

rous texts on the life of Christ and on the lives of the saints and this is when his true conversion began. A year later, he hung up his military garments before a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and decided to become a soldier for the Catholic Faith. Later, he founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Among his inspiring words: "Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God." "All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**PARISH FINANCIAL OVERVIEW** - We believe that a transparent and informative overview of our financial history can help you understand the financial situation of the parish better. In response to some of your questions, here is a summary of the offertory collected and parish expenses over the past five years: **Offertory Collection: 2018 ( \$138,844), 2019 ( \$140,600), 2020 (\$100,049), 2021 (\$102,100), 2022 \$114,253), Jan 1 to Sept 30, 2023 ( \$83,627) . Parish Expenses: 2018, (\$134,160), 2019 (\$135,615), 2020 (\$139,658), 2021 (\$144,762), 2022 (\$145,000, Jan 1 to Sept 30, 2023 (\$102,424)** These figures give a general sense of our financial history. The offertory collection is the primary source of income for the church's operating expenses, which include maintenance, utilities, staff salaries, and community programs. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our parish. Together, we can ensure the financial stability and continued growth of our church community.

### ST.MARY'S CWL

1. CWL members laid a wreath Nov.11/23 at the Grafton Cenotaph to remember those who fought so valiantly in wars and conflicts for Canada, around the world.
2. The CWL Word of the Week is "SISTERS". In the world today, everyone yearns for connections. The CWL provides so many ways to form a sisterhood with other women, be it at home, in the parish or through leadership. Come out to a meeting and join a family of sisters across Canada.
3. Please continue to pray for those people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions in their daily lives.
4. Upcoming Event: St. Michael's CWL has invited St. Mary's parishioners for a presentation by Cobourg Police on "HUMAN TRAFFICKING". Date: Nov.21/23 @ 1:15 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Cobourg. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.
5. A CWL PROJECT "HELPING OTHERS". Starts: Nov.18/23 Ends: Dec.17/23.
6. The parishioners are asked to donate personal care items (for men, women, children) for those in need. E.g. hygiene products, brushes, combs, razors, hair products, lip balm, bandaids, deodorant etc. Check the poster on the bulletin board in the foyer for more items. Boxes/tubs will be placed in the foyer by the CWL for the items that are donated. They will be transported to the Salvation Army for distribution. Thank you for your assistance in "HELPING OTHERS"!

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**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

*32nd Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time*

**November 14-12, 2023**



**STAY AWAKE**  
for you know  
neither the day  
nor the hour.

### Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council <i>Michael Mullin, Chairperson</i>	416 300-8680	St Mary's Cemetery Board <i>Melissa Lilje, Secretary</i>	905 349-2504
Finance Committee <i>Dennis Goulin, Chairperson</i>	905 372-7684	Parish Library – <i>Margaret Harry</i>	289-439-0764
Eucharistic Ministers <i>Judith Goulin</i>	905-372-7684	Development and Peace <i>Suzanne Liptay</i>	905-372-3031
Lectors <i>Richard Holland</i>	905-349-3710	Music at Mass: <i>St Mary's Choir</i> , 10 am Mass on Sunday	
St Mary's Catholic Women's League <i>Pat Murphy, President</i>	905 349-2847	CWL Diocesan website: <a href="http://www.peterboroughcwl.ca">www.peterboroughcwl.ca</a>	
St Vincent de Paul Society	905 377-3263	Knights of Columbus	905 349-2504
Bingo-In-Charge– Jackie Innis	905-349-2880	Ushers	905 349 2504
Religious Articles <i>Alta Vance</i>	905 344-7443	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 NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT THE ALTAR**

November 13, Mon. 9 am - NO MASS TODAY

November 14, Tues - 9 am

November 15, Wed. 9 am

November 16, Thurs. 9 am - People of Gaza by Deirdre Arzheimer

November 17, Fri. 9 am - St. Elizabeth

November 18, Sat. 9 am

November 18, Sat. 5 pm - 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - For the People of the Parish

November 19, Sun. 10 am - 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - +Gay Stratford by St Mary's Choir

November 18/19	5 pm	10 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Jackie Innis	Cathy Vasas Brown
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Paula Blick	Peter Burnham / John Logel
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	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	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$4,965.00	\$1,770.00
Building Maintenance	\$405.00	\$505.00
Bank Balance	<b>\$10,630.42</b>	

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** - is commemorated on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year and marks the end of World War I in 1918. The intention of the day is to remember the fallen on both sides in the Great War (first world war). On this Remembrance Day, Canadians pause to honour the men and women who have served and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict, and peace. More than 2,300,000 Canadians have served and more than 118,000 made the ultimate sacrifice.

**BAPTISM** - To be baptized today after the 10am Mass will be Charlotte Walsh and Nyla Walsh, children of Christopher Walsh & Coleen O'Kane. We happily welcome these newly-baptized children to our Christian Catholic community. Congratulations.

**THE FALLING LEAVES** - The parish of St. Mary's is thankful for the grade 8 students of St. Mary's Catholic School for their voluntary work of removing the leaves around the church & rectory yards in preparation for winter. Thank you boys and girls and Mr. Geens (class adviser) for your kind help.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** - This coming Sunday, November 19th, a special collection towards Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will done. Envelopes for that purpose are available at the church entrance.

**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA** - Soldiers are brave, courageous, tested, tough, eager to serve, and loyal to a code. They are a lot like Christians. They fought for our freedom, who gave their lives so that we might break free from the chains of those who wish to rule us against our will and with wrongful authority, or dominate us. In our Catholic faith, many of our great saints have done the same throughout the centuries for their own countries. St. Ignatius joined the army at age 17, mostly looking for glory, and dueled many people in his search for glory. He once dueled a Moor who denied the divinity of Christ and ran him through! When he 30 years old, he was wounded at a battle at Pamplona breaking one of his legs and injured the other. While he was recovering from his injuries, he read numer-