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✠ **Fourth Sunday of Easter** ✠

April 30, 2023

WE WELCOME BISHOP GUY DESROCHERS, C.Ss.R.: who is celebrating the Eucharist today, First Holy Communion for our children, and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the youth of our parish.

TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Every year on this 4th Sunday of Easter, the Gospel is always taken from the 10th chapter of John where Jesus speaks of himself as the "good shepherd". In today's passage, Jesus emphasizes the self-sacrificing element of his life. Secondly, he knows his sheep and they know him. There is a mutual bond of love and intimacy. That love is compared to the deep mutual relationship that exists between Jesus and his Father. Thirdly, Jesus deeply desires that many other sheep should come to identify themselves with him. The ultimate goal is that the whole world will be united together with the Holy Trinity.

125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE: All are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving **THIS Thursday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke, to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Pembroke. The Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. will be the principal celebrant. A reception in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Mass to which all are invited.

Fourth Week of Easter

May 1 - 6

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Phelanda Hall *by Family*
- First Friday** 9:00 a.m. + David Recoskie *by Richard & Suzanne Luckasavitch*
~ Intentions of Gerard Brotton *by Charlie & Deb Rodway*

+ Fifth Sunday of Easter +

May 7, 2023

- Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Eleanor Rose Quesnelle
by Amanda-Lee, Faith, Brandon, Zachary, Lula & Jordyn
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

May 6

Susan Coulas

Maxine Smaglinski

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

May 7

Beverley Glofcheskie

Terry Recoskie

Eddie Etmanskie

Jason Dombroskie

ROMAN CALENDAR:

- Monday - St. Joseph the Worker & St. Pius V, pope
Tuesday - St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Wednesday - St. Philip and St. James, Apostles
Thursday - Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis, virgin
Friday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Saturday - St. Francois de Laval, bishop – Patron of the Bishops of Canada

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- the children and youth of our parish who are receiving First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, that nourished by Jesus the Bread of Life and confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, they may mature in faith and love.
- our pastor, Fr. John Burchat, who celebrates his 30th Anniversary of Ordination to Holy Orders this week on May 1st (1993).
- for parishioners who are sick; and for those who have died, especially: *Jean Whitmore; Fr. Terry Conway, cousin of Barbara Conway; Susan Pecarskie; Peter R. Etmanskie, brother of Conrad Etmanskie; Eugene McCambridge; Nathan Libby and Orville Kulas.*

THE GOOD SHEPHERD: Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter and “Good Shepherd Sunday”, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. All the faithful are exhorted to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

The Christian vocation is always a renewal of this personal friendship with Jesus Christ, which gives full meaning to our lives and makes us open to the Kingdom of God. The Church lives on this friendship, nourished by the Word and by the Sacraments, holy realities entrusted especially to the ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, consecrated by the Sacrament of Orders.

God continues to call priests. The priest’s mission is irreplaceable, and even if in some regions a scarcity of clergy is being recorded, we must never doubt that God continues to call boys, young men and adults to leave everything to dedicate themselves totally to preaching the Gospel and to the pastoral ministry.

Another special form of the following of Christ is the vocation to the consecrated life, which is expressed in living a poor, chaste and obedient existence totally dedicated to God in contemplation and in prayer and at the service of others, especially the lowly and poor.

Moreover, let us not forget that Christian marriage is in all respects a vocation to holiness, and that the example of holy parents is the first favourable condition for the flourishing of priestly and religious vocations.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us invoke the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, for priests and men and women Religious; let us pray too that the seeds of a vocation that God sows in the hearts of the faithful may reach full maturity and bear fruits of holiness in the Church and in the world. ~ *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; May 7, 2006*

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS: O God, who made your Only Begotten Son eternal High Priest, grant that those he has chosen as ministers and stewards of your mysteries may be found faithful in carrying out the ministry they have received. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. [Roman Missal]

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$2,653.00; (Envelopes: \$2,140.00; E-Transfers: \$50.00; Loose: \$103.00; Visitors: \$20.00; Share Lent: \$15.00; Building Fund: \$300.00; Easter Offering: \$25.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./99; 10:30 a.m./88]

INDIGINEOUS RECONCILIATION FUND: Dioceses across Canada, in their continuing journey of seeking reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of what is now known as Canada, have voluntarily committed to contributing \$30 million over five years in new funding to facilitate further reconciliation efforts. Dioceses have voluntarily committed to contributing these funds annually or in lump sums to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

The Diocese of Pembroke pledges a total of \$250,000 to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) established by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, to be paid in amounts of \$50,000 per year for five years. The Diocese welcomes additional donations to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IFR). Inquiries can be made at the Chancery Office (Office of the Diocese).

The goal of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is to enable local Dioceses to assist in the facilitation of meaningful reconciliation work as determined by the Diocesan Reconciliation Committee.

NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST: St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall, Barry's Bay. Seven Thursdays, April 13 - May 25, 7 - 8:15 pm. Contact: Pierre Paul or Judy 613-602-6580

THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: takes place Thursday, May 11 in Ottawa. The March provides an opportunity for Canadians to tell legislators that we can no longer endure a situation that discriminates against thousands of children every year by sanctioning their deaths through abortion nor can we stand by as the scourge of assisted suicide and euthanasia permeates our society ever more from day to day. For more information see www.MarchforLife.ca

ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY MASS: For those attending the Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, May 4th, please note that if you cannot find parking in proximity to the Cathedral, additional parking will be available at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke. A shuttle bus between Holy Name parking lot and the Cathedral will commence at 9:00 a.m. that morning and run for an hour after the conclusion of Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Wednesday, May 17th. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. St. Jerome's Meeting Room in the basement of the St. Hedwig Rectory.