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A Joyous Welcome to Everyone Visiting our Parishes Today

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19th, 2025

Monday, January 20		No Mass
Tuesday, January 21	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Norbert Cybulskie by parishioners of both parishes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 22	9:30 a.m.	Edward Martins by Tony & Francesca Fernandes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed in common at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 23	10:00 am	Rae Sernoskie by Wendy & Kevin Klawitter
Friday, January 24	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Gord Panagapko by a parishioner

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26th, 2025

Saturday, January 25	5:00 p.m.	Roger Read by Terry & Audrey Corbett
Sunday, January 26	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the parishioners of both parishes

Lay Ministry

Lector

Saturday, January 25

Ann Lepine

Sunday, January 26

Gord Panagapko

Rosary 1/2 hour before Mass by Initiative

Sacrament of Penance: 30 minutes before Mass times

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES & FAMILIES:

Lillian Blank	Adele Bozak	Deacon Daniel Dauvin	George Paul Dienesch
Wayne Etmanskie	Tony Fernandes	Megan Hazelton	Willie Jeffrey
Geraldine Lacombe	Edna Yutronkie	Yantha Family	Zilney Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2025 – For the right to an education – Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter: Attached to the bulletin is a letter from Bishop Brehl in which he shares some important information about the future of our Diocese.

How to Support a Grieving Friend: A presentation and discussion on what to say ...when you don't know what to say. Friday, January 31st at the Opeongo Seniors Centre from 1 – 3 p.m. Guest Speaker, Jenna Stamplicoski, Bereavement Services, Madawaska Valley Hospice.

Our Lady of the Angels, Brudenell

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26th, 2025

Saturday, January 25 7:30 p.m. Stella Luckovitch by Dominic & Anita Dombroskie
Lector: Maureen Recoskie

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R.I.P. Your kind prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Steven Malone, son of Brian and Marian Malone, of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, who passed away this past Friday.

Bible Study On The Gospel According To Saint John: This study group will use the book **The Gospel of John: A Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture** by Fr. Francis Martin on Wednesdays, starting January 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall. A typical evening begins with opening prayer, a hymn, and a conversation about the current chapter we're reading with regular attention to the Old Testament and Catechism. We close each week with intercessory prayer. These evenings are led by John Morris. Study books have been ordered and are \$30 each. Please contact St. Lawrence O'Toole office to reserve at 613-756-2037.

RCCDSB Kindergarten Registration: Register now at www.rccdsb.ca and call your designated school to finalize registration. Registrations are being taken from January 20th to 31st, 2025. Learn, Laugh, Play & Pray with us today! Please see bulletin board for more information. *Schools to Believe in!*

A Man for All Seasons: Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College's Don Bosco Drama Club presents Robert Bolt's award-winning play **A Man for all Seasons**, which dramatizes the 16th century conflict between the King of England, Henry VIII and St. Thomas More, ending in Thomas's martyrdom. More, a loyal Roman Catholic, lawyer and statesman, believed that any law worthy of obedience must be imbued with moral legitimacy and defending by one's conscience. Friday, February 7th and Saturday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the Legion in Barry's Bay. Tickets at the door: Adults \$25; Seniors \$20; Students \$10 (cash, cheque only). Children under 6 free; Family rate: \$50. For reservations, email drama@seatofwisdom.ca.

Do Not Euthanize (DNE) Defence Kits: Free DNE Defence Kits are available through deltahospicesociety.org. The kit provides the tools needed to defend you and your loved ones from the encroachment of euthanasia (MaiD) and the erosion of Palliative Care services.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

St. Andrew's: 42 envelopes \$1,520; loose \$122; Fuel \$1,050 (53/67)
Our Lady of the Angels: 23 envelopes \$565; loose \$10 (55) Latin Mass \$318 (96)

Thank you for your Support!



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January 14, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Diocese of Pembroke,

As Pilgrims of Hope, we have begun this New Year and inaugurated the Jubilee, walking together as we follow Jesus our Redeemer. Accompanied by Mary, we want to embrace the future with hope! I write to you today to share some important information about how we can plan for and embrace our future.

