

CATHOLIC SCHOOL— SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS — Sister Donna Smith, our parish catechist, has her hands full this year handling first Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation Sacramental preparations for our kids. Let us support Sis. Donna for her works. Catholic schools are no doubt the seedbeds of catholic faith, and young boys and girls properly prepared in the Sacraments are the hope of our Church. I thank the school administration through the leadership of the principal Angelo Costa for being very supportive, giving us easy access to bring catholic faith formation to kids for them to become good Catholics.

POPE FRANCIS: Christians need to be nourished with the Word of God. “Help nourish the faithful with the Word of God, especially at this decisive moment, where all must work together to promote Sacred Scripture. Dear friends, go forth, go ahead in your mission to help God’s people be nourished by the Word, so that the Bible may be increasingly the heritage of all.”

ST. MARY’S CWL

1. The CWL word of the week is “MENTORSHIP”. MENTORSHIP includes guidance, inspiration and
2. encouragement. The CWL is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come and join us for a meeting.
3. The September CWL meeting is September 11/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
4. “Coffee After Mass” is finished for the summer season. It gave parishioners an opportunity to have a visit with each other and enjoy a snack and a hot beverage. Thank you to the CWL members who got everything ready. Also, thank you parishioners for the cash donations. They are greatly appreciated. The monies will be used toward community and church projects.
5. October 01/23 is National Seniors’ Day.
6. September 30/23 is Canada’s National Day of Truth & Reconciliation.

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*23rd Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*

September 10, 2023



"Where two or three are gathered in MY NAME, I AM there among them."



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council <i>Michael Mullin, Chairperson</i>	416 300-8680
Finance Committee <i>Melissa Lilje, Secretary</i>	905 349-2504
Eucharistic Ministers <i>Judith Goulin</i>	905-372-7684
Lectors <i>Richard Holland</i>	905-349-3710
St Mary's Catholic Women's League <i>Pat Murphy, President</i>	905 349-2847
St Vincent de Paul Society	905 377-3263
Bingo-In-Charge— Jackie Innis	905-349-2880
Religious Articles <i>Alta Vance</i>	905 344-7443

St Mary's Cemetery Board <i>Melissa Lilje, Secretary</i>	905 349-2504
Parish Library — <i>Margaret Harry</i>	289-439-0764
Development and Peace <i>Suzanne Liptay</i>	905-372-3031
Music at Mass: <i>St Mary's Choir</i> , 10 am Mass on Sunday	
CWL Diocesan website: www.peterboroughcwl.ca	
Knights of Columbus	905 349-2504
Ushers	905 349 2504
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:	905 349-2504
St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton: <i>Angelo Costa</i> , Principal	905 349-2061
St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg: <i>Jason Roberts</i> , Principal	905 372-4339
Catholic School Board www.pvncdsb.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 10TH AT THE ALTAR

September 11, Mon., Feria - 9 am -

September 12, Tues., Feria - 9 am - No Mass today

September 13, Wed., *St John Chrysostom* - 9 am -

September 14, Thurs., Exaltation of the Holy Cross- 9 am -

September 15, Fri., *Our Lady of Sorrows* - 9 am -

September 16, Sat., *St Cornelius & St Cyprian*, - 9 am -

September 16, Sat., 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 pm - + Ed Corbier [Tim & Liz Gilligan]

September 17, Sun., 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am - For the People of the Parish

September 16/17	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Paige Mullin	Margaret Harry
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Greg/Paula Blick	Bernadette Murray/ Michael Stephenson
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Nick Manley	Rob Ugolini / Joe O’Kane

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

	Weekend of Aug 27th	Last Weekend Sept 3rd
Sunday Collection	\$1, 285.00	\$1, 818.00
Building Maintenance		\$360.00
Bank Balance		\$2,101.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - I am looking forward to the Parish Council meeting tomorrow, Monday the 11th. Please pray for the success of the said meeting as important things in the agenda are to be discussed and need to be realized.

FR IVAN DYER - Thanking Fr. Ivan Dyer for his generous gesture of giving his time to celebrate the 5pm weekend Mass with us. Next Saturday, Fr. Emmanuel of St. Michael, Cobourg is going to celebrate the 5pm Mass.

REVERENCE TO THE ALTAR AND TABERNACLE - “The general norm is that the priest and the other ministers genuflect to the tabernacle when they approach the altar and when they depart from it, but not during the celebration of Mass itself. Exempted to genuflect is the deacon with book of the gospels and altar servers carrying cross, candles, etc. They just bow instead. The altar symbolizes Christ and becomes the focus during holy Mass.” When we enter the Church, we always look for the Tabernacle to give our worship to the Blessed Sacrament by genuflecting or kneeling. But if the Mass gets started and going, the focus now is on the altar. Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, in particular, who do some movements during Mass have to take note, that coming up to the ambo to read, they don’t have to genuflect to the tabernacle. The same with EM, who, coming up to the sanctuary to receive the ciborium and distribute communion, don’t have to genuflect to the tabernacle. They may bow to the altar. I thank one of our Readers who brought to my attention this clarifications.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS— I have pouches for our extraordinary ministers to use for their PYX when they bring Communion to shut-ins. If you already have one, you may save it as reserve. Along with this pouch is a glass candle to be lit during the short Communion rite with the shut-in. You may get the said pouch from me after the Mass.