

venerate but worship and adore the Blessed Sacrament for it is Jesus who is really present.

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.

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

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The CWL Word of the week is "PEACE". The CWL helps members grow in their relationship with God and with each other, a true peace.
2. The next CWL meeting is on October 02/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
3. Pray for all people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions in their daily lives.
4. September 30/23 is Canada's National Day of Truth & Reconciliation. Orange shirts are placed inside the church and orange ribbons placed in front of the church by the CWL to mark this most important day.
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.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

The KOC will be holding their annual Rose Sunday at the weekend Masses of September 30 /October 1. All proceeds go towards local pro life causes. Thanks in advance for your generosity and God Bless.

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest

Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

25th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
September 23-24, 2023



Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council <i>Michael Mullin, Chairperson</i>	416 300-8680
Finance Committee <i>Dennis Goulin, Chairperson</i>	905 372-7684
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 24TH AT THE ALTAR

September 25, Mon. 9 am

September 26, Tues - No Mass Today

September 27, Wed. 9 am - *St Vincent de Paul*

September 28, Thurs. 9 am

September 29, Fri. 9 am - STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

September 30, Sat. 9 am - *St Jerome*

September 30, Sat. 5 pm, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - For the People of the Parish

October 1, Sun. 10 am, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

September 30/ October 1	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes	Melissa Lilje
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Paula / Greg Blick	Peter/Debbie Burnham
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Nick Manley	Ian Manley / Rob Ugolini

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 17 th	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,200.00	\$1,350.00
Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Balance	\$387.36	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PRIESTS TEAMWORK - Fr. Emmanuel and Fr. MacAnthony of St. Michael's parish, and I are teaming up well by generously lending our time to celebrate Mass at others' parish when one of us needs help. This coming Saturday, Sept 30, our 5 pm Mass will be looked after by one of them. On Oct 3, 4, 5 & 6, it is time my time to return the favour by saying the midday Masses in Cobourg as they will be off to Edmonton for their religious community retreat.

PASTOR'S HOLIDAY - It has been 5 years that I have not taken my holiday. Also I have not been home to the Philippines that number of years. This time I will take my allowed 5 week holiday every year in a staggered manner. I will spend the first one week of it on October 10 to October 17, 2023.

WHOM TO BOW - Thanks to a parishioner who asked me this question recently: "to whom shall we bow during the celebration of the Mass, to altar or to priest?" When I was an altar server during my younger days, we, servers and liturgy ministers bowed to the priest. That's how we knew it. And I remember how our priest seemed to be enjoying, feeling like a king or Lord seeing people bowing to him. Obviously, our priest then did not know the norm. Now that I am a priest I should not fall into the same mistake of letting people bow to me instead to the Altar during Mass celebration. Neither will I enjoy being hailed or venerated during Mass instead of the Altar which is the center and focus of respect and reverence not the priest.

BLESSED SACRAMENT VS. STATUES OR IMAGES - It is said that any statue of Jesus really looks like Jesus, but he is not. The Blessed Sacrament, in the other hand, does not look like Jesus, but he is. Images and statues are pure representations. That is why we just venerate them but never worship neither adore them. Whereas, the Blessed Sacrament, according to our Catholic belief, is not a symbol; it is the whole Christ truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity. That is why we do not just