At our recent meeting of the Council of Priests on December 4, 2024, we decided to begin a synodal process of discernment and decision-making so that all of us together will be able to renew and re-invigorate our faith communities through the power of the Holy Spirit. As I have traveled to different parishes in the Diocese over the last four months, many of you have asked me about our future. You have encouraged me by your enthusiasm and love for the Diocese. You have urged me to move forward as we face many challenges, so that we can do this together.

We recognize that we are beginning a *process*, a journey, which will take time, careful reflection and gradual implementation. This process is a kind of pilgrimage on which we set out in faith. It will demand your generous participation and leadership, but also the commitment of every priest and every community. We need to do this together.

With the support of the Council of Priests, I am proposing a five-year process of discerning and decision-making:

- 2025: Information-gathering, Most Urgent Issues, Criteria and Assessment
- 2026: Building a Vision for Embracing the Future with Hope
- 2027: Diocesan Synod: Preparation – Draft Plan, Process and Delegates
- 2028: Diocesan Synod: Assembly – Discernment and Decision on Plan
- 2029: Diocesan Synod: Implementation – Assessment and Evaluation

As we begin 2025, we want to initiate the process of Information-gathering, especially with the preparation of a Parish Profile for every community. We also need to identify more urgent issues which need to be faced quickly. Although the full preparation, adoption and implementation of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan will be a gradual process over the next five years, we are aware that there will be situations which will require attention and decisions much sooner.

In order to begin this process, I wish to provide you with some very important information:

1. **Template for Developing a Parish Profile:** I ask that every Parish and Mission in the Diocese develop such a Profile. A template has already been provided to our parish priests, and these profiles will help us to plan with a common language and common information about each faith community. I ask every Pastor and Administrator to lead and guide the preparation of this profile. It would be especially helpful to involve at least the Parish and Finance Councils, as well as any other pastoral workers in the parish. This work is to be completed and conveyed to me by March 15, 2025.

2. **Priestly Personnel Projections:** We have worked to develop the best possible projections for priests in the Diocese over the next decades. In 2025, we have 15 active priests belonging to the Diocese. In 5 years, we will have no more than 13 active priests belonging to the Diocese. In 10 years, we will have no more than 10 active priests belonging to the Diocese. Together with the assistance of 9 active priests who do not belong to the Diocese, we serve in 54 parishes and missions. At the present time, we also have a number of retired priests who help very generously to the extent that they are able.

As you can see, the situation in the Diocese is changing dramatically and quickly. Our priests are stretched to the limits in order to respond to the needs of the people. We are blessed with 4 seminarians, but even if all of these good young men persevere, they will not be able to replace the priests. We need to urgently explore new models for assuring the pastoral service of our parishes and missions in order to guarantee vibrant Faith Communities for the future.

3. **Demographic Trends for the Area of the Diocese:** Census data indicates that although the total number of residents in the territory of the Diocese has not changed greatly in recent decades, the demographics have shifted from more rural communities to towns and cities, and many of our communities are aging rapidly. These shifts will have serious impacts on all our faith communities.

4. **Church attendance Statistics for 2023 and 2024:** We believe it will be very helpful for effective planning to take into account the attendance in all of our Churches. For this reason, I remind all pastors that **we will continue to accurately record the numbers participating in parish Masses on weekends and holydays.**

We have not yet received all the financial and property information we need in order to present a report on the economic situation of the Diocese. We are still gathering up-to-date information, and analysing its implications. This information will be shared with you within the next few months. We encourage each Parish community to carefully and critically examine its financial situation. This reflection and ongoing dialogue is an essential part of the first year of our five-year plan outlined above.

The Council of Priests has asked that this information be shared with the parishioners of the Diocese. Sisters and brothers, there are many challenges ahead of us as we engage in this process. As pilgrims of hope in this Jubilee Year, we know that we are not alone! Accompanied by Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we go forward in faith so that we may embrace the future with hope.

We entrust this synodal journey into the hands of Mary our Mother, and we count on the prayers of St. Columbkille, great missionary and patron of our diocese. God is faithful, and he will never leave us to face these challenges alone.

I am deeply grateful for your dedication to your parish and to the whole Diocese. Your support of the priests and deacons serving parishes and missions is extraordinary. Your appreciation of our retired priests who continue to serve in ministry, prayer and witness is a real blessing. Thank you for your commitment and contributions to our process of discernment.

Your brother in Christ our Redeemer and Mary our Mother,

+ Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R.

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Bishop of Pembroke