



PAROISSE STE-ANNE PARISH

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OFFICE: Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 3pm

BUREAU: mardi et mercredi de 9h00 à 15h00

MASS SCHEDULE: see below ↓

HORAIRE DES MESSES: voir ci-dessous ↓



Sunday, September 13, 2026/ Dimanche le 13 septembre 2026

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE/ CALENDRIER LITURGIQUE
September 14 - September 20, 2026 // September 14 - 20 Septembre, 2026

Date	Time/Heure	Celebration/Fête	Intentions
Monday/Lundi Sept. 14 sept.	No mass Pas de messe	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross/La Croix Glorieuse	No mass Pas de messe
Tuesday/Mardi Sept. 15 sept.	No mass Pas de messe	Our Lady of Sorrows/Bienheureuse Vierge Marie des douleurs	No mass Pas de messe
Wed./mercredi Sept. 16 sept.	11pm 11h00	 St. Cornelius, pope & St. Cyprian, bishop, martyrs Rosary after mass/ rosaire après la messe Adoration / 10 am to 3pm	 Missa Pro Populo
Thursday/jeudi Sept. 17 sept.	10am 10h00	FERIAL/FÉRIE	 James DeMarco By The DeMarco family
Friday/vendredi Sept. 18 sept.	10am 10h00	FERIAL/FÉRIE	 Lucien & Charlene By family
Saturday/Samedi Sept. 19 sept.	No mass Pas de messe	FERIAL/FÉRIE	No mass Pas de messe
Sunday/Dimanche Sept. 20 sept. Reader/lecteur Angie Cotham	10:30am 10h30 English	25th Sunday of Ordinary Times 25e Dimanche du temps ordinaire	 Estelle Groulx By Brigitte Lapierre



Mass Schedule ► The first three Thursday of the month mass will be held at the Algonquin Nursing Home at 10am.
On the last Thursday of the month the students are welcome at our 10am mass at church.
Horaire des messes ► Les trois premiers jeudis du mois, la messe aura lieu à la résidence Algonquin à 10 h.
Le dernier jeudi du mois, les étudiants sont les bienvenus à la messe de 10 h à l'église.

 **Sacrament of Confessions -15 min. before mass –**  **Sacrament des Confessions – 15 min. avant la messe**
At the Right door when coming in the entrance of the church À la porte de droite en entrant dans l'église

Last Sunday Church Attendance / Participation à l'église le dimanche dernier	82
Last Sunday Collection – Thank you 49 env. 114	\$1548.00
Collection du dimanche dernier - Merci	
Repairs & Maintenance Fund /Fonds de réparation et d'entretien :	\$850.00
Expenses of the Week / Dépenses pour la semaine :	\$1737.31
** If you wish to make a E-transfer donation our email address for the E-transfer is Stannemattawa@gmail.com	
** Si vous souhaitez faire un don par transfert électronique, notre adresse e-mail pour le transfert électronique est Stannemattawa@gmail.com	
Thank you to the Mattawan Township for their donation – greatly appreciated !	\$500.00



Mass Intentions

††† In need of mass intentions, Thankyou / Besoin de prières collectives, Merci



Pope's Prayer Intention for September: for the care of WATER ~ Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.
Intention de prière du Saint-Père pour le mois de Septembre: pour la protection de l'eau ~
Prions pour une gestion juste et durable de l'eau, ressource vitale pour nous, afin que tous puissent y accéder de façon équitable.





Prayer for Our Lady of Sorrows: Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion. Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and core for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen



Notes from Father Cyril



Does anyone harbour anger against another, expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward another like oneself, can one then seek pardon for one's own sins? Dear brothers and sisters, we should meditate these questions, that Sirach asked us in today's first reading, as we go about our daily duties in this new week. Remember, as the psalmist says, "the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. A blessed week to you all.

Messages du père Cyril



Quelqu'un qui nourrit de la colère envers un autre peut-il espérer être guéri par le Seigneur? Si l'on ne fait pas preuve de miséricorde envers son prochain, comme envers soi-même, peut-on alors demander le pardon de ses propres péchés? Chers frères et sœurs, méditons ces questions que Ben Sira Sage nous pose dans la première lecture d'aujourd'hui, alors que nous nous travaillons à nos tâches quotidiennes en cette nouvelle semaine. Rappelons-nous, comme le dit le psalmiste, que « le Seigneur est tendresse et pitié, lent à la colère et plein d'amour. Que votre semaine soit bénie.



