

**JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (1801–1890)** - One of the most famous converts to Catholicism from England, he was initially an Anglican priest and pastor of St. Mary's Church, Oxford, England. It was his studies of the Early Church Fathers that led to his intellectual conversion, which resulted in his conversion to Catholicism. Newman was famous for his long sermons. The deeper he studied and prayed, the more he came to the conclusion that conversion to the Catholic Church was not an option for him but a necessity. He was received in the Catholic Church in 1845 and ordained a Catholic Priest in 1847. Pope Leo XIII promoted him to Cardinal in 1849. After his death, about a century later, during the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to England, Newman was beatified on September 19, 2010. He is considered a genius and at the same time a humble pastor.

**UN AGENCIES APPEAL FOR GREATER ACCESS TO GAZA TO DELIVER LIFE-SAVING AID** - Gaza's 335,000 children under 5 years of age are at highest risk for life-threatening malnutrition, given the widespread destruction of infrastructure and the inability to grow food now, creating total reliance on outside aid. Since the start of the hostilities, the UN agencies and partners have tried to assist the health system in Gaza with the provision of medical equipment and supplies, medicines, fuel, and coordination of emergency medical teams. The situation is catastrophic for the population of Gaza. When it comes to health services, we see less health services being available, while more and more people are in need of those health services. So as the bombardment continues, there are more people who are wounded, more people who are killed as well. Already the number of killed people has gone over 24,000 and 70% of them are women and children.

**ST. VINCENT THE PAUL**

The St. Mary's Grafton St. Vincent de Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank MANY parishioners who contributed to our Christmas Hamper Program this year: the monetary donations, the sundries collected by the CWL, the collection at the school of hats, slippers, and mitts, and the efforts of the libraries. This help allow us to give our neighbours in need to have a very merry Christmas. What a great supportive parish! Thank you. Your SVP.

**ST.MARY'S CWL**

1.The CWL word of the week is "VALUES". The CWL is an organization built on Catholic values, embracing all aspects of Christian family life. Standing together, members grow in faith and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. It is a cornerstone for CWL members who believe in helping one another.

2. The February CWL meeting is on February 05/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.

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

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**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

**3rd Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time**

**January 21, 2024**



**"Come follow ME  
and I will make  
you FISHERS of  
PEOPLE."**

**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 JANUARY 21ST AT THE ALTAR**

January 22, Monday 9am - NO MASS TODAY

January 23, Tues. 9 am

January 24, Wed. 9 am - St. Francis de Sales

January 25, Thurs. 9 am - Conversion of St. Paul

January 26, Fri. 9 am - Sts. Timothy & Titus

January 27, Sat. 9 am - + Fr. Allan Hood by Ian Manley

January 27, Sat. 4 pm - 4th Sunday Ordinary Time – People of the Parish

January 28, Sun. 10 am - 4th Sunday Ordinary Time— + Zack Sawyer by Ian Manley

January 27/28, 2024	4 pm	10 am
Lectors	Greg Blick	John Logel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Paula Blick	Michael Stephenson
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell Manley/ Nick Manley	Joe O’Kane/ Rob Ugolini

**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	\$3, 010	
Building Maintenance	\$100	
Balance	Update of the balance upon Melissa’s return	

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

+ **FR. ALLAN HOOD FUNERAL**- The Visitation and Funeral Mass will take place at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 296 Church Street, Belleville, ON, K8N 3C6. Tuesday, January 23, 2024: Visitation starts in the church at 9:30 a.m. & Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment at St. James Catholic Cemetery, Champagne Drive, Belleville, ON, K8P 5N6. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**THE SECRETARY** - Our parish secretary, Melissa, is having knee replacement surgery and will not be available for a few weeks. Please pray for Melissa’s successful surgery and speedy recovery. I will be taking her place until she comes back. If you have some requests, like Mass intentions or any questions, etc., you may reach me at my personal email: FrMartinDalida@peterboroughdiocese.org or text me using my mobile phone #705-491-0825. Please do not use parish email as I don’t have access to it.

**POPE FRANCIS** - “War is a crime against humanity. At the beginning of the year, we exchanged wishes for peace, but weapons have continued to kill and destroy. We must educate for peace. It seems that we are not yet—all of humanity—with a sufficient education to stop every war. Let us always pray for this grace: to educate for peace.”

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** - Each year in January – beginning on the 18th and concluding on the feast of the conversion of St Paul, January 24th – Christian churches and ecclesial communities observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For more than fifty years, the Catholic Church has joined with other Christian communities in the initiative of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan, this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites us to pray for love of God and neighbour. The Samaritan represents Christ, for example; the man who is robbed and left for dead represents “Adam” or humanity; and the inn where the victim is received represents the Church, the Church that needs to adopt the loving care for everyone, no matter their religion, people, race, or community.