

ST MARY'S CWL

1. The CWL word of the week is "INSPIRE". CWL members' passion is to inspire women, to grow in FAITH, and to witness to the LOVE of GOD through ministry and service. Need inspiration or have inspiration to share? We welcome you to join us for a meeting.
2. Next Coffee After Mass will be on August 06/23, **WEATHER PERMITTING.**
3. Please pray for all the people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenging ordeals In their daily lives.

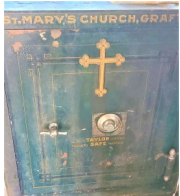
The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's for their generous support of the recent Clergy Appreciation Dinner. With your help, the Knights were able to turn over a cheque for \$5000 to the Clergy retirement fund. Thanks very much and God Bless.

Annual Cemetery Mass and Parish Picnic

1. This year the Cemetery Mass will be Saturday **August 12th** at 9 am in the Cemetery. In the event of inclement weather the Mass will be in the church.
2. The Annual Parish Picnic will be Sunday **August 20th** following the 10 am Mass. Please bring potluck salad or dessert and please bring your own lawn chairs

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Ed & Pat Nemec (54yrs on August 2nd), Andriy & Helen Hrycyna (40yrs on August 6th), Al Brown & Cathy Vasas-Brown (41yrs on August 7th), Stephen & Laura Krentz (19yrs on August 14th), Keith & Laura MacDonald (39yrs on August 25th), Don & Carol Anne Maybin (52yrs on August 27th). God's continued blessings on all of you!



The Church Safe - Our parish has this large and heavy safe that is no longer needed. If any parishioner would like it, please speak to Fr. Martin. You would need to arrange to have it picked up and moved before August 11th.

MUSIC IN THE SQUARE

We are back! Thursday evenings bands play from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Gazebo in the square in Colborne. There will be a 50/50 draw and food available for purchase. Bring your lawn chair!

This Thursday August 3rd the feature is KINFOLK - This Lively Country-Blugrass family will have you up and dancing. Food: Masonic Lodge: Peameal on a Bun.

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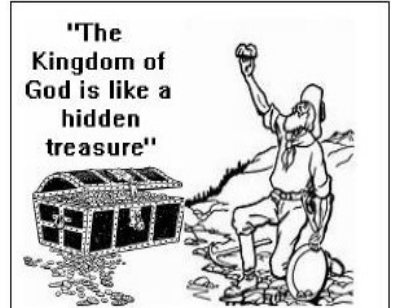
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Fr. Martin Dalida, Pastor

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30th, 2023



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
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Parish Committees & Organisations:

Finance Committee:
Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504
Knights of Columbus: 905 349-2504
Parish Pastoral Council
Michael Mullin, Chairperson 416 300-8680

Music at Mass:
St Mary's Choir
10 am Mass on Sun

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

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 JULY 30TH AT THE ALTAR

July 31, Mon., *St Ignatius of Loyola* - 9 am -
 August 1, Tues., *St Alphonsus Liguori* - 9 am -
 August 2, Wed., Feria - 9 am -
 August 3, Thurs., Feria - 9 am -
 August 4, Fri., *St Jean-Marie Vianney* - 9 am -
 August 5, Sat., Feria - 9 am - **First Friday**
 August 5, Sat., **Transfiguration of the Lord**
 5 pm - **For the People of the Parish**
 August 6, Sun., **Transfiguration of the Lord**
 10 am - **Gay Stratford** [The Family]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS August 5/6	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes	Melissa Lilje
Eucharistic Ministers	Sr Donna Smith	Dennis Goulin/ Judith Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Nick Manley	Rob Ugolini / Ian Manley

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and the people of the parish of St Patrick in Kearney and its mission Holy Spirit in Burk's Falls
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,097.60	\$1,235.00
Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Balance	\$4,034.97	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

POPE FRANCIS (3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly) - Pope Francis presided over Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for around 8,000 elderly people from across Italy. The theme for this year's iteration of the World Day is "His mercy is from age to age," recalling a passage from Luke's Gospel. Pope said, "Old age is indeed a blessed time, for it is the season to be reconciled, a time for looking tenderly at the light that has shone despite the shadows, confident in the hope that the good wheat sown by God will prevail over the weeds with which the devil has wanted to plague our hearts. Accept the mystery of life with serenity and patience, to leave judgement to Him, and not to live regretful and remorseful lives. The kingdom of heaven grows in human history like a tiny mustard seed. Growing up and growing old resembles the growth of the mustard seed into a large tree where others can find shade and comfort. Grandparents offer a place for children and grandchildren to learn the warmth of a home and experience care and tenderness. In this fruitful exchange we can learn the beauty of life, build a fraternal society, and in the Church be enabled to encounter one another and dialogue between tradition and the newness of the Spirit."

PRIESTS ARE MOVED TO NEW ASSIGNMENT - "For priests, being reassigned to different parishes is standard practice and is among the vows of obedience they took at their ordination. For parishioners, however, it can be an occasion for much consternation. Even so, as with everything in the Church, there are good and just reasons why priests are reassigned to different parishes after serving for certain time periods. The circulation of priests typically serves practical reasons. It helps priests broaden their experience and perspectives, but it also can prevent cults of personality from forming around priests. Transferring priests is a normal and longstanding practice of the Church everywhere. If your pastor is being transferred, pray for him and his new ministry. Keep in mind that he was ordained to serve the needs of the entire Diocese, and not just your parish. If you've benefited from his ministry, thank him, and thank God. And welcome your new pastor too; support and encourage him. Of course, he won't be identical to your former pastor and undoubtedly, he won't be perfect. But if you wait for a perfect priest, the pulpit in your church will be empty for a long, long time."