

did it free of labour and materials are given for half price. I am surprised to find that of all people, it is our church & rectory cleaner (Shirley) who was extremely happy about the new carpet knowing well that as every week she cleans the rectory for many years now, she knows how old those carpets are. As she said, "it's about time to change them." Again, thanks to my good friend who made it happened.

PRIESTS TEAMWORK - Thanking Fr. MacAnthony, the associate priest in Cobourg, for saying the 5 pm Mass with us this weekend. On Oct 3, 4, 5, & 6, it is time for me to return the favour by saying the midday Masses in Cobourg as Frs. Emmanuel & MacAnthony will leave for Edmonton to attend their religious community retreat.

PASTOR'S HOLIDAY - It has been 5 years now that I have not taken my holiday. Also I have not been home to the Philippines that number of years. We priests are allowed 5 weeks off in a year. I will take just one week vacation this year from October 10 to October 17, 2023. I notice lots of our parishioners are excusing themselves of their liturgical assignments as they are taking days off these coming weeks. Wow, and that includes the parish priest who will also go away for a week. Go for it and come home recharged guys, promise!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION — Sis Donna is reminding Parents/Guardians of children who will undergo preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion/Reconciliation of the following meetings:
Sunday, October 1, 4pm - Meeting of parents of children for Confirmation
Monday, October 2, 4 pm - Meeting of parents of children for First Reconciliation and Communion. All the said meetings will be held at St. Mary's church.

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The CWL word of the week is "POWER". POWER is the ability to influence the course of events. CWL Resolutions have changed lives. Members attend a meeting and you will be part of the POWER of resolutions.
2. The October CWL meeting will be on Oct.02/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
3. September 30/23 is Canada's National Day of Truth & Reconciliation. The CWL has placed two orange shirts at the entranceway into the church with orange ribbons out in front of the church to remind us of this most important day for Canadians.
4. October 01/23 is Senior's Day in Canada. It is an occasion for Canadians to celebrate the contributions of Seniors in our homes, communities and in the workplace.
5. Please pray for all those people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions in their daily lives.

KNIGHTS 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.

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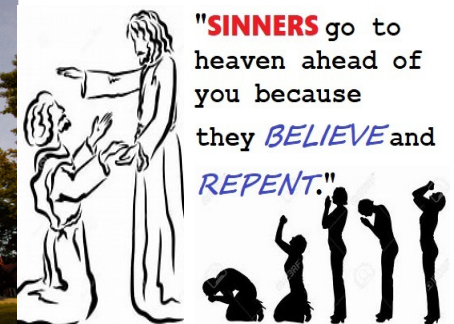
Diocesan Website: www.peterboroughdiocese.org

Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest

Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

*26th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*

Sept 30-Oct 1, 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 OCTOBER 1ST AT THE ALTAR

October 2, Mon. 9 am - *The Holy Guardian Angels*

October 3, Tues - No Mass Today

October 4, Wed. 9 am - *St. Francis of Assisi*

October 5, Thurs. 9 am

October 6, Fri. 9 am - *1st Friday Blessed Sacrament Adoration & Mass*

October 7, Sat. 9 am - *Our Lady of the Rosary*

October 7 Sat. 5 pm, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - For the People of the Parish

October 8, Sun. 10 am, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - + Donna MacNeil

by Carol Anne Maybin

October 7/8	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Jackie Innis	Bernadette Murray
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sr Donna Smith	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

	Last Weekend Sept 17 th	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$2,755.00	\$1,277.00
Needs of Can. Church	\$45.00	\$203.00
Building Maintenance	\$50.00	\$50.00
Bank Balance	\$1,900.34	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER (For the Synod) - "We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

TABERNACLE, STATUES AND IMAGES RELOCATIONS - It is said that any statue/image of Jesus 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. Whereas, the Blessed Sacrament, according to our Catholic belief, is not a mere symbol; it is the whole Christ truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity. That is why we do not just venerate but worship and adore the Blessed Sacrament for it is Jesus who is really and truly present. If in our catholic belief Christ is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, then there's no need for him to be represented with the image of the divine mercy (presently on top of the tabernacle), no need for him to be represented by the statue of the sacred heart (presently beside the tabernacle) because Jesus who himself is the divine mercy and the sacred heart is present real and actual in the Blessed Sacrament inside the Tabernacle. Statues & images of Jesus, sacred as they are, could take our attention away from the real presence of Christ when we come to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. With these explanations plus instructions from the office of the bishop, soon we will move the statue of the sacred heart and the image of the divine mercy away from the tabernacle, or the tabernacle itself will be relocated to the center of the sanctuary behind the altar, beneath the crucifix. All of the relocations of the things mentioned will all be done according to the liturgical norms and approval from the bishop's office. I thank you all for your kind understanding.

LUCKY TO HAVE GOOD FRIENDS - Not only the Rectory Back Room Storage has been renovated, but also some portions of the rectory have the old carpets replaced with new ones particularly the stairs all the way up. A good friend of mine, Ely Valles,