

ST. ANDREW BOBOLA - (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.) Saint Andrew Bobola is a Polish missionary who was sent on numerous missions across Lithuania, and his work there earned him the nickname "Apostle of Lithuania." He became a martyr after he was captured and executed during the Cossack-Polish War in 1657. He suffered a lot during his days in captivity. First, he was tied to a tree and "scourged." Later, they put a thorn crown on his head, took out one of his eyes and slowly burned his body with torches. One of the torturers cut out a piece of his skin in the shape of a chasuble, a vest worn by priests, and then peeled it from his body. They continued by sticking needles beneath his fingernails. It was said that while his torturers tormented him, Saint Andrew Bobola didn't stop praying for their souls. Tired of his constant prayers, they cut out his tongue and then executed him by crushing his skull. In 2002, the Bishops' Conference of Poland declared Bobola a patron saint of Poland.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

DID YOU KNOW? - Some of our parishioners at St. Mary's volunteer at a local charity bingo event several times a month. The money they raise from this activity is dedicated to a separate account, earmarked for the maintenance, repairs, upkeep, and restoration of the parish. This money is not part of the Parish's general funds and cannot be used for regular operating expenses. The current balance in the Bingo account is \$19,381.71. We want to express our gratitude to all the volunteers who make it possible to have these funds available in case of need. If you would like to volunteer for the bingo, please contact Jackie Innis at 905-349-2880.

ST.MARY'S CWL

1. Next CWL meeting is on Nov.06/23 @ 9:30 am in the rectory.
- 2.The CWL Word of the week is "SERVICE". Baptism calls us to witness to God's love – especially for the outcast and vulnerable in this world. – be they human or other. CWL members witness this service in many ways. Come, attend a meeting and be a part of this compassionate service.
3. Please pray for those people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions in their daily lives.
4. Year 2024 Memberships: it is that time of year to renew your CWL membership and for prospective members to take out a membership. You will receive your membership renewal form in the mail the first week or so of November. There are Membership envelopes in the foyer (in a tub below the bulletin board) for prospective members to take which contains all the necessary information.

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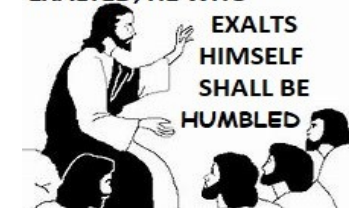
Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

*31st Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*

November 4-5, 2023



**HE WHO HUMBLER
HIMSELF SHALL BE
EXALTED; HE WHO**



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 NOVEMBER 5TH AT THE ALTAR

November 6, Mon. 9 am -
 November 7, Tues - NO MASS TODAY
 November 8, Wed. 9 am - NO MASS TODAY
 November 9, Thurs. 9 am - NO MASS TODAY
 November 10, Fri. 9 am - St. Pope Leo the Great
 November 11, Sat. 10 am - St. Martin of Tours
 November 11, Sat. 5 pm - 31st Sunday Ordinary Time - For the People of the Parish
 November 12, Sun. 10 am - 31st Sunday Ordinary Time - +Zackary Sawyer by the CWL

November 11/12	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes	Margaret Harry
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Pat Rutherford	Bernadette Murray / Michael Stephenson
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 Oct 28-29th	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,785.00	\$1,665.00
All Souls Day Offerings	\$515.00	
Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Balance	\$5,744.47	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PRIESTS STUDY DAY - All clergy of the diocese of Peterborough will be attending the yearly Study Day starting Tuesday Nov 7th until Thursday 9th to be held at Nottawasaga Inn Resort in Alliston, On. Please offer prayers for us your pastors during our study day. On our part, as we take time to study and reflect, we remember the words of Saint Augustine: “The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.” May our studies broaden our horizons and deepen our understanding of the world around us.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - “We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. “

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE RELIC COMING TO COBOURG– Monday November 13 @ St. Michael’s Church: 6pm (Exposition), 6:10pm (Talks on St. Andre), 6:30 (Eucharistic Adoration), 7pm (Holy Mass), 7:45 (Veneration of the Relic & Anointing with the oil of St. Joseph).



POPE FRANCIS (All Souls Day) - Pope Francis celebrated Mass for All Souls' Day at Rome’s Military Cemetery. In his homily he said, “I was looking at the age of these fallen soldiers. The majority died between 20 and 30. Lives cut short, lives without a future, here. So many tears in these lives cut short. I could not help but think of today's wars. There are so many deaths. Life is destroyed without any awareness”. Aware of war continues to rage in Gaza, Ukraine, Yemen, and elsewhere, he laments, “Wars are always a defeat. Always. Let us pray to the Lord for our dead. And may the Lord also have mercy on us and give us hope; hope that we might be able to go on and be with Him when He calls us.”

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - Saturday, Nov 4 @ 2am, setting the clock 1 hour back.