Pembroke Diocese Online Prayer Meetings: Mondays' at 7:30pm. Now until Sept.28th: *A Rosary for Priests.* Join us on Zoom. Meeting ID: 814 1171 6854. Call or email Robert if assistance is needed at (416) 560-7024 or email: pembrokedioceseprayergroup@gmail.com.



Our "*Catch the Ace*" fundraiser returns this fall mid-September, and we're looking for volunteers to help make it a success. If you can spare a bit of time to assist with ticket sales, weekly draws, or general support, your help will be gratefully appreciated. **Pauline Thibert has agreed to steer this endeavor for us this time, but she will need minimum 10 volunteers to help with the sale of tickets outside the church.**

Please contact **Germaine at the office at 705-744-5391**, stop by the office, or speak with us **after Mass on Sunday** if you're able to volunteer. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish.

Notre « **Catch the Ace** » revient cet automne à la mi-septembre et nous recherchons des bénévoles pour en assurer le succès. Si vous pouvez consacrer un peu de temps à la vente des billets, aux tirages hebdomadaires ou à un soutien général, votre aide sera grandement appréciée. **Pauline Thibert a accepté de coordonner cette initiative cette fois-ci, mais elle aura besoin d'au moins 10 bénévoles pour la vente des billets dans la communauté.**

Veillez contacter Germaine au bureau au 705 744 5391, passer au bureau ou nous en parler après la messe du dimanche si vous êtes disponible. Merci de votre générosité et de votre engagement envers notre paroisse.



St. Alphonsus Annual Parish supper, Sunday, September 20th from 12 to 6 p.m. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, homemade beans & pies. Take-out is available. Wheel-Chair Accessible. Everyone Welcome!! Fr. Real Ouellette & Parishioners Welcome you!!

THE LEGEND OF THE THREE CROSSES



The Legend of Mattawa's Three Crosses

High on the Laurentian hills across the Ottawa River, three white crosses overlook Mattawa—an unmistakable landmark and a symbol woven from history, faith, and local legend.



The Legend

A well-known legend tells the story of how a fire nearly destroyed Mattawa. A burning match accidentally ignited the tinder dry floor of an outhouse at the back of Mattawa's first town hall where it and the entire building were soon engulfed in flames, causing sparks to fly everywhere, threatening all of Main Street. Parishioners called upon Father Nelson Duquette, the pastor of Ste Anne Church (1917-1949) where he prayed in the street and vowed that if the town were spared, he would place three crosses on the mountainside across from the river. The winds shifted, the town survived. True to his vow, Father Duquette ensured that three crosses were erected in gratitude for what many called a "miracle". This legend remains one of Mattawa's most cherished stories—passed down through generations.



Historic Origins – 1686

The earliest recorded moment of the three crosses and Catholic worship in Mattawa, comes from the journal of Chevalier Sieur Pierre de Troyes. The entry states that his expedition stopped at the rivers edge, at what is now known as Explorer's Point, to repair their canoes. It is also recorded that a Missionary priest, Father Silvie, a Jesuit, who was travelling with them, celebrated Mass at this site on Sunday, May 12, 1686. To mark the meeting place of the Mattawa and Ottawa Rivers, Le Chevalier de Troyes ordered three wooden crosses to be erected. The crosses stood there for a number of years commemorating Mattawa's first Mass and the passing of their successful expedition.

Community Unity



Another story is that in the summer of 1917, during the difficult years of World War I, two local priests and local volunteers decided that three crosses should stand on the high hill on the Québec side of the Ottawa River—visible to all who travelled through the valley. The crosses, built from 12-foot pine logs, were hauled to the top of the hill as a symbolic gesture of faith and solidarity during wartime. From that point onward, the hilltop of Laurentien Ridge became the home of Mattawa's Three Crosses.



A Symbol Rebuilt Through Generations

The crosses have never been permanent. Weather, rot, and vandalism have taken their toll, and each generation has stepped forward to rebuild them. They have been rebuilt many times—1927, 1953, 1975, 1986, and again in 1991, when local volunteers carried new crosses up the hill. Today, they stand on metal bases and are illuminated with solar lights, continuing a tradition kept alive by the people of Mattawa.

Whether born from explorer history, miraculous legend, or community devotion, the Three Crosses remain a defining symbol of Mattawa—faithful, resilient, and unmistakably ours.