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✠ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 6, 2024

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: On October 7th, the Catholic Church celebrates a memorial liturgy in honor of Mary as Our Lady of the Rosary. October has also been traditionally known as the month of the Rosary.

The liturgical Memorial of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary moves us to rediscover this traditional prayer, which is so simple yet so profound. The rosary is a contemplative view of the face of Christ carried out, so to speak, through Mary's eyes. Therefore, it is a prayer that is at the very heart of the Gospel. It is necessary that the Church "go into the deep" of the new millennium beginning with the contemplation of the face of Christ. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the rosary to individuals, to families and to Christian communities. To give force to this request, which will help to rediscover the beauty and depth of this prayer. ~ St. John Paul II, Angelus Address, 2002

The Rosary will be led by the Catholic Women's League before each Sunday Mass.

LIFE CHAIN 2024: A peaceful, prayerful witness on Sunday, October 6th 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!

Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

October 7 – 12

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i>) + Ruth Coulas by <i>Lambert & Alicia Coulas</i> Intentions of Lorraine Leddy by <i>Robert & Monica Radey</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+ Ambrose Recoskie by <i>Family</i>

+ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 13, 2024

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Sylvester Prince by <i>Arlene Kubesheskie & Family</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	October 12	October 13
Readings	<i>Martin Yakabuski</i>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffries</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Paul Rivette-Carnac</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: *Ken Hudder; Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially, *Bernice Peplinski, Agnes Chippior, Sr. Marjorie Fitzpatrick, Fr. Norbert Cybulski, Fr. Joseph Hattie, O.M.I.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday - St. Denis, bishop & Companions, martyrs and St. John Leonardi, priest
Friday - St. John XXIII, pope

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.

From the Beginning . . . the Two Shall Become One

From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; October 7, 2018

This Sunday's Gospel reading (cf. Mk 10:2-16) offers us Jesus' words on marriage. The passage opens with the provocation of the Pharisees who ask Jesus if it is "lawful for a man to divorce his wife", as the Law of Moses provides (cf. vv. 2-4). Jesus firstly, with the wisdom and authority that come to him from the Father, puts the Mosaic prescription into perspective, saying: "For your hardness of heart he" — that is, the ancient legislator — "wrote you this commandment" (v. 5). Thus, it is a concession that is needed to mend the flaws created by our selfishness, but it does not correspond to the Creator's original intention.

And here, Jesus again takes up the Book of Genesis: "from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female'. 'For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one'" (vv. 6-8). And he concludes: "What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder" (v. 9). In the Creator's original plan, it is not that a man marries a woman and, if things do not go well, he repudiates her. No. Rather, the man and the woman are called to recognize each other, to complete each other, to help each other in marriage.

This teaching of Jesus is very clear and defends the dignity of marriage as a union of love which implies fidelity. What allows the spouses to remain united in marriage is a love of mutual giving supported by Christ's grace. However, if in the spouses, individual interests, one's own satisfaction prevails, then their union cannot endure.

And the Gospel passage itself reminds us, with great realism, that man and woman, called to experience a relationship of love, may regretfully behave in a way that places it in crisis. Jesus does not admit all that can lead to the failure of the relationship. He does so in order to confirm God's plan, in which the power and beauty of the human relationship emerge. The Church, on the one hand, does not tire of confirming the beauty of the family as it was consigned to us by Scripture and by Tradition; at the same time, she strives to make her maternal closeness tangibly felt by those who experience relationships that are broken or that continue in a difficult and trying way.

God's way of acting with his unfaithful people — that is, with us — teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness. For this reason, in these situations, the Church is not asked to express immediately and only condemnation. On the contrary, before so many painful marital failures, she feels called to show love, charity and mercy, in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.

Let us invoke the Virgin Mary, that she helps married couples to always live and renew their union, beginning with God's original Gift.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$3,013.05 (Envelopes: \$1,827.00; Loose: \$250.05; Visitors: \$5.00; E-transfers: \$765.00; Building Fund: \$5.00; Need of the Canadian Church: \$161.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./87; 10:30 a.m./92]

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Please notify the parish office for a pastoral visit and monthly reception of Holy Communion on or near First Fridays when you are no longer able to attend Sunday Mass.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

BIBLE STUDY: Gospel readings on Sundays this year are mostly from the Gospel of Mark. St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish is offering a Catholic Bible study on Wednesdays at 7-8:45 p.m., beginning September 18 in the hall. For details contact John Morris, 613-729-6647. If you're reading this, this group is open to you.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: date changed to Fridays at 9:45a.m. - following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish as we continue to pray together for the sanctity of life, marriage and family.

OUR LADY OF SEAT OF WISDOM: Come and Celebrate the **25th Anniversary** and the 4th year degree granting status of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College on Sat. Oct. 19th, in Barry's Bay! Dinner, speaker, and dancing. For more information and to register go to: <https://www.seatofwisdom.ca> If you can't attend and would like to donate to the college for this special occasion, go to the same site.

CWL TICKET DONATION - Members and parishioners are invited to consider making a monetary donation towards prizes for our fundraiser, the "Pot O'Gold" raffle. Any amount is appreciated. Please place your donation in an envelope marked **CWL – ticket donation** and drop off in the collection basket or Maureen at the church office or give to Maxine Smaglinski (756-0194) before **October 27th**. If you are donating \$100 or more and wish to be recognized on the ticket, please make note of that along with your donation. Thank you.