

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - I am looking forward to the Parish Council meeting on Monday the 11th. Lot of things to discuss, namely, plans to put up some parish fundraising campaigns, to start some parish projects, and to consider re-arranging to proper placement statues and images behind the altar & tabernacle. I feel a little bit hesitant to take action on this matter as some changes might bring in consternation to some parishioners. But after consulting the diocesan liturgist and getting his recommendation, it is my hope that everyone will agree with open heart the changes that will take place.

RECTORY BACKROOM - Now that the rectory backroom/storeroom is fixed neat and clean, the snakes and the mice that made this area their den for a long time are forced to undergo relocation without government aid. (laughing emoji not visible)

SCHOOL YEAR OPENING— I was happy to meet this week the new principal of St. Mary's Catholic School, Mr. Angelo Costa. Both of us are new in our respective postings and I am seeing a good working relationship with him as he cordially met me and treated me at Boston Pizza. While enjoying the pizza pie, we did the scheduling of the Sacramental Preparations for the kids, School Masses, and my School Visits all for the whole school year. Being my first time to handle Catholic School in a parish, I will be doing lots of catching up and orienting myself on how the said programs and activities will be done accordingly.

LOUD AND CLEAR - I am glad to hear feedbacks that I can now be heard and understood during Mass and homily. The counter result though is, now that I meticulously slow down my pacing, the usual seven minute homily becomes 20 minutes. No wonder more people now in the assembly are seen restless & yawning than before.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER— (For people living on the margins) "We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. "

ST. MARY'S CWL

1.CWL Word of the week is "MEANING". Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others. Come out to a meeting and celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts.

2.Next CWL Meeting is September 11/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Note the change in date because of Labour Day.

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*22nd Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*

September 3rd, 2023



"What will it profit someone if he gains the whole world..."

...but forfeits his life."



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council <i>Michael Mullin, Chairperson</i>	416 300-8680	St Mary's Cemetery Board: <i>Melissa Lilje, Secretary</i>	905 349-2504
Finance Committee <i>Melissa Lilje, Secretary</i>	905 349-2504	Development and Peace <i>Suzanne Liptay</i>	905-372-3031
Eucharistic Ministers <i>Judith Goulin</i>	905-372-7684	Music at Mass: <i>St Mary's Choir</i> , 10 am Mass on Sunday	
Lectors <i>Richard Holland</i>	905-349-3710	CWL Diocesan website: www.peterboroughcwl.ca	
St Mary's Catholic Women's League <i>Pat Murphy, President</i>	905 349-2847	Knights of Columbus	905 349-2504
St Vincent de Paul Society	905 377-3263	Ushers Education: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:	905 349 2504 905 349-2504
Religious Articles <i>Alta Vance</i>	905 344-7443	St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton: <i>Angelo Costa</i> , Principal	905 349-2061
Parish Library - <i>Margaret Harry</i>	289-439-0764	St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg: <i>Jason Roberts</i> , Principal	905 372-4339
		Catholic School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca	

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 SEPTEMBER 3RD AT THE ALTAR

September 4, Mon., Feria - 9 am

September 5, Tues., Feria - 9 am - No Mass today

September 6, Wed., Feria - 9 am -

September 7, Thurs., Feria - 9 am -

September 8, Fri., *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* - 9 am -

September 9, Sat., Feria - 9 am -

September 9, Sat., 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 pm - + Gay Stratford [Tim & Liz Gilligan]

September 10, Sun., 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am - For the People of the Parish

September 9/10	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Jackie Innis	Michael Stephenson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Pat Rutherford	Dennis & Judith Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Nick Manley	Rob Ugolini / Ian Manley

E-TRANSFERS - The Parish is able to accept e-transfers. If you forget your envelope or you are visiting and want to make a one time donation, you can log onto your mobile banking after Mass and send your donation to office@assumptiongrifton.ca. Make sure to put your envelope # or name and address in the message section of the transfer. The transfers are auto deposit so no need to set up a password.

PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	UPDATES OF THIS SECTION	
	RESUME UPON MELISSA'S	
Building Maintenance	RETURN FROM	
Bank Balance	HOLIDAY	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HAPPY LABOR DAY (Long Weekend) - "We grow each day as we learn each day, with our hard work and with our labor, with our success and failures. Wishing that God imparts all the strength to each one of us to keep working harder in life, to keep moving ahead with greater force and focus. Happy Labour Day to all and enjoy the long weekend with family & friends! Bunch of my friends are coming to spend their long weekend with me and bring plenty of food, I expect Rice and Fish, adobo, litson to abound in the rectory.



SUPPLY PRIESTS – When I was invited to say Mass in Cobourg recently, it felt good to be given a chance to visit and say Mass in other parishes. This is the same feeling other priests experience. This coming Saturday September 9th, the 5 pm Mass here will be celebrated by Fr. Ivan Dyer. When I invited him, he said, "I am looking forward to it after long years that I have not been to Grafton to say Mass." Please welcome Fr. Ivan then. Also the Masses on Saturday, September 16th & 30th will be covered by the priests of St. Michael, Cobourg (our very close neighbour) giving Fr. Emmanuel and his assistant priest the chance to come and see Grafton & St. Mary's Church.

RELAXING SUNDAY AFTERNOON - After six years, I find my Sunday afternoon now very relaxing while watching Blue Jays, golf, and tennis games. In my last parish, as there are no Counters, I have to count the weekend offerings, enter into the computer, deposit the money the next day to the bank of 40 kilometers away from the rectory. I am very thankful to our parish Counters here for giving me such a great relief. I am happy that St. Mary's parish has a secretary, a cleaning lady, guys in charge of cutting the grass. My last parish does not have that luxury so I have to handle myself the related jobs. Nice to have also some handyman volunteers here. Although I miss those works, it feels it is time that I should be spared.