

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FEAST DAY (Cobourg) Friday September 29,

2023 - 5:00 pm Mass, Potluck Dinner to follow outdoors or (in St. Michael's School gym in case of inclement weather), and Entertainment. Thank you all for participating and many blessings upon you.— Fr. Emmanuel & Fr. MacAnthony—Faith Formation Committee

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. Deacon/Reader bringing the book of the gospels and altar servers carrying cross, candles, etc. don’t have to genuflect to the tabernacle but may just bow to the altar. When we enter the Church, we always look for the Tabernacle to give worship to the Blessed Sacrament by genuflecting or kneeling. But once the Mass gets started and going, the focus now is in the altar. Readers coming up to the ambo to read, does not need to genuflect to the tabernacle. The same with EM, who, coming up to the sanctuary to receive the ciborium and distribute Communion, does not have to genuflect to the tabernacle. They instead bow to the Altar where the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is going on.

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.

ST. MARY’S CWL

1. The CWL Word of the Week is OUTREACH. “For it is giving that we receive.” Members of the CWL strive to reach out to those in need. Won’t you help us reach further? Come out and join us for a meeting.
2. Pray for all those people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions in their daily lives.
3. September 30/23 is Canada’s National Day of Truth & Reconciliation. The CWL will place orange ribbons at the front of the church for Sept.30/23. Orange shirts will be placed inside the church. This display is to remind parishioners of this most important day for Canadians.
4. The next CWL meeting is on October 02/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
5. October 01/23 is Seniors Day in Canada. It is an occasion for Canadians to celebrate the contributions of seniors in our homes, communities and in the workplace.

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24th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
September 16-17, 2023



**"Forgive, not
7 times but
77 times."**



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.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 17TH AT THE ALTAR

September 18, Mon. 9 am

September 19, Tues. NO MASS TODAY

September 20, Wed. 11 am - SCHOOL MASS at the Church

September 21, Thurs. 9 am - ST. MATTHEW

September 22, Fri. 9 am

September 23, Sat. 9 am - *St Pius of Pietrelcina*

September 23, Sat. 5 pm - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - + PHIL CARROLL by Tim & Liz Giligan

September 24, Sun. 10 am - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - For the People of the Parish

September 23/24	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Jan Pietkiewicz	Cathy Vasas - Brown
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Pat Rutherford	John Logel / Margaret Harry
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Nick Manley	Ian Manley / 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

	Last Weekend Sept 10 th	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$2,150.00	\$1,805.00
Building Maintenance	\$115.00	\$90.00
Bank Balance	\$98.24	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FR. EMMANUEL - Thanking Fr. Emmanuel, pastor of St. Michael's, Cobourg, for lending his time to celebrate the 5 pm weekend Mass with us.

BEHIND THE ALTAR STATUES - "Mary's role in salvation history is partly why her image is placed to Jesus' right side. As the mother of God, she has a special place. Being at the right hand is a place of honor, as we know from Jesus' role at the "right hand of the Father." As the first disciple, Mary also has a place in the proclamation of the Gospel, which is why her statue is placed at the side where the Gospel is proclaimed. This traditional placement was developed over time based on biblical texts and various cultural traditions." That said, we are going to switch places of the Statues of Mary and St. Joseph behind our altar. Also, it's part of the structure of catholic church building that only the crucifix, statues of Mary and Joseph (or statue of the parish patron saint in place of St. Joseph) that should be placed behind the altar. Ideally, the tabernacle must also be at the center of the Sanctuary beneath the crucifix. With chancery's recommendations, we will also move to a proper place the image of the Good Shepherd, presently hung beneath the crucifix.

SEAMSTRESSES FOR ALTAR CLOTHS— The Parish Council and I are seeking talented seamstresses within our community to assist in creating proper altar cloths. These altar cloths are essential for our liturgical celebrations and come in four different liturgical colors: green, white, red, and purple. Currently, we do not have all the required colors, and we'd greatly appreciate your help in ensuring we have the right cloths for each season of the liturgical year. If you or someone you know possesses sewing skills and would be interested in contributing to this important apostolate, please don't hesitate to reach out to Father Martin or contact the parish office. Your support will play a vital role in enhancing our worship experience, and we warmly welcome anyone willing to join this meaningful endeavor. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.