

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter ✠

May 7, 2023

CONFIRMANDI: Please continue to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the youth of our parish who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Erika Robin Francis Strack
Lucas Hayden Jude Dombroskie
Gavin River Thomas Lundy

Amelia Grace Maria Dombroskie
Jill Emma Therese Lundy

OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Please pray that their reception of Holy Communion will be the first of many!

Logan James Trudel
Kai Elliott Yantha
Ethan Thomas Dombroski
Austin Noah Prince

Alison Daisy Strack
Ryan Mitchell Dombroski
Wyatt Anthony Yantha

THANK YOU: to the Catholic Women's League who gave provided gifts and coordinated the reception after Mass, and for the decorators who arranged the beautiful sanctuary decorations.

Fifth Week of Easter

May 8 - 13

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Theresa Yantha by *Karen Yakabuski*

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Phelanda Hall by *Catholic Women's League*

+ Sixth Sunday of Easter +

May 14, 2023

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Brian Rumleskie by *Eddie & Diane Etmanskie*

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

May 13

Lorraine Flynn

Leona Chapeskie

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

May 14

Joanne Olsen

Pierre-Paul Filion

John Jeffrey

Jamie Prince

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine, virgin

Tuesday - Ferial – ordinary weekday

Wednesday - Saint John of Avila, priest, doctor

Thursday - Ferial – ordinary weekday

Friday - St. Nereus and St. Achilleus, martyrs and St. Pancras, martyr

Saturday - Our Lady of Fatima

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-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: *Jean Whitmore; Fr.*

Terry Conway, cousin of Barbara Conway; Susan Pecarskie; Peter R. Etmanskie, brother of Conrad Etmanskie and Eugene McCambridge.

I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; May 22, 2011

The Gospel of this Sunday, the Fifth of Easter, proposes a twofold commandment of faith: to believe in God and to believe in Jesus. In fact, the Lord said to his disciples: “Believe in God, believe also in me” (Jn 14:1). They are not two separate acts but one single act of faith, full adherence to salvation wrought by God the Father through his Only-begotten Son.

The New Testament puts an end to the Father’s invisibility. God has shown his face, as Jesus’ answer to the Apostle Philip confirms: “He who has seen me has seen the Father” (Jn 14:9). [In Jn 12:45, Jesus also says “And he who sees me, sees him who sent me.”] With his Incarnation, death and Resurrection, the Son of God has freed us from the slavery of sin to give us the freedom of the children of God and he has shown us the face of God, which is love: God can be seen, he is visible in Christ.

St Augustine says that “*it was necessary for Jesus to say: ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life’ (Jn 14:6) because once the way was known, the end remained to be known*” (see In Evangelium Iohannis Tractatus, 69, 2: CCL 36, 500), and the end is the Father. For Christians, for each one of us, hence, the way to the Father is to allow ourselves to be guided by Jesus, by his word of truth, and to receive the gift of his life. Let us make St Bonaventure’s invitation our own: “*Open, therefore, your eyes, lend your spiritual ear, open your lips and dispose your heart, so that you will be able to see, hear, praise, love, venerate, glorify, honour your God in all creatures*” (Itinerarium mentis in Deum, i, 15).

Dear friends, the commitment to proclaim Jesus Christ, “the way, the truth, and the life” (Jn 14:6), is the main task of the Church. Let us invoke the Virgin Mary that she may always assist the Pastors and those in the different ministries to proclaim the Good News of salvation, that the Word of God may be spread and the number of disciples multiplied (see Acts 6:7).

OUR CEMETERIES: We remind everyone that our cemetery by-laws indicate that all flowers, ornaments, candles, etc. must be affixed to a monument. If they are not, they may be removed and discarded by the cemetery caretaker to enable proper grass cutting.

ROSES FOR LIFE: The Knights of Columbus will gain distribute lapel roses next Sunday, May 14th on Mother’s Day. This is also a great opportunity to donate to the Pro-Life cause.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$3,162.65; (Envelopes: \$2,627.35; E-Transfers: \$160.00; Loose: \$185.30; Visitors: \$65.00; Evangelization Project: \$15.00; Building Fund: \$35.00; Easter Offering: \$25.00; Pope's Pastoral Works: \$35.00; Seminary Offering: \$15.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./98; 10:30 a.m./160]

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

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.

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.

ROCKATHON: St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation will be hosting on Friday, June 16, 2023. Proceeds will go toward local healthcare needs, including much needed equipment at the Valley Manor. More information email at office@sfvhfoundation.com.