

November 2025

Dear Friends...

*This year will mark the **20th** year we have been lighting our Tree of Promise in memory of our loved ones. Twenty years!! I can hardly believe it and this reality has caused me to pause and reflect.*

Since its inception in 2006, precipitated by the tragic loss of our son/brother and our intense desire/need to keep his memory alive, and aided by the compassionate support of Father Mark Poulin, this outreach was born. We are grateful for, and appreciate, the constant, generous and unwavering support of this annual event received from our Family of Parishes and beyond, which somehow, in some way, helps make the season of Christmas a little easier....a little brighter.

As I look back through the records of the past 19 years, I can't help but notice how many of the people who once supported this event have now moved on to join loved ones in eternity. The names on our list change each year as death undoubtedly touches everyone, but the love remains constant. Over the course of this time, through your overwhelming generosity, almost \$53,000 has been raised for local and world wide organizations! This fills my heart beyond measure knowing that despite our own pain and sorrow, someone, somewhere, has felt our love at Christmas.

And so, my family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for joining us over the past 20 years in remembering those special people whose absences have left a hole in our hearts, the holidays feeling a little heavier, and the joy surrounding Christmas, not quite the same. We especially want to thank those who continue, year after year, to help us make this event happen....including our parish priests, office staff, our choir/servers/readers, Frank Verberne, Dale Cronin, and St. Patrick's CWL. We couldn't do it without you.

So as we continue to remember those who have gone before us during this holiday season, we invite you to join us for the 20th annual lighting of our Tree of Promise. Lights for our tree can be purchased by means of a donation to a charity of your choice.

*The official blessing/tree lighting ceremony will take place on **Friday, November 28th** beginning with Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Dublin at 7:00 pm. and will include the traditional reading of the names for those whom lights have been purchased. Following Mass everyone is invited to the church basement for refreshments.*

*If you wish to purchase a light in memory of your loved one(s) please complete the form, include your donation made payable to the charity of your choice (**cheques only please**) and drop into the collection basket at your church; at the Parish Office; or mail to Mary Helen Van Loon, 3929 Road 181, R. R. #2, Dublin, ON N0K 1E0 by Tuesday, November 25th, 2025.*

Thank you for your continued support....we look forward to remembering with you....

...May the hope that was born that silent, holy night remain in your hearts throughout the year...

TREE OF PROMISE

I/We

wish to purchase a light(s) on the Tree of Promise for the following loved one(s):

*The amount of \$_____ is enclosed to be donated to the following charitable organization (ie Parish Building Fund/Youth Ministry/Rural Response for Healthy Children (formerly Huron County Christmas Bureau)/Seaforth Food Bank/ Mitchell Food Bank c/o Grace Lutheran Church, etc) **Please make cheques payable to the organization.***

Charity:

Address:

