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CWL News

1) The March meeting of the CWL is on March 07 at 9:30 am at the rectory. Please plan to attend. Masks must be worn. Bring your own beverage.

2) The CWL is continuing to contact members in March "to keep in touch". Please know that your Council is thinking of you and wishes you well.

From the Bishops Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 2020, Pope Francis issued his encyclical Fratelli Tutti, encouraging us to build the bonds of solidarity in the midst of the pandemic. The Holy Father observed that "a worldwide tragedy like the Covid-19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all. Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together."

And yet, how easy it is for us to forget this feeling of global community. In the Global South, the pandemic has been made worse by a lack of medical resources and long histories of underdevelopment, even as communities face other challenges, like the impacts of climate change.

I am grateful, therefore, for the People and Planet First campaign of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the global solidarity organization of our Church in Canada, which reminds us of Pope Francis's call to be a global community. This annual Share Lent campaign is a practical means for us to walk with our brothers and sisters in the Global South, seeking to build a more just and equitable world.

We can practice the Lenten tradition of almsgiving by donating to a special Development and Peace collection to be taken up on Solidarity Sunday (3 April 2022). The funds that are gathered will allow Development and Peace to fulfill its mission and to help transform lives in almost 30 countries around the world. I encourage all parishes in the diocese of Peterborough to support this collection and the People and Planet First campaign by spreading its message in your communities, exploring the resources of Development and Peace, and encouraging this special fundraising effort.

Lent is a season of conversion when Christians enter into Christ's journey to the cross. Development and Peace invites us into a conversion of solidarity, knowing that we can only be saved together. For more information, visit www.devp.org. To get involved in Development and Peace locally, contact Donna Modeste at peterboroughdp@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,

† Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm Bishop of Peterborough

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1st Sunday Of Lent

March 6th, 2021



**“JESUS WAS LED
BY THE SPIRIT IN-
TO THE WILDER-
NESS: THERE HE
WAS TEMPTED.”**

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:

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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 MARCH 6TH AT THE ALTAR

Mar 7, Mon., Feria - 9 am - **Salvation of Souls** [Lynn & Marie McVety]

Mar 8, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

Mar 9, Wed., Feria - 9 am - **Sick of the Parish** [St Mary's CWL]

Mar 10, Thurs., Feria - 9 am -

Mar 11, Fri., Feria - 9 am -

5 pm - **Stations of the Cross**

Mar 12, Sat., Feria - 9 am -

Mar 12, Sat., **2nd Sunday of Lent**

5 pm - **For the People of the Parish**

Mar 13, Sun., **2nd Sunday of Lent**

10 am - **Ints: Marcel Rivard** [Parish Council & Choir]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Mar 12/13	5 pm	10:00 am
Lectors	Melissa Lilje	Bernadette Murray
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Donna Smith	John Logel / Dennis Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	The Manley's	Ed Nemecek / Theo Mensen

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and the people of the Parish of St Joseph in Douro.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

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PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,395.00	\$2,365.00
Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Heat	\$40.00	\$0.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES in MARCH

Larry & Irene Flood (60 years on March 3rd), Vince & Diane Meekes (35 years on March 7th). God's continued blessings on all of you!

LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Mass for the First Sunday of Lent will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2022. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. Please join in prayer: <https://youtu.be/Ag2uwxOGLTA>

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Share Lent Campaign

Please click the link below to read [Most Reverend Bishop Miehm's letter about Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Share Lent Campaign](#) for 2022.

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/resourcesGeneral/Homepage-banners/D-and-P/2022/DP-Lent-2022.pdf>

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross will take place at 5 pm every Friday during Lent.

Social Committee

As we see Covid-19 and all of its restrictions coming to an end, it's time to rebuild our parish community. A plan is in the works to form a Social Committee to present some of our traditional activities like parish breakfasts and picnics, but also to come up with a host of innovative events.

Please step forward to join the team, have fun and help your fellow parishioners to enjoy the fun so we can return to the good old days before Covid! Contact Fr. Ace 905 349 2504 or Dennis Goulin 905 372 7684