

**CASH DALLEN RANDS** -We congratulate and warmly welcome Cash Rands to our Christian Catholic community for receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. Son of Dallen Rands and Alexandra Pawlikowski, Cash is baptized at the Assumption of Mary Church today, Sunday October 8, 2023. May God shower his love and blessings on this newly baptized child.

**SYMPATHY** - We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of ZACHARY SAWYER, who passed away lately. Our faith community offer prayers for the eternal repose of his soul. His funeral Mass is scheduled Saturday, October 21, 10 AM in our church of St. Mary's.

**TABERNACLE, STATUES AND IMAGES RELOCATIONS** - Being not a mere symbol, but is the whole Christ body, blood, soul, and divinity, the Blessed Sacrament is worthy of our worship and adoration. As such, he neither needs to be represented with the image of the divine mercy (presently on top of the tabernacle), nor 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 surrounding close to the tabernacle, sacred as they are, could take away our attention to 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 be done according to the liturgical norms and approval from the bishop's office. I thank you all for your kind understanding.

**PASTOR'S HOLIDAY** - There will be no Mass schedule during the weekdays of Oct 10th to 17th except on the weekend of 14th & 15th. Thanks to Frs. Emmanuel and MacAnthony for saying the 2 Masses in my absence. 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 am happy to be given this opportunity even if it is only for 7 days.

### **ST. MARY'S CWL**

1. The CWL WORD of the week is PRIDE. We, in the CWL, take pride in our accomplishments. We are a sisterhood of women dedicated to service to God and Canada.
2. Pray for all those people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions in their daily lives.
3. The CWL has set up the Thanksgiving display, in front of the altar.
4. Happy Thanksgiving to Father Martin, all CWL Members and all parishioners. We all thank God for His blessings and for His gifts that he bestows upon us.

## **Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time*

**October 7-8, 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: <a href="http://www.peterboroughcwl.ca">www.peterboroughcwl.ca</a>	
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 <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a>	

### **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 8<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR**

October 9, Mon. 9 am –No Mass

October 10, Tues - No Mass

October 11, Wed. 9 am - No Mass

October 12, Thurs. 9 am - No Mass

October 13, Fri. 9 am - No Mass

October 14, Sat. 9 am - No Mass

October 14, Sat. 5 pm, 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - For the People of the Parish

October 15, Sun. 10 am, 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14/15	5 pm	10 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Greg Blick	John Logel
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Pat Rutherford	Dennis Goulin / Judith Goulin
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Darrell & Nick Manley	Joe O’Kane / 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@assumptiongrafton.ca](mailto:office@assumptiongrafton.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 October 1st	Same Time Last Year
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$3385.00	\$2,292.35
<b>Needs of Can. Church</b>	\$105.00	\$0.00
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	\$275.00	\$417.65
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$2,354.46</b>	



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**FR. HENRY ADOPTANTE**—Happy to finally mount the picture plaque of Fr. Henry at the statue of mother Mary in front of the Church. When he came to the diocese of Peterborough from the Philippines, Fr. Henry was already suffering from the lingering disease of liver cancer. For almost 25 years he incredibly endured and battled such life-threatening disease. But all through those years of ordeal, he was never seen complained neither did he wavered in his dedication to his ministry. Despite constant advise from concerned friends to retire in active ministry so that he could give more time looking after himself, he resolutely refused saying, “I will remain in the ministry serving the Lord as long as I am able.” He was true to his words. He left us an inspiring strength of will and indomitable spirit that even in deteriorating health, we can still serve the Lord with dedication and serenity. Fr. Henry is known for his quietness, his signature identity, that speaks loudly his innate kindness, natural tender-heartedness and gentleness. Fr. Henry must have this parish, Our Lady of Assumption, close to his heart and we trust he will commend our parish community to our patron, Our Lady of Assumption and to our dear Lord Jesus, given that this is the last parish he served as pastor.

**THANKSGIVING** -“God is in control, and therefore in EVERYTHING WE can give



thanks – not because of the situation but because of the One who directs and rules over it.” It is in our best interest to be reminded that everything we have is a gift from Him. Thankfulness keeps our hearts in right relationship to the Giver of all good gifts. 1Thessalonians 5:18 says, “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

