

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

✠ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 29, 2023

ALL SAINTS: This week we celebrate all saints, official and unofficially, known and unknown, who are models of gospel living and zeal in faith. Contrary to popular perception, to canonize someone a saint is not to declare them morally perfect, ethically blameless or unconditioned by the cultural standards and limitations of the age in which they lived. Sanctity is not the special preserved of a handful of spiritual heroes. It is the ordinary goal of the Christian life to which includes the creativity of human freedom. To be a saint is to desire God who is goodness and goodness for others. A saint is undivided in this desire to love the Lord our God with all one's heart, and to love one's neighbour as one's own self. There will only be saints in heaven!

ALL SOULS: All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. [CCC 1030]

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

October 30 – November 4

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Beverly Brotton by *Joan Pecarskie & Family*
+ Scott Jeffrey by *+Edmund & Arlene Kubesheskie*

First Friday 9:00 a.m. **For Our Faithful Departed:** Parishioners, Family & Friends
Intentions of the Starflowers Prayer Initiative

+ **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** +

November 5, 2023

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Darlene Shields by *Garry & Teresa Yaraskavitch*
+ Deceased Family Members of Eddie & Diane Etmanskie

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

Liturgical Appointments	November 4	November 5
Readings	<i>Sean Conway</i>	<i>John Morris</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</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:

- the process of selecting and sending another Bishop to shepherd the Diocese of Pembroke.
- Fr. Ryan Holly as he additionally serves as our Diocesan Administrator.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Jacob Westen; Donna & Gary Helferty; Michael Sauro.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Gerard Burchat; David Stamplecoski; Allan Shulist; Elizabeth "Beth" Holmes (Madonna House); Elizabeth "Nancy" Peplinskie.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

- Monday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
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- Wednesday - ALL SAINTS DAY
- Thursday - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - ALL SOULS DAY
- Friday - St. Martin de Porres, religious
- Saturday - St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT: The Word of the Lord, resounding in the Gospel, reminds us that the whole divine law is summarized in love. In his response, Jesus quotes the Shemà in his answer, the prayer the pious Israelite recites several times a day, especially in the morning and in the evening (see Dt 6: 4-9; 11: 13-21; Nm 15: 37-41): the proclamation of the integral and total love due to God, as the only Lord. Emphasis is placed on the totality of this dedication to God, listing the three faculties that define man in his deep psychological structures: heart, soul and mind. The word mind, *diánoia*, contains the rational element. God is not only the object of love, commitment, will and sentiment, but also of the intellect, which should not be excluded from this milieu.

Jesus immediately adds something that the doctor of law did not actually ask: “And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself” (Mt 22:39). By declaring that the second commandment is similar to the first, Jesus implies that loving your neighbour is as important as loving God. In fact, a visible sign that the Christian can show the world in order to witness to God’s love is love for our brothers and sisters.

The Gospel makes clear that being disciples of Christ means practicing his teachings, which can be summarized in the first and greatest commandment of the divine law, the commandment of love. Even the First Reading, taken from the Book of Exodus, insists on the duty of love; a love witnessed concretely in relationships between persons, which must be relationships of respect, collaboration, generous help. The neighbour to be loved is the stranger, the orphan, the widow and the needy, in other words, those citizens who have no “defender”. The holy author goes into details, as in the case of the object pawned by one of these poor persons (see Ex 22: 25-26). In this case God himself is the one to vouch for the neighbour’s position.

In the Second Reading, we can find a concrete application of the supreme commandment of love in one of the first Christian communities. Weaknesses and difficulties are not lacking in this recently founded community, but it is love that surpasses all, renews all, conquers all: the love of those who, knowing their own limits, docilely follow the words of Christ, the divine Teacher, passed down through one of his faithful disciples. “You, in turn, became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit”, the Apostle wrote. He continued: “For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere” (1 Thess 1: 6, 8). The lesson that we can draw from the Thessalonians’ experience, an experience that is truly common in every authentic Christian community, is that neighbourly love is born from docile listening to the divine Word. It is a love that will even withstand difficult trials for the truth of the divine Word, and in this way true love grows and truth shines in all its splendour. How important it is to listen to the Word and incarnate it in personal and community life! *From Homilies by Pope Benedict XVI; 2005, 2011*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,781.65; (Envelopes: \$2,312.25; E-Transfers: \$70.00; Loose: \$98.40; Visitors: \$90.00; Building Fund: \$60.00; World Mission: \$101.00; Christmas Flowers: \$20.00; Christmas Offering: \$30.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./82; 10:30 a.m./97]

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.

SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDY: Open to all. The next 6-week session will be from **Tuesday, November 7** to Tuesday, December 19, 7-8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall, led by John Morris, Ph.D. (613 729-6647) and Fr. John Burchat. We're following the book entitled, **The Gospel of Mark** (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by *Mary Healy*) Books for this study are available at \$20 each. Having a book is not mandatory. Please bring a recent translation of the Holy Bible. This group requires no ongoing commitment.

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 Greg or Mary 613-756-6643

FAITH FORMATION DAY: *"I want More: Going Deeper in Faith"* is open to all, and will be **held on Saturday, November 4** at the Most Holy Name of Jesus ANNEX, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Guest speakers: Pierre- Alain Giffard, Father Michael Smith, and Greg and Mary Doyle. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please inform us if you have any food allergies. There is no registration fee, but registration is necessary. To register, or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 **by November 2.** dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com

CWL TICKET DONATION - Members and parishioners are invited to consider making a monetary donation towards prizes for our fundraiser, the "Pot O'Gold" raffle. Please place your donation in an envelope marked **CWL – ticket donation** before **Oct. 31st**.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held for **all deceased CWL members** of St. Lawrence O'Toole council on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, with special tributes to Leona Etmanskie, Norine Helferty, Eva Kulas, Margaret Peplinskie and Constance Chippure. Everyone is welcome.