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✠ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 5, 2025

SUNDAY SOCIAL: TODAY, Sunday, October 5, there will be a coffee social in the church hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come downstairs for a hot drink and to chat with fellow parishioners.

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 on the table at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary near the vigil stand. Let us adorn our church and place of worship with our offerings for the poor.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE: St. Mary's Church in Wilno is the designated church for the Jubilee Indulgence on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**. Mass will be offered at 11:00 a.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day, concluding with Rosary at 3:30 p.m. and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. Confessions will be available from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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 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.

Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

October 6 – October 11

Tuesday (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
9:00 a.m. + Cathy Serran by +Greg Sullivan & Family
Friday 9:00 a.m. + Stanley Zilney by Michael & Debbie Palubeskie
+ Rev. Mervin Coulas by All Choir Members

+ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 12, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Greg Sullivan by Bruce & Karen Sullivan
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	October 11	October 12
Readings	Lorraine Flynn	Paul Rivett-Carnac
Communion	Leona Chapeskie	Ursula Jeffrey
Offertory	Bruce Sullivan	John Jeffrey
	Richard Luckasavitch	Jason Dombroskie

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Jean-Paul Patenaude, Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Shaun O'Malley, Bailey Susan Kububesheskie, Kenny Kedroskie, John Hildebrandt.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Bruno, priest & Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin
Tuesday - Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday - St. Denis, bishop & Companions, martyrs & St. John Leonardi, priest
Saturday - St. John XXIII, pope

SUNDAY MASSES FOR OUR FAMILY OF 3 CHURCHES:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay
Saturday 6:00 p.m. @ St. Francis de Sales, Latchford Bridge
Sunday 9:00 a.m. @ Holy Canadian Martyrs, Combermere
Sunday 10:30 a.m. @ St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay

Fr. John celebrates four weekend Sunday Masses. Sunday envelopes are always credited to the correct parish.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS speak to us of faith, which is the foundation of the whole of Christian life. Jesus taught his disciples to grow in faith, to believe and to entrust themselves increasingly to him, in order to build their own lives on the rock. For this reason they asked him "increase our faith!" (Lk 17: 5). What they asked the Lord for is beautiful, it is the fundamental request: disciples do not ask for material gifts, they do not ask for privileges but for the grace of faith, which guides and illumines the whole of life; they ask for the grace to recognize God and to be in a close relationship with him, receiving from him all his gifts, even those of courage, love and hope. Jesus, without directly answering their prayer, has recourse to a paradoxical image to express the incredible vitality of faith. Just as a lever raises something far heavier than its own weight, so faith, even a crumb of faith, can do unthinkable, extraordinary things, such as uproot a great tree and plant it in the sea (*ibid.*). Faith trusting in Christ, welcoming him, letting him transform us, following him to the very end makes humanly impossible things possible in every situation.

The Prophet Habbakuk also bears witness to this in the First Reading. He implores the Lord, starting with a dreadful situation of violence, iniquity and oppression. And even in this difficult, insecure situation, the Prophet introduces a vision that offers an inside view of the plan that God is outlining and bringing to fulfilment in history: The godless person, the one who does not behave in accordance with God, who trusts in his own power but is relying on a frail and inconsistent reality that will therefore give way, is destined to fall; the righteous person, on the other hand, trusts in a hidden but sound reality, he trusts in God and for this reason will have life.

The second part of today's Gospel presents another teaching, a teaching of humility that is nevertheless closely linked to faith. Jesus invites us to be humble and suggests the example of a servant who has worked in the fields. When he returns home, the master asks him to go on working. According to the mentality of Jesus' time the master had every right to do this. The servant owed his master total availability. Jesus makes us aware that, before God, we are in a similar situation: we are God's servants, we are not his creditors but are always indebted to him, because we owe him everything since everything is a gift from him. Accepting and doing his will is the approach to have every day, at every moment of our life. Before God we must never present ourselves as if we believe we have done a service and deserve a great reward. This is an illusion that can be born in everyone, even in people who work very hard in the Lord's service, in the Church. Rather, we must be aware that in reality we never do enough for God. We must say, as Jesus' suggests: "we are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty" (Lk 17: 10). This is an attitude of humility that really puts us in our place and permits the Lord to be very generous to us. In fact, in another Gospel passage, he promises people that "he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them" (see Lk 12: 37). Dear friends, if we do God's will today with humility, without claiming anything from him, it will be Jesus himself who serves us, who helps us, who encourages us, who gives us strength and serenity. ~ Pope Benedict, October 3, 2010

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.

LAST WEEK’S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$3,477.65 (Envelopes: \$2,917.00; Loose: \$210.65; Visitors: \$80.00;
E-transfer: \$120.00; Needs of the Canadian Church: \$150.00).

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 31st**. 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.

BIBLE STUDY: The Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin). Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O’Toole Hall. For more information contact John Morris, 613-729-6647.

EVENING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at St. Lawrence O’Toole Parish Hall from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. All are welcome

LIFE CHAIN 2025: A peaceful, prayerful witness TODAY, October 5th 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!

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you,
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus!*