

## PARISH NEWS Con't

### CWL News:

- 1) January Meeting: January 03/21 @ 9:30 am in the rectory. All members and new members are most welcome. Please plan to attend.
- 2) All memberships for 2022, new and renewals, should now be sent in. If you have forgotten to do so, please return yours this week
- 3) Season Greetings and a very Merry Christmas to all members and parishioner



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

In one of my favourite Christmas Carols, it is said of the little town of Bethlehem, "the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." Hopes and fears are common to all of us in our human experience, and for people of faith, these realities are all mingled. When faith is strong, hope will be on the rise. When faith is weakened, fear may take over.

The last twenty-one months have acquainted us with both fear and hope. It has often seemed that, just as hopes are raised, they are dashed again. The fight against the pandemic has been long and we may be growing dispirited. So let the Good News of Christ's birth infuse our hearts this Christmas more than ever. God, who knows our hopes and our fears, our dreams and our despondency, has chosen to come among us as the Word made Flesh, Emmanuel. The birth of Jesus Christ brought all the hopes and fears of humanity together in God's plan for our salvation. As it was in Bethlehem two millennia ago, let it be so today. This Christmas may God overcome our fears with His hope and help us to celebrate this season of joy.

Yours in Christ,

+Daniel Miehm  
Bishop of Peterborough

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## *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**"WHY HAS THIS  
HAPPENED TO ME,  
THAT THE MOTHER  
OF MY LORD  
COMES TO ME?"**

### **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

*Judith Goulin* 905-372-7684

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 DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR

Dec 20, Mon., Feria - 9 am -

Dec 21, Tues., Feria - 9 am - **Ints: Frances Mensen** [The Family]

Dec 22, Wed., Feria- 9 am - **CWL Members** [St Mary's CWL]

Dec 23, Thurs., Feria - 9 am - **Tara DeSouza** [Deirdre Arzheimer]

Dec 24, Fri., **Christmas Eve**- 5 pm - **The Roddy Family**

8 pm - **John Taylor** [Mom, Jamie & Family]

Dec 25, Sat., **Christmas Day** - 10 am - **For the People of the Parish**

Dec 25, Sat., **Holy Family**

5 pm - **No Mass**

Dec 26, Sun., **Holy Family**

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

11am -

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Dec 25/26	Christmas Eve/Day 5 pm /8 pm /10 am	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Paula Blick (5pm) - John Logel (8pm) - Richard Holland (10am)	Michael Stephenson	Joanna Mecozzi
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sr Donna Smith/Pat Rutherford (5pm) - Paula Blick/John Logel (8pm) - J/D Goulin (10am)	Michael Stephenson	Joanna Mecozzi/ John Logel
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Darrell & Noelle Manley (5pm) Ed Nemecc (8pm) Theo Mensen (10am)	Ed Nemecc / Oladele Adebayo	Joe O'Kane / Theo Mensen

### Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and People of the Parish of the Diocese of Peterborough.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$2,085.00	\$2,185.00
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$745.00	\$0.00
<b>Heating</b>	\$0.00	\$505.00

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Graham & Gay Stratford (63 yrs. on December 8), Harvey & Carol Scott (45 yrs. on December 10), John & Melissa Lilje (3 yrs. on December 19), Richard & Sarah Holland (50 yrs. on December 29), Gerry & Carole Earles (10 yrs. on December 30). God's continued blessings on all of you!

### LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Mass for the fourth Sunday of Advent will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. Please join in prayer: <https://youtu.be/m1zOmbAOHw8>

#### Schedule for Christmas Masses:

Dec. 24 (Friday) at 5:00 pm  
Dec. 24 (Friday) at 8:00 pm  
Dec. 25 (Saturday) at 10:00 am

#### Schedule for Sunday Masses:

Dec. 26 (Sunday) 9:00 am  
Dec. 26 (Sunday) 11:00 am

Bishop Miehm sent a memorandum – “There are to be no late afternoon or evening Masses on Christmas day (Saturday, December 25) in the Diocese of Peterborough.”

#### Schedule for New Year's Masses:

Dec. 31 (Friday) 5:00 pm  
Jan. 1 (Saturday) 10:00 am

#### Schedule for Sunday Masses:

Jan. 1 (Saturday) 5:00 pm  
Jan. 2 (Sunday) 9:00 am  
Jan. 2 (Sunday) 11:00 am

### Poinsettias

My sincere THANKS to all who donated the Poinsettias in Memory of your dear loved ones. The response was amazing. We received a total donation of \$ 575.00 in cash. We spent close to \$ 150.00 because some brought the poinsettias and I think we have enough. We will use the remaining amount for flowers to decorate our Altar for the Sunday Masses. The LIST is now posted on our Bulletin Board. - Fr Ace