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✠ **Sixth Sunday of Easter** ✠

May 25, 2025

NOVENA FOR PENTECOST: To fruitfully celebrate the feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, on the Church, prepare with 9 days of prayer beginning this coming Friday. This Novena enters into the Mystery of the event that occurred in the Upper Room with Twelve Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary when they prayed for nine days until the Holy Spirit descended on the Feast of the Pentecost. In the New Testament, this biblical event is often quoted from Acts of the Apostles, 1:12 – 2:5. The following traditional prayer is recommended:

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R./And You shall renew the face of the earth.

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

*Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid*

Sixth Week of Easter

May 26 – May 31

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+ Fr. Norbert Cybulski <i>by Larry Serran</i> Intentions of Jack & Violet Arsenault <i>by Family</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+ Barbara Kuiack <i>by Gordie Kuiack</i>

+ The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord +

June 1, 2025

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Young & August Families <i>by Gerald & Gail August</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	May 31	June 1
Readings	<i>Karen Yakabuski</i>	<i>Judy Filion</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Jason 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: *Ben Burchat, Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Albert Cybulski, Pope Francis.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. Philip Neri, priest
Tuesday	- St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
Thursday	- St. Paul VI, pope
Saturday	- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL presents a passage of the discourse that Jesus addressed to the Apostles at the Last Supper (cf. Jn 14:23-29). He speaks about the work of the Holy Spirit and makes a promise: “the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (v. 26). As the moment of the Cross approaches, Jesus reassures the Apostles that they will not be alone: the Holy Spirit will always be with them, the Paraclete, who will support them in the mission to deliver the Gospel throughout the world. In the original Greek language, the term “Paraclete” means the One who positions himself alongside, to support and comfort. Jesus returns to the Father, but continues to teach and inspire his disciples through the action of the Holy Spirit.

In what does the Holy Spirit's mission, which Jesus promises as a gift, consist? He describes it himself: “he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you”. Throughout his earthly life, Jesus already passed on all that he wanted to entrust to the Apostles: he fulfilled divine Revelation, namely, all that the Father wanted to impart to mankind with the incarnation of the Son. The Holy Spirit's task is to remind, that is, to enable full understanding and to induce us to concretely implement Jesus' teachings. And this is also precisely the mission of the Church, which she accomplishes through a precise way of life, characterized by a few requirements: faith in the Lord and observance of his Word; docility to the action of the Holy Spirit, who constantly renders the Risen Lord alive and present; acceptance of his peace and the witness borne to it through an attitude of openness and of encounter with the other.

To accomplish all of this the Church cannot remain static but, with the active participation of each baptized person, she is called to act as a community on a journey, enlivened and sustained by the light and power of the Holy Spirit who makes all things new. It is a matter of freeing oneself from worldly bonds represented by our views, our strategies, our objectives that often burden the journey of faith, and to place ourselves in docile listening to the Word of the Lord. Thus, it is God's Spirit who guides us and guides the Church, so that her authentic, beautiful and luminous face may shine, as Christ wished.

Today the Lord invites us to open our heart to the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that he may guide us on the paths of history. Day by day, he teaches us the logic of the Gospel, the logic of welcoming love, by ‘teaching us all things’ and reminding us ‘of all the Lord has said to us’. ~ *Pope Francis; May 26, 2019*

JUSTICE & PEACE: Far from diminishing our concern to develop this earth, the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come. That is why, although we must be careful to distinguish earthly progress clearly from the increase of the kingdom of Christ, such progress is of vital concern to the kingdom of God, insofar as it can contribute to the better ordering of human society. ~ *Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,635.25 (Envelopes: \$2,092.00; Loose: \$243.25; E-transfers: \$40.00; Visitors: \$75.00; Easter Offering: \$15.00; Pope's Pastoral Works: \$50.00; Building Fund: \$110.00; Special Northern Mission: \$10.00).

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.

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

COFFEE SOCIAL will take place downstairs in the parish hall on Sunday, June 8th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come & enjoy a hot drink while catching up with old & new friends.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: Every Thursday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for about one hour. Animator-Moderator: Lois LoSole; Pastoral Resource: Fr. Wilfred Lenius. Purpose: to prayerfully reflect upon the meaning of the Gospel for the coming Sunday. This is not a bible study group as questions of biblical interpretation will be secondary. **Each session is stand alone so come whenever you can!**

RENFREW COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE meets three times a year to plan events and discuss current pro-life issues. Anyone who shares our views and goals is welcome to participate in our meetings. Our next meeting is on Monday June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 570 Melton Street, Pembroke. Please use the back door (closest to the parking lot). Hope to see you there!

**Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.**

**Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.**

**Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.**

**Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.**

**Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.**

(St. Augustine)