

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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Holy Family

December 26th, 2021



**“HIS PARENTS
FOUND HIM IN
THE TEMPLE
SITTING AMONG
THE TEACHERS.”**

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

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

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 26TH AT THE ALTAR

Dec 27, Mon., **St John** - 9 am - **In Memory of all our Loved Ones** - Poinsettia Donations

Dec 28, Tues., **Holy Innocents** - 9 am -

Dec 29, Wed., 5th Day of Christmas- 9 am -**The Protection of Life at Every Stage** [St Mary's CWL]

Dec 30, Thurs., 6th Day of Christmas - 9 am - **Olaf & Deirdre Arzheimer** [Deirdre Arzheimer]

Dec 31, Fri., 7th Day of Christmas - 9 am -

Dec 31, Fri., **Mary Mother of God** - 5 pm -

Jan 1, Sat., **Mary Mother of God** - 10 am - **For the People of the Parish**

Jan 1, Sat., **Epiphany of the Lord**
5 pm -

Jan 2, Sun., **Epiphany of the Lord**
9 am - **For the People of the Parish**
11am - **The Marszal Family** [Mitch & Maria Marszall]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Jan 1/2	New Years Eve/Day 5 pm /10 am / 5pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes (5pm) - Joanna Mecozzi (10am) - Melissa Lilje (5pm)	Bernadette Murray	Richard Holland
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Donna Smith (5pm) - J/D Goulin (10am) - Greg Blick (5pm)	Michael Stephenson	Joanna Mecozzi/ John Logel
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Noelle Manley (5pm) Ed Nemece (10am) Darrell & Noelle Manley (5pm)	Ed Nemece / Oladele Adebayo	Joe O'Kane / Theo Mensen

Intercessions:

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

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PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$2,167.00	\$1,385.00
Building Maintenance	\$500.00	\$0.00
Heating	\$0.00	\$10.00

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 CHRISTMAS - THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Friday, December 24, 2021, beginning at 12:00 a.m.

Please join in prayer: <https://youtu.be/Knfq-JAk94U>

LIVE-STREAMING OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 26, 2021, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Please join in prayer: <https://youtu.be/al5OL3T7Qgk>

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I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Christmas is one of those occasions of the year where it touches our souls with the Lord's mercy, peace, and joy. I pray that our celebration of the Lord's birth may lead us to a new birth of faith, hope, and love in our daily lives especially as we are going through these difficult times of pandemic.

May the birth of Jesus fill your hearts with the blessings of Peace, Love, and Joy and to all people close to you as you share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the magi!

Merry Christmas!
Fr. Ace