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

✠ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 15, 2023

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS:

The Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., announces the following pastoral assignments:

- **Reverend Kenneth O'Brien** concludes his pastorship of St. James, Eganville, Our Lady of Nativity, Pikwàkanagàn, and St. Ann's, Cormac and retires from parish ministry, **effective November 7, 2023**. We express gratitude to Father O'Brien for his years of service in parish ministry, and we assure him of our prayers as he prepares to celebrate his golden jubilee of ordination in May 2024.
- **Reverend Réal Ouellette** is assigned temporarily as administrator of St. James, Eganville, Our Lady of Nativity, Pikwàkanagàn, and St. Ann's, Cormac, **effective November 7, 2023** until the appointment of a new pastor.

FOOD BANK OFFERINGS IN THANKSGIVING: that have been placed at the altar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help concludes this weekend. Thank you for your offerings, and the CWL for sponsoring this initiative.

O Lord, You Crown the Year with Your Goodness

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

October 16 – 21

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Aloysius “Al” Smaglinski *by Tom & Anna Mary Gallager*
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Stanley & Jacqueline Lucasavitch
by David and Julia Cannon

+ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 22, 2023

- Saturday** 4:00 p.m. Teresa Sullivan *by Esther Stoppa*
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	October 21	October 22
Readings	<i>Susan Coulas</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Jason Dombroskie</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.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Elizabeth “Nancy” Peplinskie; John Lynch; Theresa Davis (Madonna House).*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

- Monday - St. Marguerite D'Youville, religious
- Tuesday - St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
- Wednesday - St. Luke, evangelist
- Thursday - St. Paul of the Cross, priest
- Friday - St. Hedwig, religious & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin
- Saturday - Our Lady's Saturday

THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB: This Sunday's First Reading, from the Book of Isaiah, prepares the ground for this theme, for it speaks about the banquet of God. It is an image — the banquet — often used in the Scriptures to indicate the joy in communion and in the abundance of the Lord's gifts, and it gives some idea of the celebration of God with humanity as Isaiah describes: "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine... well refined" (Is 25:6). The Prophet adds that God's intention is to put an end to sadness and shame; he wants all people to live happily in love of him and in mutual communion. Therefore, his plan is to eliminate death forever, to wipe away the tears from all faces, to take away once and for all the dishonourable condition of his people, as we heard (vv. 7-8). All this awakens deep gratitude and hope. (v. 9). In the Gospel Jesus speaks to us of the answer that is given to the invitation of God — represented by a king — to take part in this marriage feast (see Mt 22:1-14). Many guests were invited but something unexpected happens: they refuse to take part in the celebration, they have other things to do; indeed, some of them show contempt for the invitation. God is generous to us, he offers us his friendship, his gifts, his joy, but often we do not welcome his words, we show greater interest in other things and put our own material concerns, our own interests, first. The king's invitation even meets with hostile and aggressive reactions. Yet this does not impede his generosity. He is not discouraged and sends his servants out to invite many other people. The refusal of those invited first causes the invitation to be extended to everyone, even the poorest, the abandoned and disinherited. The servants gather together those they find, and the wedding hall is filled: the king's goodness knows no bounds, and all are given the possibility of answering his call. However, there was one condition in order to attend this wedding feast: that the wedding garment be worn. And, on entering the hall, the king notices that someone has not wished to wear it and for this reason bars him from the banquet.

I would like to reflect for a moment on this point with a question: why did this man accept the king's invitation, enter the banquet hall, find the door opened to him but not put on the wedding garment? What is this wedding garment? St. Gregory the Great explains that the guest had accepted God's invitation to take part in his banquet, that in a certain way he had faith which opened the door of the banquet hall to him, but he lacked something essential: the wedding garment, which is charity or love. And St Gregory adds: "Therefore each one of you in the Church who has faith in God has already taken part in the wedding feast but cannot claim to wear the wedding garment unless he jealously guards the grace of love" (Homily 38, 9; PL 76, 1287). And this garment is woven symbolically on two looms of wood, one above and one below: love of God and love of neighbour (see *ibid.*, 10; PL 76, 1288). We are all invited to be the Lord's guests, to enter his banquet with faith, but we must put on and take care of the wedding garment: charity, to live in the profound love of God and neighbour.
Homily by Pope Benedict XVI; October 9, 2011

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

October 1st - Total: \$2,691.45; (Envelopes: \$1,967.00; E-Transfers: \$375.00; Loose: \$229.45; Visitors: \$55.00; Needs of the Canadian Church: \$20.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; World Mission: \$25.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./179; 10:30 a.m./90]

October 8th – Total: \$3,204.55; (Envelopes: \$2,269.00; E-Transfers: \$280.00; Loose: \$284.55; Visitors: \$40.00; Building Fund: \$321.00; World Mission: \$10.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./91; 10:30 a.m./121]

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE: Numbers #148 Please print your name and full address on the next couple of envelopes this will help with updating our system so there will be no hold-ups when giving out income tax receipts.

SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDY: Do you know the difference between John the Baptist's baptism and that of Jesus? We addressed this question last Tuesday evening. For this Tuesday October 17, 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., we will consider commentary on the Gospel of Mark 1:9-13. For details contact John Morris, 613 729 6647. This group is open to you. Please attend to increase your knowledge of Jesus.

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)

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: 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.

THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES are available at the back of the church. Please take and fill your shoebox according to instructions in the Pamphlet. Please return shoeboxes to the link by Parish Office by Sunday, November 12th. Thank you.

CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP will be taking place on Friday, October 27, in the hall of St. Mary's parish in Wilno, immediately following the 7:00 p.m. mass. All youth ages 13-18 are welcome to attend.

DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE WEEKLY BULLETIN: contains more information about diocesan events and news. See <https://pembrokedioocese.com/article/>

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