

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

✠ **Sixth Sunday of Easter** ✠

May 14, 2023

NOVENA FOR PENTECOST: To fruitfully celebrate the feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, prepare with 9 days of prayer beginning this coming 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.

+ May the Living God bless mothers everywhere this day. +

Sixth Week of Easter

May 15 - 20

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Alphonse & Rose Coulas *by Family*

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Fr. Jack Green *by Jerry & Diane Green*

+ The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord +

May 21, 2023

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Nicholas Culshaw *by Jerry & Diane Green*

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

May 20

Sean Conway

Neil O'Reilly

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

May 21

Emilie Pigeon

Ursula Jeffrey

Eddie Etmanskie

Jason Dombroskie

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
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Wednesday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Thursday - St. John I, pope, martyr
Friday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Saturday - St. Bernardine of Siena, priest

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- with gratitude and affection for all of our dear mothers, we pray that the Lord bless them all, and may Our Lady, to whom this month is dedicated, protect them.
- for parishioners who are sick; and for those who have died, especially: Jean Whitmore, mother of Lorraine Cherry; Fr. Terry Conway and Susan Pecarskie.
- for the infants and children who were recently baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and received into the Body of Christ: Layla Josephine Lepack; Nyra Sharon Vaughan; Owen James Kennedy and Talon Frank Towns.

The Holy Spirit as Advocate

by Saint John Paul II, 1989

We learn from Jesus' discourse in the upper room that he called the Holy Spirit the "Paraclete". Parakletos means literally, "one who is called or appealed to" (from *parakalein*, "to call to one's assistance"). He is therefore the defender, "the advocate," as well as the "mediator" who fulfills the function of intercessor. It is this meaning of "advocate-defender" that now interests us, while not forgetting that some Fathers of the Church use Parakletos in the sense of "Counselor" particularly in reference to the Holy Spirit's action in regard to the Church. For the present we shall speak of the Holy Spirit as the Paraclete-Advocate-Defender.

When Jesus in the upper room, on the eve of his passion, announced the coming of the Holy Spirit, he did so in the following terms: "The Father will give you another Paraclete." These words indicate that Christ himself is the first Paraclete, and that the Holy Spirit's action will be like that of Christ and in a sense prolong it. Jesus Christ, indeed, was the "defender" and remains such. John himself will say so in his First Letter: "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate (parakletos) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 Jn 2:1).

The advocate (defender) is he who, taking the part of those who are guilty because of sin committed, defends them from the penalty due to their sins, and saves them from the danger of losing eternal life and salvation. This is precisely what Jesus Christ did. The Holy Spirit is called the Paraclete because he continues Christ's redemptive work which freed us from sin and eternal death.

The Paraclete will be "another advocate-defender" also for a second reason. Remaining with Christ's disciples, he will watch over them with his omnipotent power. "I will pray the Father," Jesus said, "and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you forever" (Jn 14:16). It follows that the apostles and the Church must continually find, by means of the Holy Spirit, that presence of the Word-Son which, during his earthly mission, was physical and visible in his incarnate humanity, but which, after his ascension to the Father, is completely immersed in mystery. The Holy Spirit's presence which, as Jesus said, is interior to souls and to the Church ("He dwells with you, and will be in you": Jn 14:17), will make the invisible Christ present in a lasting manner "until the end of the world." The transcendent unity of the Son and the Holy Spirit will ensure that Christ's humanity, assumed by the Word, will be present at work wherever the trinitarian plan of salvation is being put into effect through the power of the Father.

HEALING SERVICE WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: At St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Barry's Bay, on Tuesday, June 13 from 7-8:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$2,291.15; (Envelopes: \$1,960.00; E-transfers: \$130.00; Loose: \$116.15; Visitors: \$80.00; Pope's Pastoral Works: \$5.00; [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./85; 10:30 a.m./106]

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

OUR CEMETERIES: We remind you 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.

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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – BARRY'S BAY - Friday, May 26th at 7:30 p.m. at 35 Casey Street, Barry's Bay. Guest Speaker: Rev. Pawel Ratajczak. Topic: "The Blessed Virgin Mary: Mother of comfort or Woman of challenge in the Christian Life?". For more information contact Kenton Biffert at kentonbiffert@gmail.com.

PARISH SUPPERS:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Braeside, May 28; 2-6 p.m.; BBQ chicken.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS: No longer will I call you servants, but friends:
For you know all things that I have done among you.
I will give you pastors according to my own heart.
And they shall feed you with knowledge and doctrine.
Let us pray. Father, for your glory and our salvation,
you have appointed your Son Jesus Christ eternal High Priest.
Guide those he has chosen to be ministers of Word and Sacrament,
and help them to be faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. *(from St. Peter's Seminary, London, ON)*