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✠ Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy ✠

April 27, 2025

DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS: our church bells tolled 88 times (his age) this past Monday to honour Pope Francis following his death on Easter Monday, April 21: 12 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole, 3 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs, 6 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales.

There is surely no better time to die than at the very beginning of the Easter season. Just when one has prepared oneself to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, one is called home by God, to begin the journey which will end in living that same joy.

Pope Francis will be first and foremost be remembered for his **humility, mercy and sense of justice**, and as a pope who sought to promote the Church's role as a faithful servant to the poor, the marginalized, those on the periphery of the church, and protector of creation.

BISHOP BREHL'S EASTER MESSAGE & ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS: copies are on the entrance tables.

Bishop Brehl also invites the faithful, religious and clergy of the Diocese to a Mass of the Dead for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis to be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille, Pembroke, on Monday, April 28 at 5:00 p.m.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE -- OUR LADY OF COMBERMERE (Madonna House) in Combermere is the designated place of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Indulgence **on Saturday, May 31**, the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 2:50 p.m. Confessions will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day will end with the praying of the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady of Combermere at 3 p.m., followed by tea. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit the Diocese of Pembroke website.

Second Week of Easter

April 28 – May 3

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. John Burchat (May 1, Anniversary Ordination)
by *David & Mary Yantha*

First Friday 9:00 a.m. + Thersa Yantha by *Joseph Kuiack*
Intentions of the Starflowers Prayer Initiative

+ Third Sunday of Easter +

May 4, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Brad Parisien by *Wayne & Dominique Bleskie*

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

May 3

Jane Beahen

Neil O'Reilly

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

May 4

Judy Fillion

Terry Recoskie

John Jeffrey

Jamie Prince

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 Pope Francis, who has fallen asleep in the Lord: may the Eternal Shepherd receive him into his kingdom of light and peace.
- for the cardinals as they enter the conclave: that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their deliberations and seek to make their decision in accordance with the will of God.
- for the one who will be elected Pope: that God should give him the grace to bear the heavy burden of the Papacy and guide and serve the Church according to God's will.
- that we may stand firm in faith and serve as jubilant heralds of the everlasting message of Divine Mercy and New Life bestowed upon us by Jesus our Risen Redeemer.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: Pope Francis, Mayor Mark Willmer, Carmel Yantha, Gerard Reynolds, Ernie Dudack.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. Peter Chanel, priest, martyr & St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest
Tuesday	- St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
Wednesday	- St. Marie de L'Incarnation, religious
Thursday	- St. Joseph the Worker and St. Pius V, pope
Friday	- St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Saturday	- St. Philip and St. James, apostles

THINKING ABOUT HEAVEN AT EASTERTIME: When Saint Augustine preaches on Psalm 148, a great psalm of praise, he says that Lent reflects our life here on earth, but Easter anticipates our life in heaven. What will we be doing in heaven? Praising God. That's why the Church sings out Alleluia, praise the Lord, endlessly in the Easter season. Easter is full of praise for God.

C.S. Lewis once likened praise to "inner health made audible." Praise lets others know what good you have focused on. Don't you want to tell someone else about a great experience that you recently enjoyed? What if the great experience is precisely about what someone else did for you and with you? The act of thankful praise completes our enjoyment. Those who have a robust soul praise most; they can praise even small goods because they recognize them as good. Their souls are healthy. Those who have a weak soul praise least; they nitpick and criticize even great persons and wonderfully good things. Their souls are sickly.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. This is not a little matter; it changes everything. His resurrection inaugurates the new heavens and the new earth. During this life on earth, we don't see our Master; he is hidden. At last, in heaven, when he appears to us, "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). In this beatific vision of God, we will never tire of loving praise, as we will be fully alive. Our fulfillment, our rest, will be in an overflow of love and praise for the one who has loved and praised us. During this Easter season, treat your soul to think deeply about heavenly praise. Alleluia!

~ by Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P.

BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin) on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. These evenings are led by John Morris.

POPE FRANCIS ON DIVINE MERCY:

- "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."
- "Mercy is the true power that can save humanity and the world from sin and evil."
- "The Church does not exist to condemn people but to bring about an encounter with the visceral love of God's mercy."
- "A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$8,445.20 (Envelopes: \$1,557.00; Loose: \$322.20; E-transfers: \$190.00; Visitors: \$20.00; Easter Offering: \$2,195.00; Good Friday: \$3,676.00; Donation: \$300.00; Building Fund: \$185.00). *Thank you for your generous financial contributions to our church as a place of Christian worship, education, mission and outreach.*

THANK YOU: I extend my appreciation and gratitude to everyone who worked hard and gave of their time, talent, and personal gifts in making our parish celebrations of the Paschal Triduum a fitting and beautiful expression of worship and faith in our Risen Lord

I especially thank those who donated offerings to beautify the Church; those who contributed time and energy, and assisted us in our Easter liturgies: Choirs, Organists, Cantors, Communion Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, Decorators, Sacristans, and all who helped co-ordinate the different liturgies over Easter.

Of course, our many efforts were accompanied by many prayers so that they would be made with patience and love! Thank you and may the Lord Jesus bless you for your generosity.

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

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR is being offered by the Spirit of the Living God Prayer Group. This is a 7-week commitment (Thursdays, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., from May 15-June 26) to more fully understand how the Holy Spirit works in our lives in order for us to grow closer to God and to bring God's mercy & love to others. To register ahead or for more information, call Pierre-Paul or Judy Filion 613-602-6580.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: will take place in our parish this fall. If you have a child who is presently 11 years of age or older, they can begin preparation to receive this Sacrament. Please speak to Fr. John Burchat for further information.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: Fridays at 9:45 a.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.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE MONTHLY FAMILY POTLUCK AND ROSARY: Join us as we gather as families for a potluck and to pray the rosary monthly. Open to all young families. We meet monthly on the 4th Saturday in the parish hall at 5:15-7:00 pm. Please be in touch with Caitlin Rivett-Carnac, if you are interested and to be placed on the email list. Email: caitlinrivettcarnac@gmail.com