

## PARISH NEWS

### THREE STEP REOPENING PLAN FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Premier Doug Ford announced May 20 a three-step reopening plan for the province.

The steps for the plan are listed below. The timelines are approximate, but the government has announced that each step will last for at least 21 days unless the metric listed below is achieved earlier.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT THREE STEP REOPENING PLAN (Announced May 20, 2021)			
Before Step 1  <i>May 20 to June 14, 2021</i>	Step 1  <i>~ June 14 and next 21 days</i>	Step 2  <i>~ Next 21 days</i>	Step 3  <i>~ Next 21 days</i>
	<b>Metric</b> 60 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose.	<b>Metric</b> 70 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose and 20 per cent vaccinated with two doses.	<b>Metric</b> 70 to 80 per cent of adults vaccinated with one dose and 25 per cent vaccinated with two doses.
<b>Places of Worship -</b> Weddings, funerals and religious services, rites and ceremonies <small>(Does not apply to receptions)</small>  Max. 10 persons indoors  Max 10 people permitted outdoors	<b>Places of Worship -</b> Weddings, funerals and religious services, rites and ceremonies <small>(Does not apply to receptions)</small>  Max. 10 indoors  Outdoor permitted with capacity limited to permit 2m physical distancing	<b>Places of Worship -</b> Weddings, funerals and religious services, rites and ceremonies <small>(Does not apply to receptions)</small>  Indoor permitted at 15% capacity  Outdoor permitted with capacity limited to permit 2m physical distancing	<b>Places of Worship -</b> Weddings, funerals and religious services, rites and ceremonies <small>(Does not apply to receptions)</small>  Larger indoor services, rites, and ceremonies  Outdoor permitted with capacity limited to permit 2m physical distancing

Churches have been diligent in their care and the exercise of health precaution measures. The Three Step Reopening Plan is disappointing for churches. It was hoped that at Step 1, churches would progress beyond the cap of 10 persons. To that end, there will be further dialogue with the locals MPPs and the provincial government. Information will be shared with the clergy and faithful as it becomes available.

**In the meantime, the Churches and Missions will continue to limit the attendance to 10 people (including the celebrant and liturgical ministers.)**

Let us continue to pray for all of those impacted by the pandemic and to hold each other in our prayers.

### **Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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**Parish Website:** [www.assumptiongrafton.ca](http://www.assumptiongrafton.ca)

**Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor**

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time*

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**“WHO THEN IS  
THIS, THAT EVEN  
THE WIND AND  
THE SEA OBEY  
HIM?”**

#### **Education:**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: 905 349-2504

St Mary Elementary School, Grafton:  
*Nicole McGill*, Principal 905 349-2061

St Mary Secondary School, Cobourg:  
*Jason Roberts*, Principal 905 372-4339

Catholic School Board [www.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca)

#### **Parish Committees & Organisations:**

Finance Committee:  
*Melissa Lilje*, Secretary 905 349-2504

Knights of Columbus: 905 349-2504

Parish Pastoral Council  
Dennis Goulin Chairperson 905-372-7684

Music at Mass:  
*Gay Stratford*, Organist  
10 am Mass on Sun 905 349-2861

Altar Servers  
*Parish Office* 905-349-2504

St Mary's Catholic Women's League:

*Pat Murphy*, President 905 349-2847  
*Alta Vance*, Religious Articles 905 344-7443

CWL Diocesan website:  
[www.peterboroughcwl.ca](http://www.peterboroughcwl.ca)

St Mary's Cemetery Board:  
*Melissa Lilje*, Secretary 905 349-2504

St Vincent de Paul Society 905 377-3263

Eucharistic Ministers  
*Bruce Lawson* 905-349-2751

Ushers  
*Parish Office* 905-349-2504

Lectors  
*Richard Holland* 905-349-3710

Development and Peace  
*Suzanne Liptay* 905-372-3031

Parish Library  
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### **SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY**

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

#### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

**First Friday of the month** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

## THE WEEK OF JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR

June 21, Mon., *St Aloysius Gonzaga* - 9 am -

June 22, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

June 23, Wed., Feria - 11 am - **The Unborn** [St Mary's CWL]

June 24, Thurs, *Nativity of St John the Baptist* - 11 am -

June 25, Fri., Feria - 9 am - **John Taylor** [Mom, Jamie & Family]

June 26, Sat., Feria - 9 am -

June 26, Sat., **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5 pm - **Ed Godawa** [David & Marilyn Rudd]

June 27, Sun., **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9 am - **Ints: Michael Stephenson & Bernadette Murray**

11am - **For the People of the Parish**

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS June 26/27	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Melissa Lilje	Michael Stephenson	Richard Holland
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Paula Blick	Michael Stephenson	Dennis Goulin
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Darrell Manley / Noelle Manley	Ed Nemec / Oladele Adebayo	Joe O'Kane / Theo Mensen

### Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and Parishioners of the Parish of St Joseph in Powassan and its mission St John in Alsace.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

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### PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$4,135.00	Shut Down (Covid)
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$85.00	\$0.00
<b>Priests Benefit Fund</b>	\$290.00	\$0.00

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES in JUNE:** Bill & Teresa Cowie (56 yrs on June 5<sup>th</sup>), Henk & Margaret Jansen (56 yrs on June 16<sup>th</sup>), Willy & Brenda Casteels (26 yrs on June 16<sup>th</sup>), Brad & Debbie Wannamaker (36 yrs on June 22<sup>nd</sup>), Michael & Nadia Pelensky (48 yrs on June 23<sup>rd</sup>). Shane & Stacy Weatherby (23 yrs on June 25<sup>th</sup>), Joe & Heather Nemec (17 yrs on June 26<sup>th</sup>), Gord & Cheryl Krentz (42 yrs on June 30<sup>th</sup>). God's Blessings on all of you!

#### Dear Reverend Fathers:

The joy of reopening our parishes is very much mitigated by our sorrow over the discovery of the remains of children at the former Indian Residential School in Kamloops. This is a difficult time for the Church and Indigenous peoples and has highlighted for us the need for more efforts at reconciliation. I was heartened to see the announcement by the CCCB yesterday, that a long-planned-for delegation of Indigenous Leaders and residential school survivors will make the trip to Rome for an encounter with Pope Francis before the end of the year. This has been quietly on the drawing board for a long time (at least two years) and was supposed to have happened by the end of 2020: alas, the realities of the pandemic and travel restrictions delayed it considerably. Let us pray that it may happen soon and will be a significant step in the ongoing process of reconciliation.

Once again, Fathers, despite the challenges of these times, I pray that you may continue to know the joy of serving Christ in the priesthood, that you may grow each day in the holiness of your calling, and that we may always support one another in priestly fraternity.

Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us.

Bishop Dan Miehm