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✠ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 13, 2024

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME: to all family, relatives and friends who have come "home" for this Thanksgiving Weekend!

THANKS BE TO GOD! Do you and your family say "Grace" before meals? Thanksgiving Weekend provides a wonderful opportunity to be renewed in practice of saying a short prayer of blessing and thankfulness before every meal.

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

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION: Here is a simple Act of Thanksgiving that can provide a pattern of prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

Lord Jesus, I thank you for giving Yourself to me in Holy Communion.

I offer You all that I am and have.

With the grace of this Sacrament, help me to love others as You have loved me.

Please help me in all my needs and help all those whose needs I hold dear in my heart.

IN GOD, GIVE THANKS !

Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

October 14 – 19

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i>) + Al Smaglinski by <i>Gilbert Chapeskie & Rita McGuire</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+ Stanley Zilney by <i>Peter Yantha</i> + Gerard Burchat by <i>Keith Jeffrey</i>

+ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 20, 2024

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	In Gratitude of 50 years of marriage by <i>David & Carmel Rumleskie</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	October 19	October 20
Readings	<i>John Morris</i>	<i>Joanne Olsen</i>
Communion	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filon</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</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: *Ken Hudder; Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially, *Bernice Peplinski, Agnes Chippior, Sr. Marjorie Fitzpatrick, Fr. Norbert Cybulski.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. Callistus I, pope, martyr
Tuesday	- St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor
Wednesday	- St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville, religious
Thursday	- St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
Friday	- St. Luke, evangelist
Saturday	- St. Paul of the Cross, priest

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

ON THANKSGIVING: Christianity and Judaism are unique among all religions in their emphasis on thanksgiving. We believe in a God Who has truly entered into human history. This holiday also presents Catholics with a unique opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the gift of the Eucharist. One meaning of Eucharist is to ‘give thanks.’ So when this special day of ‘Thanksgiving’ comes around, suddenly without even trying, we start counting all the things we are thankful for. While we again celebrate our thankfulness as individuals, families, and as a country, we should recognize that we celebrate Thanksgiving every Sunday throughout the year.

We also have the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving every day as Catholics. And what is it we are thankful for? It is that the Lord in His Love has both created and redeemed us. What greater gift is there than the gift of life, and His Life in Jesus Christ His Son? We give Him thanks for His mighty deeds in the Eucharist especially. In each Eucharistic thanksgiving we give thanks not just for natural blessings, but for the fact that God supernaturally enters our lives.

Another traditional element of Thanksgiving that lends itself easily to a Eucharistic focus is the gathering of friends and family. In particular, while the Eucharist is both a Sacrament and a Sacrifice: as a Sacrament it is received as the soul’s nourishment; as a Sacrifice it is offered to God for the needs of the world. It is the communal element of the Eucharist is comparable to a family gathering and a shared meal.

It is especially important that we realize Christ’s real presence in other people. At Mass, we are the Body of Christ and all the angels and saints are present. When we celebrate the Eucharist together it is meant to bring us into deeper communion with the whole Church. When we receive communion, we make a public statement of unity in faith.

IMAGES OF HEAVEN - CONTEMPLATING DIVINE BEAUTY (1): Eternal happiness, sometimes called beatitude, is the capacity to see the divine goodness and beauty. This is also called the beatific vision, a seeing God “face to face”.

To say "see face to face" means to have a direct, personal encounter with someone, without any barriers. It implies full transparency and intimacy in the interaction, often suggesting a deeper understanding and connection.

Seeing God "face to face" signifies experiencing the divine presence in a direct, personal, and intimate way. In the Bible, it's often associated with ultimate spiritual communion and enlightenment. Moses is said to have spoken to God "face to face," indicating a special, close relationship.

The capacity to “see”, a supernatural gift of God, is called the *lumen gloriae* or “light of glory.” This gift enables the blessed souls in heaven to see God directly and intuitively. This divine light elevates and strengthens the intellect, allowing it to behold the essence of God, which is otherwise beyond human capacity.

The degree to which a soul can perceive God through the *lumen gloriae* depends on its perfection in charity, meaning the grace, love, and friendship of God.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,847.00 (Envelopes: \$2,562.00; Loose: \$95.00; Visitors: \$30.00; E-transfers: \$40.00; Building Fund: \$100.00; World Mission: \$20.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./90; 10:30 a.m./77]

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025: will soon be issued. Please contact the parish office to obtain your box! If you use e-transfer, you are still issued a box which contains special collection envelopes authorized by the diocese.

Make your financial gift in support of our parish count. Use church envelopes for a secure and personalized contribution. **YOUR SUPPORT, OUR COMMUNITY.**

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. For details contact John Morris, 613-729- 6647.

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.

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY (WEEKEND): in Canada is a national statutory holiday celebrated on the second Monday in October since 1957. Its origins are rooted in ancient forms of celebrating the harvest and giving thanks for a plentiful crop. It is a natural form of festivity imbued with religious gratitude. It has become a day for people to express gratitude to one another and to God for the good things in their lives, including family, friends, and other blessings.