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✠ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 19, 2025

PARISH POLICY ON MASS INTENTIONS: Canon Law (cf. Can. 945–958) permits the faithful to offer stipends for Masses for any intention that is not contrary to Church teaching. This includes general intentions like healing, peace, or unspecified needs.

Private and General Intentions; Confidentiality and Discretion:

The parish welcomes both specific and general Mass intentions *without disclosing personal details regarding the donor or intention*. To request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office. You may specify the name and intention or simply ask for a general or private intention. Intentions need not be explained to the priest (or parish office personnel) unless the requester wishes to share personal details. When the intention is for an Anniversary of Christian Marriage it ought to be specified. All requests are subject to scheduling availability.

Examples:

For the needs of a parishioner/friend/relative

For the intentions of a parishioner/friend/relative

For a parishioner/friend/relative seeking healing and strength

For the private intention of a parishioner/friend/relative

For the spiritual and temporal needs of a parishioner/friend/relative

For a parishioner/friend/relative in need of God's grace and guidance

For the healing of someone in need; For a special intention

For the needs of a family in crisis.

In thanksgiving for favours received.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for the living and the dead, for healing, peace, and every grace. Let us entrust all needs to the mercy of God.

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

Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

October 20 – October 25

Tuesday *(with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions)*
9:00 a.m. + Stanley & Jacqueline Luckasavitch by *David & Julia Cannon*
Friday 9:00 a.m. + Deceased Family Members of Brioux & Radey
by *Robert & Monica Radey*

+ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 26, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Greg & Teresa Sullivan by *David & Mary Yantha*
+ Andrew “Della” Dombroskie by *Julie & Shirley Dombroskie*
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	October 25	October 26
Readings	<i>Karen Yakabuski</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Communion	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</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: *Jean-Paul Patenaude, Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Edna Coulas, Shirley Towns, Shaun O'Malley, Bailey Susan Kubuskeskie.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Hewig, religious & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin
Wednesday - St. John Paul II, pope
Thursday - St. John of Capistrano, priest
Friday - St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

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.

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.

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE: In meditating on the biblical Readings for this Sunday, I was struck by the fact that today the main theme of the Word of God is prayer; indeed, we “ought always to pray and not lose heart”, as the Gospel says (see Lk 18: 1). At first sight, this might seem a message not particularly relevant, unrealistic, not very incisive with regard to a social reality with so many problems. But, if we think about it, we understand that this Word contains a message that certainly goes against the tide and yet is destined to illuminate in depth the conscience of the Church. I would sum it up like this: the power that changes the world and transforms it into the Kingdom of God, in silence and without fanfare, is faith - and prayer is the expression of faith. When faith is filled with love for God, recognized as a good and just Father, prayer becomes persevering, insistent, it becomes a groan of the spirit, a cry of the soul that penetrates God's Heart. Thus, prayer becomes the greatest transforming power in the world. In the face of a difficult and complex social reality, it is essential to strengthen hope which is based on faith and expressed in unflagging prayer. It is prayer that keeps the torch of faith alight. Jesus asks, as we heard at the end of the Gospel: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (Lk 18: 8). It is a question that makes us think. What will be our answer to this disturbing question? Today, let us repeat together with humble courage: Lord, in coming among us at this Sunday celebration you find us gathered together with the lamp of faith lit. We believe and trust in you! Increase our faith!

The widow of the Gospel (see Lk 18: 1-8) makes us think of the “little”, the lowliest, but also of so many simple, upright people who suffer because of abuse, who feel powerless in the face of the perduring social malaise and are tempted to despair. To them Jesus repeats: look at this poor widow, with what tenacity does she insist and in the end succeeds in being heard by a dishonest judge! How could you imagine that your Heavenly Father, who is good and faithful and powerful, who desires only his children's good, would not do justice to you in his own time? Faith assures us that God hears our prayers and grants them at the appropriate moment, although our daily experience seems to deny this certainty. In fact, in the face of certain events in the news or of life's numerous daily hardships which the press does not even mention, the supplication of the ancient Prophet: “O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you, “Violence!” and you will not save?” (Heb 1: 2) wells up in the heart spontaneously. There is one answer to this heartfelt invocation: God cannot change things without our conversion, and our true conversion begins with the “cry” of the soul imploring forgiveness and salvation. Christian prayer is not, therefore, an expression of fatalism or inertia; on the contrary, it is the opposite of evasion from reality, from consoling intimism. It is the force of hope, the maximum expression of faith in the power of God who is Love and does not abandon us. The prayer Jesus taught us culminated in Gethsemane. It is both the struggle and weapon of the lowly and the poor in spirit, who reject every type of violence. Indeed, they respond to it with evangelical non-violence, thereby testifying that the truth of Love is stronger than hatred and death. ~ *Pope Benedict; October 21, 2007*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,816.00 (Envelopes: \$1,959.00; Loose: \$264.00; Visitors: \$110.00;
E-transfer: \$90.00; World Mission: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$383.00).

CWL “Pot O’Gold” Raffle – Ticket Donations. Please consider a monetary donation toward raffle prizes. Any amount helps! Drop off by **Oct. 31** in an envelope marked **CWL – Ticket Donation**: In the collection basket; At the church office ; To Maxine Smaglinski (756-0194) Donations of **\$100+** may be recognized on the ticket—include a note if interested. **Thank you!**

THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES are available at the back of the church. Please take & fill your showbox according to instructions in the Pamphlet. Please return shoeboxes to the back of the church entrance by November 16th. Thank you.

FIRST THURSDAY HOLY HOURS TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: November 6th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence O’Toole Parish, Barry’s Bay. The Holy Hour will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Music, a reflection by Fr. Scott Murray, a Rosary for vocations, & time for silent prayer. These Holy Hours are open to everyone, not just those considering a priestly vocation.

BISHOP’S MASS WITH YOUTH OF THE DIOCESE: Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville. All youth & friends of our youth are invited to attend the joyous occasion where Bishop Michael will celebrate the canonizations of St. Carlo (the patron saint for our diocesan youth nights) & St. Frassati (the patron saint of our young adult ministries within the diocese), as well as the growing movement of youth & youth related activities in our diocese. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. Please contact Patrick Sullivan at family@pembrokedioocese.com for more information or to be added to a group e-mail list. We will see you there!

FELLOWSHIP OF CATHOLIC SCHOLARS 2025 CONFERENCE – Theme: Renewing Catholic Culture in Canada; Location: Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College, Barry's Bay; **Dates:** October 24-25; See bulletin board for details. **RSVP:** Miriam Westen at 613-602-3028 or email: westenmiriam@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION DAY: is Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Annex, Pembroke, concluding with Mass. Open to all, with Bishop Brehl, C.Ss.R. as presenter. Free, but registration is required. Lunch and refreshments provided (please note any food allergies). Register by October 29 by contacting Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613-732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadrienchaput@pembrokedioocese.com.