

THANKSGIVING DISPLAY AT THE ALTAR - Thank you, Pat and the CWL for setting up Thanksgiving display of plants and flowers in front of the altar. Beautiful!

MARTYRS FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH – “In history, hundreds of early Christians have faced persecution for their faith. It is believed that the Roman Catholic Church was born out of the martyrdom of its members. A Christian martyr is someone willing to face death rather than deny Jesus Christ or his Gospel. Beheading, stoning, crucifixion, throwing to lion’s dens, and burning at stake were some of the horrific ways they were punished for their beliefs.”

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH - (October 17) St. Ignatius became the third bishop of Antioch, following Sts. Peter and Paul. In AD 107, the brutal Emperor Trajan who was ruling over Rome, unfairly sentenced Ignatius to death since he refused to renounce Christianity and held firm to his faith and also refused to follow Roman gods. As a result, he was sentenced to death by being torn to pieces and eaten by lions in the Colosseum as 87,000 Romans approved and applauded. He went joyfully to his death with the name of Jesus on his lips and in his heart. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Ignatius wrote: "Allow me to become food for the wild beasts, through whose means it will be granted me to reach God. I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of Christ." Great faith can be found in few men, and in fewer men can greater faith be found than in that of St. Ignatius of Antioch. “Christianity is greatest when it is hated by the world.” — Ignatius. St. Ignatius of Antioch was the first person to use the term ‘Catholic’ to describe the church as universal.

ST. MARY’S CWL

1. The CWL Word of the Week is “PURPOSE”. Faith, Service and Social Justice are the cornerstones of the CWL. They give PURPOSE to our lives.
2. The next CWL Meeting is November 06/23.
3. Pray for all those people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions In their daily lives.
4. We wish Father Martin a safe journey to his homeland and a happy reunion with his family and friends.

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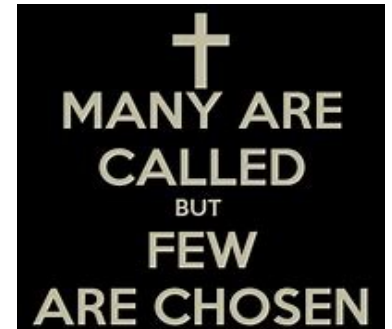
Diocesan Website: www.peterboroughdiocese.org

Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest

Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

*28th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*

October 14-15, 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.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 OCTOBER 15TH AT THE ALTAR

October 16, Mon - No Mass

October 17, Tues - No Mass

October 18, Wed. 11 am - SCHOOL MASS

October 19, Thurs. 9 am - + Melchor & Salus by Dalida family

October 20, Fri. 9 am -

October 21, Sat. 10 am - FUNERAL MASS for Zackary Sawyer

October 21, Sat. 5 pm 29th Sunday Ordinary Time - For the People of the Parish

October 22, Sun. 10 am 29th Sunday Ordinary Time - + Steven Casteels [Mom Dad & Family]

October 21/22	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Paula Blick	Kathleen Ancker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Greg Blick/ Paula Blick	Bernadette Murray / Michael Stephenson
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Nick Manley	Rob Ugolini / 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@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 October 1st	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,555.00	\$1,955.00
Needs of Can. Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Maintenance	\$45.00	\$417.65
Bank Balance	\$3,405.41	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MASS TIME CHANGES - Please take note of the following Mass Time changes: Wed October 18, 11 am – School Mass and Sat Oct 21, 10 am - Funeral Mass.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Oct 22, 2023) - “World Mission Sunday – the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It’s a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Mission helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.” Please be generous.

THANK YOU - I’d like to thank Fr. Emmanuel and Fr. MacAnthony for saying the Weekend Masses while I am away for holiday.

SYMPATHY - We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of ZACKARY 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.

POPE FRANCIS (War) - Pope Francis prays for peace in Israel and Palestine. “Please stop the attacks and the weapons and understand that terrorism and war do not lead to any solution, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people. War is always a defeat!” Fresh violence erupted unexpectedly in the Holy Land on Saturday, when Palestinian Hamas militants launched a surprise attack on Israel, firing hundreds of rockets and making armed incursions into Israel. Israel immediately launched retaliatory air strikes, and the nation’s prime minister has said the country is at war.