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✠ Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed ✠

ALL SOULS

November 2, 2025

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. [CCC 1030]

✠ REQUIESCAT IN PACE ~ Rest in Peace ✠

As we remember our faithful departed, let us especially remember those with funeral rites that took place in our parishes since November 1, 2024:

Helen Jean Shulist

Bradley Parisien

Richard Dombroskie

Marie Ann Landon

Barbara Kuiack

Clifford Chapeslie

John Hildebrandt

Shaun O'Malley

Raymond Dombroskie

Veronica O'Reilly

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is at the front of the church. You are invited to enter the names of deceased loved ones to be prayed for at our Masses this month. The **Offering of Masses** for the faithful departed and Holy Souls are good and holy acts. It is especially meritorious to **visit a cemetery** and pray the prayer:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,

Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FIRST THURSDAY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: with Exposition on November 6th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Barry's Bay. With a reflection by Fr. Scott Murray, a Rosary for vocations, and time for silent prayer. These Holy Hours are open to everyone, not just those considering a priestly vocation. For more information and details please visit Pembroke Vocations.

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

November 3 – November 8

Tuesday (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
9:00 a.m. + Jerome “Jerry” Green by *Diane Green*
Thursday **6:30 p.m.** ***First Thursday Prayer for Vocations with Exposition***
Friday 9:00 a.m. + Carl Leddy by *Robert & Monica Radey*

+ Dedication of the Lateran Basilica +

November 9, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Deceased CWL Members & Spiritual Advisors
by *Catholic Women’s League*

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

Liturgical Appointments	November 8	November 9
Readings	<i>John Morris</i>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Leona Chapeskie</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>Paul Rivett-Carnac</i>
	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Greg Kelly</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:

- that the peoples of our country, legislators and healthcare practitioners would choose life and not death regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion.
- 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*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Martin de Porres, religious
Tuesday - St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE - Mass for the Deceased Members & Spiritual Advisors on Saturday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m. **Memorial Service** for the deceased members on Tuesday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall with special tributes to Mary Margaret Kelly, Marie Landon, Barbara Kuiack, Veronica O'Reilly and Fr. Mervin Coulas. Everyone is welcome.

YESTERDAY THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS brought us to contemplate “your holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother” (*Preface, All Saints*). Today, with our heart still turned toward this ultimate reality, we commemorate all of the faithful departed, who have “gone before us marked with the sign of faith and... who sleep in Christ” (*Eucharistic Prayer I*). It is very important that we Christians live a relationship of the truth of the faith with the deceased and that we view death and the afterlife in the light of Revelation. Already the Apostle Paul, writing to the first communities, exhorted the faithful to “not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since”, he wrote, “we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep” (1 Thes 4: 13-14). Today too, it is necessary to evangelize about the reality of death and eternal life, realities particularly subject to superstitious beliefs and syncretisms, so that the Christian truth does not risk mixing itself with myths of various types.

In my Encyclical on Christian hope, I questioned myself about the mystery of eternal life (see *Spe salvi*, nos. 10-12). I asked myself: “Is the Christian faith a hope that transforms and sustains the lives of people still today?” (see *ibid.*, no. 10). And more radically: “Do men and women of our time still long for eternal life? Or has earthly existence perhaps become their only horizon?” In reality, as St Augustine had already observed, all of us want a “blessed life”, happiness. We rarely know what it is like or how it will be, but we feel attracted to it. This is a universal hope, common to men and women of all times and all places. The expression “eternal life” aims to give a name to this irrepressible longing; it is not an unending succession of days, but an immersion of oneself in the ocean of infinite love, in which time, before and after, no longer exists. A fullness of life and of joy: it is this that we hope and await from our being with Christ (see *ibid.*, no. 12).

Today we renew the hope in eternal life, truly founded on Christ’s death and Resurrection. “I am risen and I am with you always”, the Lord tells us, and my hand supports you. Wherever you may fall, you will fall into my hands and I will be there even to the gates of death. Where no one can accompany you any longer and where you can take nothing with you, there I will wait for you to transform for you the darkness into light. Christian hope, however, is not solely individual, it is also always a hope for others. Our lives are profoundly linked, one to the other, and the good and the bad that each of us does always effects others too. Hence, the prayer of a pilgrim soul in the world can help another soul that is being purified after death. This is why the Church invites us today to pray for our beloved deceased and to pause at their tombs in the cemeteries. Mary, Star of Hope, renders our faith in eternal life stronger and more authentic, and supports our prayer of suffrage for our deceased brethren. ~ *Pope Benedict, 2 November 2008*

“Let us not forget... that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers, together with Mary, ‘Queen of all Saints,’ asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.” ~ Pope Francis

SUNDAY SOCIAL – A CELEBRATION OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP: Hospitality and fellowship are integral to the vitality of our parish community, and they help us grow in faith. **Next Sunday, November 9**, we invite you to join us for a **Coffee Social** in the church hall following the **10:30 a.m. Mass**. Come downstairs for a hot drink, a warm welcome, and a chance to connect with fellow parishioners. Whether you're new to the parish or a familiar face, your presence helps build the spirit of communion that makes our parish thrive. Let's continue to grow together—in joy, in conversation, and in Christ.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion (7 years of age and up) and Confirmation (11 years of age and up) in our parish is conducted 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. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance to support this journey.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,922.00 (Envelopes: \$2,047.00; Loose: \$292.00; Visitors: \$30.00;
E-transfer: \$300.00; World Mission: \$203.00; Building Fund: \$50.00).

2026 SUNDAY MISSALS: Have arrived and are now available at entrance for \$5 each.

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.

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

SINCERE THANKS: to everyone who contributed to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for the youth of our parishes. To the catechists Caitlin Rivett-Carnac and Fr. John, thank you for your time and commitment in preparing our youth for this important time in their faith journey. To the parents and families, thank you for supporting your youth throughout the preparation process. To Charlene Kluge for donating the beautiful First Communion cake. And to the Catholic Women's League, thank you for providing the St. Benedict Medal Crucifixes, hosting the reception and providing a welcoming space for families to gather and celebrate.