

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

✠ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

September 24, 2023

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL: With this parable, Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father's love which is free and generous. It is about allowing oneself to be astonished and fascinated by the "thoughts" and the "ways" of God which, as the Prophet Isaiah recalls, are not our thoughts and not our ways (cf Is 55:8). Human thoughts are often marked by selfishness and personal advantages, and our narrow and contorted paths are not comparable to the wide and straight streets of the Lord. He uses mercy — do not forget this: He uses mercy —, he forgives broadly, is filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can give the human heart the fullness of joy.

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the labourers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard. It is a gaze which is filled with attention, kindness. It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us; he wants a full, committed life, safe from emptiness and inertia. God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness. This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father. *from an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; September 24, 2017*

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED the week of October 2nd to the 6th.

Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

September 25 – 30

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i>) + Theresa Yantha by <i>Roseanne Visutskie & Family</i> + Dowdall Murray by <i>Arnold & Michelle Etmanskie</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+ Garnet Foster by <i>Dennis Herron</i> Intentions of Carl & Lorraine Leddy by <i>Radey Family</i>

+ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 1, 2023

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	60 th Anniversary of Christian Marriage: In Thanksgiving: <i>Robert & Kathy Luckovitch</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	September 30	October 1
Readings	<i>Karen Yakabuski</i>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Leona Chapeskie</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>Eddie Etmanskie</i>
	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Jamie Prince</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Donna & Gary Helferty; Gerard Burchat; Diane Green; Michael Sauro; Carmel Rumleskie; Gerard O'Malley; Fr. Ken O'Brien*
- for those who have died, especially: *John Lynch; Theresa Davis (Madonna House), Caroline (Prince) Yeretch; Fr. Joe Legree, Marc Sebanc.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- Sts. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs
Tuesday	- St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues, priests & companions, martyrs
Wednesday	- St. Vincent de Paul, priest
Thursday	- St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, martyrs & St. Wenceslaus, martyrs
Friday	- St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, archangels
Saturday	- St. Jerome, priest, doctor

FOOD BANK OFFERING IN THANKSGIVING: In gratitude for our many blessings, beginning next weekend, parishioners are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food for the Madawaska Valley Food Bank and personally place them at Our Lady of Perpetual Help altar. Let us adorn our church and place of worship with our offerings for the poor.

SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDY: For Tuesday September 26th, 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., week 2 of the study, we will continue with the introduction to the book, **The Gospel of Mark** (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture *by Mary Healy*) in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. Led by John Morris and Fr. John Burchat. Each evening includes a time of study, a time of voluntary sharing on what the Lord through His Word is doing in our lives, intercessory prayer for the needs of our families, and the Church. Books for this study are available through the church office at \$20 each. Having a book will be very helpful, but not mandatory. Most importantly, please bring a recent translation of the Holy Bible with you. The group is always open for those who wish to start studying and for those who cannot commit every Tuesday evening. All are welcome.

LIFE CHAIN 2023: A peaceful, prayerful witness on Sunday, October 1ST from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. downtown Barry's Bay. **Life Chain** is an act of prayerful solidarity with the little ones who are absolutely vulnerable and cannot speak for themselves. It is endorsed by Catholic bishops, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, and Muslims for Life. In Mystery, we are actually standing at the foot of the Cross, being present before the greatest evil that encompasses all other evils in human history, including the evil of abortion. It is public. It is silent. It is prayerful. It is an act of solidarity in Christ with our unborn sisters and brothers. There is no casual talking. There is no response given to negative reactions. Will you be there for this Hour in which our Lord invites us to *watch and pray*? Let us never tire in our witness and defence of the inviolable dignity of human life! Come and join us!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING: for the Episcopal Ministry of the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. as the Ninth Bishop of Pembroke will be held at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille, Pembroke, on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. A farewell reception will be held in the Cathedral Hall immediately after the Mass.

CWL GENERAL MEETING on Wednesday September 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. **Extra Rosaries** can be donated to St. Francis Hospital Recreation Department or put them in box on back table.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Open to all – Join with the Spirit of the Living God Prayer Group on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the St Lawrence O'Toole parish hall. For info contact Pierre-Paul or Judy 613-602-6580)

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,993.95; (Envelopes: \$2,073.00; E-Transfers: \$180.00; Loose: \$150.95; Visitors: \$60.00; Needs of the Canadian Church: \$10.00; Northern Missions: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$510.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./90; 10:30 a.m./105]

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy and a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children prepare for these sacraments are invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Sunday Mass attendance as essential for family faith formation. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance. The beginning of the preparation begins with an informal meeting with Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Starting Wednesday, September 13th from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. 7-week seminar at St. Casimir's Church in the meeting room, Round Lake Centre, sponsored by the St. Casimir's Peace Prayer Group. Further information contact Diane Yantha at 613-757-1429 or Doreen Rankin at 613-757-2792

MADAWASKA VALLEY HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE is offering a 6-week Grief Support Group in Barry's Bay. Tuesdays, beginning October 24th. To register or for more information please call 613 756 3045 ext 350 or email Jenna Stamplicoski at stamplicoskij@sfmhosp.com

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP: Membership in St. Francis Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is \$5 for 2 years. To renew or join the auxiliary drop off fee at hospital gift shop or contact Theresa at 613-756-1085.

FALL MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM is coming up on Saturday, October 14th and Saturday, October 28th, 2022, at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville. Deadline to register is October 5th.

Inquiries can be directed to Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com.

PARISH SUPPERS:

St. Patrick, Mt. St. Patrick, September 24th, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the DACA Center.

Our Lady of the Angels, Brudenell, September 30th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. John Chrysostom, Arnprior, October 15th, 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

O Lord, You crown the year with Your Goodness.