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✠ Dedication of the Lateran Basilica ✠

November 9, 2025

“Omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput”

“Mother and head of all the churches of the city and of the world.”

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. **TODAY, 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.

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 following 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.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Is this Tuesday, November 11th when at 11:00 a.m. we formally observe 2 minutes of silence. ***Lest we forget.***

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

November 10 – November 15

Tuesday (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
9:00 a.m. + Phyllis Bernie by the Dwyer Family

Friday * **Patronal Feast of St. Lawrence O'Toole, bishop** *
9:00 a.m. For all Our Parishioners, Living and Deceased

+ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time +

November 16, 2025

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Clifford Chapeskie by *Leona Chapeskie*
+ Helen Jean Shulist by *Lorie Shulist*

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

Liturgical Appointments	November 15	November 16
Readings	<i>Jane Beahen</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>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:

- that this Remembrance Day, each one of us may cherish more our civil freedom & rights.
- for all who have died in war and during peacekeeping duties.
- for the souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Diane Green, Jean-Paul Patenaude, Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Edward Joseph Yantha, Edna Coulas*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

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| Monday | - St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor |
| Tuesday | - St. Martin of Tours, bishop, <i>Remembrance Day</i> |
| Wednesday | - St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr |
| Friday | - St. Lawrence O'Toole, bishop |
| Saturday | - St. Albert the Great, bishop, pope |

THE LATERAN BASILICA: Whenever the ninth of November falls on a Sunday, many churchgoers are surprised to learn that the regular Mass has been replaced by one for the Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran. Christmas, Easter, even All Souls Day we understand. But John Lateran? Early in the fourth century the persecution of Christians came to a close with the conversion of the emperor Constantine, who granted the followers of Jesus the right to public worship. Constantine offered Pope Sylvester I some property owned by the Lateran family, which became the site of the first Christian Basilica, dedicated on November 9, 324. In time, the church was placed under the patronage of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. The popes lived in a palace adjoining the church which underwent several renovations over the centuries. Even though the popes moved to Avignon, France for a century and eventually to a residence in the Vatican palace, the Lateran Basilica remains the cathedral church of Rome. When we speak of the pope as bishop of Rome, this is his cathedral, not St. Peter's. Since the pope is the shepherd of the universal church, the Lateran Basilica of St. John is the cathedral church of the world. Each year the dedication of this building is celebrated in every Catholic parish in the world on November 9. It proclaims the original freedom of Christians to worship, the dedication of our ancestors to worship, the perseverance of our faith and the universal nature of our community. By commemorating the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, we pass on that faith to new generations. *by Fr. Paul Turner*

THE CHURCH – EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW, EVER BEAUTIFUL: The Lateran embodies the paradox of the Church: **ever ancient in her apostolic foundation, ever new in her Spirit-led renewal, ever beautiful in her sacramental life and eschatological hope.** She is the universal sacrament of salvation (*Lumen Gentium* 48), the communion of saints across heaven, earth, and purgatory (*LG* 49–51), and the Bride adorned for her Bridegroom — radiant with holiness, configured to Christ, and ordered toward glory.

Being so close to our mother the church, we tend to forget this. We only see the wrinkles and the blemishes. Being in the family we know the dark secrets, the bickering, the harsh words, the hasty actions, the worldly entanglements, the sinful compromises and betrayals. So once and a while we need to step back and look at her from the perspective of history, to compare her with the greatest human achievements and admit that there is no more beautiful, noble, responsible, grace-filled collection of people in the history of humanity. But the church's horizon transcends mere humanity. She proceeds from grace to grace as the Body and Bride of Christ. She is enlightened and transformed in her belief in the Incarnation, in the dignity of humanity, in the Pasch of her Savior, and in the victory of Divine Mercy. We need not be ashamed that her holiness is always embodied in her members whose humanity is both beautiful and sinful. In her saints – and that is all of us – she gives witness to the peace of the Kingdom, to a freedom in Christ to love others, and to the joy of being loved by the Father.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,934.00 (Envelopes: \$2,262.00; Loose: \$167.00; Visitors: \$20.00;
E-transfer: \$470.00; Christmas Flowers: \$15.00).

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

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

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.

Advent Dinner: On Sunday, December 7 the Catholic Women's League will be hosting an Advent Turkey Dinner *open to all parishioners*. Tickets are \$30.00 & will be available from Ursula Jeffrey at 613-756-3281 or at the church office on Tuesday's or Friday's.

Operation Christmas Child Showboxes are available at the back of the church. Please take & fill in your showbox according to instructions in the Pamphlet. Please return shoeboxes at the church entrance **by Next Sunday, November 16**. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW'S TURKEY BINGO: Thursday, November 27 in Killaloe at 7:00 p.m.

THE ARCHBASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN: stands not merely as a historic monument, but as a living sign of the Church's visible unity and spiritual maternity. As the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome — the Pope — it holds primacy among all churches, not by human designation alone, but by divine providence and ecclesial constitution.

Above its entrance is inscribed the declaration: *"Mother and head of all the churches of the city and of the world."* Liturgically and historically, the Lateran is dedicated primarily to **Christ the Savior**, with secondary dedications to **St. John the Baptist** and **St. John the Evangelist**. Its façade bears the inscription: **"Christo Salvatori"** — *"To Christ the Savior"*. This affirms that all ecclesial authority — including that of the Roman Pontiff — flows not from human power but from Christ himself, the Head of the Body, the source of grace, and the Lord of history. To behold the Lateran is to behold the mystery of the Church herself: maternal, militant, and majestic — a dwelling place of God among humanity, and a foretaste of the heavenly Jerusalem.