March 13 – 18

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Matthew Biskup by *Lucas Dombroskie*
- (Thursday 1:45 p.m. *Mass & Anointing of the Sick at the Valley Manor*)
(residents only)
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. (*Beginning with the Stations of the Cross*)
+ Greg Conway by *Loretta Murray*

+ Fourth Sunday of Lent +

March 19, 2023

- Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Jack Boldt & Tommy Sayyea
by *Georgina, Pat, Jean & Irene*
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

March 18

Jane Beahen

Leona Chapeskie

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

March 19

Joanne Olsen

Ursula Jeffrey

Eddie Etmanskie

Jamie Prince

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- that these 40 days of spiritual renewal may help us turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.
- Christians persecuted throughout the world, for all victims and refugees of civil war.
- that the peoples, legislators, and healthcare practitioners of our country would choose life and not death regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion.
- for parishioners who are sick; and for those who have died, especially: *Julia Coghlan; Joseph Samuel Troesch*, father of *Judy Filion; Marie Riley; Mary Patricia McConville; and Cory Plebon.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Before all weekday and weekend Masses.

With visiting priest-confessors on:

Sunday, March 26; 1:00 – 2:00 pm. at St. Lawrence O’Toole (*& First Confessions*)

Sunday, April 2; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE: What was the Samaritan woman looking for in those six men? Pope Benedict XVI writes that "the woman is made aware of what in actuality she has always known but to which she has not always adverted: that she thirsts for life itself and that all the assuaging that she seeks and finds cannot slake this living, elemental thirst There comes to light the real dilemma, the deep-seated waywardness of her existence: she is brought face to face with herself."

What brings this about in an encounter with Jesus? Pontius Pilate will declare: "Behold the man!" From our own living and elemental thirst, like the woman at the well, we do just that, giving ourselves to this man who in his thirst ("I thirst!") asks us for a drink. We are certain that at last, we will "have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Our "hope does not disappoint."

We will not die in our thirst. The Lord is in our midst. Finally, satisfaction can happen; this is the man we have been waiting for.

O God, through the Samaritan woman, inspire us also to leave behind the heart's old water jars, grown too small to hold the living water, and drink deeply at the well of salvation, that we may run with eagerness to proclaim the gospel to all we meet, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER IS TO DRINK FROM CHRIST, THE LIVING WATER: (CCC 2559-61)

-For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy. (St. Therese of Lisieux)

-Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." (St. John Damascene)

-But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? (Ps 130:1) He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," (Rom 8:26) are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God." (St. Augustine)

- "If you knew the gift of God!" (Jn 4:10) The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts: his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him. (St. Augustine)

- "You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." (Jn 4:10) Paradoxically our prayer of petition is a response to the plea of the living God: "They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water!" (Jer 2:13) Prayer is the response of faith to the free promise of salvation and also a response of love to the thirst of the only Son of God

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$2,950.00; (Envelopes: \$2,408.00; E-Transfers: \$145.00; Loose: \$122.00; Visitors: \$35.00; Easter Flowers: \$100.00; Building Fund: \$100.00; Initial Offering: \$15.00; Fuel: \$25.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./124; 10:30 a.m./69]

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs
Good Friday: 12:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs
3:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole
Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig's *All parishioners and pastor are invited.*
Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs
10:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole
10:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales

CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION: by Bishop Desrochers will take place at St. Lawrence O'Toole on Sunday, April 30, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD PRAYER GROUP: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall. 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs in the sacristy. Questions? Call Greg or Mary 613-756-6643 or Pierre-Paul or Judy 613-602-6508

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DESROCHERS: On the Occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Pembroke. Copies are available at the entrance. "With joy, 2023 marks the momentous occasion of the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Pembroke. This milestone provides an opportunity to give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit and for us to recognize God's grace continually at work in the life of our diocese."

THEOLOGY ON TAP – BARRY'S BAY - Friday, March 24 – 7:30 p.m. at the Balmoral Hotel. Guest Speaker: Fr. Peter Do. Topic: "On the death penalty and the limits of papal power".

LENTEN RETREAT: with Emeritus Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ on Saturday, April 1, at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, 331 Plaunt Street South, Renfrew, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with registration at 9:30 a.m. Mass at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person (lunch and refreshments provided). This retreat is open to all the faithful. The theme of the retreat is "The Eucharist". Sponsored by the Diocesan of Faith Formation and Leadership Development & to register or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at (613) 732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadriendchaput@pembrokedioocese.com . Registration deadline is Thursday, March 30, 2023.