

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2018 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

THE LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Confessions – every weekend: Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. & Sunday 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Baptism Information, Parish Registration, 'The Word Among Us', 'The Kid's Bulletin',

Funeral Preparation Package, Offertory Envelope signup list,

all available at the back of the church.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Each month, our Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention. We are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this monthly intention. Pope Francis' November Intention: In the Service of Peace – That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

PHOTOS TO SHARE?: for the last couple of years, Father Steve has, as a little hobby, assembled a group of photos depicting various parish events for the year. Perhaps you would have a few digital photographs you could share? Photographs should depict parish events during 2018: CWL, K of C, celebration of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School etc. All photos can be sent to parishpriestolspetawawa@gmail.com. Please do not hand in any hard copies (paper copied materials), only those taken with a digital camera or phone. Wherever individuals are depicted, whether children, students or adults, no names will be attached in order to protect privacy.

SUNDAY OFFERING: last weekend totaled \$3,069.00 Thank you for your generosity! We invite all to remember that each year parishioners move away or are called home by God. A regular and faithful financial commitment is needed by all for the future.

FATHER STEVE: is looking for a good quality photo of Father Bradley and Father O'Malley. Would you check your digital files or album? We have been assembling photos of former parish priests in the sacristy for posterity! If you have something to share, please let us know. We already have nice photographs of Fr. Holly (donated by the Gray family) and Father Kennedy (recently donated by the Kennedy family). In this case we will accept printed copies and attempt to copy and edit them for our use.

NET RETREAT (NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM): following great coordination with Yvette Bourque (Office of Family Life & Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Pembroke) and Tony Jacyno (Principal - Our Lady of Sorrows School) we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a daytime retreat for the Grade 7 students of our parish on Tuesday December 11! For further information about the great work of NET please visit: netcanada.ca

CONTRACEPTION AND ARTIFICIAL REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES (ART): A Catholic Perspective: What is the Church's teaching on contraception and artificial reproductive technologies, and why? Is it possible to live out this teaching in today's world? Dr. Rachel Helferty, ND will be giving a presentation that addresses these questions in parishes across the diocese this November. No cost to attend. These presentations are held in honor of the 50th anniversary of Humanae Vitae, an encyclical by Saint Paul VI on human life and dignity.

- Monday, November 26th – St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 29th – St. Michael Parish, Douglas – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Date T.B.A. – Our Lady of Good Counsel, Deep River.

CELEBRATION OF MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Saturday December 8, 2018 St. Columbkille Cathedral. Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:30 a.m. Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Offices of Faith Formation and of Family Life and Youth Ministry of the diocese invite you to this special celebration as we pray for the sanctity of life. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613-732-7933 ext. 206 or atdcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com, Yvette Bourque at 613-732-7933 ext. 208 or at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday	November 27	8:30 a.m.	<i>Deceased family Members – Ambrose Dwyer</i>
Thursday	November 29	8:30 a.m.	<i>Robert Clouthier – Lucy & Jacques Caron</i>
Friday	November 30	8:30 a.m.	<i>Kevin Kinney – Jack & Jane Kinney</i>
Saturday	December 1	5:00 p.m.	<i>Bella Conroy – Christine Rowan</i> <i>Recipients of Our CWL Charitable Donations - CWL</i>
Sunday	December 2	10:00 a.m.	<i>Intention of All Parishioners – Fr. Steve</i>

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Saturday	December 1	Confirmation Class (Parish Centre 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
Sunday	December 9	First Reconciliation (Parish Hall 10:00 a.m.)

CHURCH STATISTICS AND THOUGHTS: the Holy Spirit guides and directs the church and is always refreshing it and renewing it. This means that change, reform and renewal are always built into our life as followers of the Lord. This fact does not cause fear, but excitement for the future! The following information and statistics illustrate some realities worthy of discernment:

- since 1989, when Father Steve was ordained a priest, 49 priests of the Diocese of Pembroke have died. Since 1989, 20 have been ordained to the priesthood. Of that 20, 7 are members of Madonna House, which means that they live within their community and are not parish priests.
- at the present time, 50% of the parishes of the Diocese do not have a resident parish priest.
- there are some parishes of the Diocese that require a subsidy to remain open. They are subsidized by the Chancery Office and receive such assistance at the discretion of the bishop and his advisers. This will no doubt continue for as long as it is reasonable to do so. In this area, one newly built church, could handle the spiritual needs for parishioners from Pembroke to Deep River.
- the celebration of Marriage and Baptism should not be looked upon as frequent occurrences in our parishes. These numbers have also diminished considerably and everywhere. There are many cultural factors that are affecting these realities.
- as mentioned recently we never see approximately 99.5% of school children and teenagers we never see. This number has grown exponentially since the 70's and 80's. A few priests (myself included) have expressed a desire to talk about this, and on many occasions over nearly 30 years, with no success. All Catholic partners need to have a real discussion and an awakening about this reality. This will now be the task for the younger clergy, who have the energy for such an important and monumental task. As more of our beloved seniors move or pass away, the question for all is: who will replace them? Clearly, we cannot keep doing what we have done for these last 40 years and expect a different outcome?
- time and time again, the parish is given the impression that it is solely responsible for the spiritual growth of the young. This is false. Parents must be encouraged and reminded that they are always the first teachers of the faith for their children. The same energy used for hockey and recreation must be seen in faith practice if children are going to form the foundation for a spiritual life. Parents can be assisted but should never be replaced by anyone. A student may have a great slap shot or be a great skater, but at the age of 30, 50, 70, will that be enough to carry them through life? And finally, we have a smaller and aging group of priests. Does one believe that the energy required to attend to all parish matters, on the part of the priests, is limitless?

HOPE IN TRIBULATION

Dr. Scott Hahn (St. Paul Centre for Biblical Theology)

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus, God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth" (see 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 89:27-38).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see Isaiah 55:3-5).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9). As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC. 1, 2018

5:00 pm.	Eucharist Theresa Sabourin	Cup Sandy Giesebrecht Don Proulx	Reader Kreena Burger
10:00 am.	Lorraine Tremblay Jim Hebert	Julie Turcotte Daphny Turcotte	Blake Weichenthal
5:00 p.m.	Greeters Daniel & Kelly Jenner & family	Gift Bearers Ushers	
10:00 am.	John & Margie Galway	Vel LeBlanc & Cecilia Sawyer	