

**STEPHEN KYLIE** - Next Sunday, March 3rd, the CWL will be hosting coffee after Mass in the school gym. Join us for a short presentation by a Catholic Lawyer who will educate us on Estate Planning, probate, and ways to leave more money to charity and less to the government. It would be a wonderful legacy to be able to continue to support the church for future generations. Come, learn, and ask questions to explore your options when you pass away.

**KNITTING WOOL** - "If you have any extra or unused knitting wool and would like to donate it to a worthy cause, please bring it here in the church during any weekend and leave it in the St. Vincent box at the back. We have a lady who makes and donates winter hats and other items to those in the community who need them. The more wool she has, the more she will make. Any colors, no matter the amount, are welcome."

#### **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WEBSITE AND LINKS**

1. "**Journey through Lent 2024**" - (for second Sunday of Lent) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y71KY1yidyl>
2. **Ignatian Solidarity Network** - Subscribe for FREE daily reflections to refresh our souls and our imaginations. Enjoy reading the reflections & watching the video clips and be refreshed!
3. **The Chosen** - No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you! Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on Earth with him – the disciples, Mary, the Pharisees, the children, and those he healed.
4. **Franciscan Media** - Franciscan Media strives to inspire a loving world that embraces the Franciscan spirit of harmony, joy, and simplicity.

#### **DEVELOPEMENT & PEACE**

(Reaping Our Rights) Caritas Canada workshop. Pizza lunch provided (specify regular or vegetarian when you register) Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m until 1 p.m. Location: St. Francis of Assisi parish hall, Newcastle. Registration: [torontodevp@gmail.com](mailto:torontodevp@gmail.com) Cost: \$0:00. Hosted by the Peterborough and Toronto D&P Councils.

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

1. Next CWL Meeting - March 04/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.
2. CWL Fundraiser "The Bakeless Bake Sale" started last weekend. CWL members will be giving out Fundraiser Envelopes (containing all the information) at the back of the church at the end of Mass if you did not receive one last weekend.
3. March 03/24 – "Coffee After Mass" in the school gym next door. Following coffee there will be a guest speaker, lawyer Stephen Kylie, giving a presentation on Estate Planning and leaving money to the church in your will. This presentation is a joint effort by St. Mary's CWL and St. Mary's Parish Councils.
4. Mar.01/24 – World Day Of Prayer – St. George's Anglican Church, Grafton @ 2:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

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

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Diocesan Website: [www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org)

**Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest**

**Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary**

## **2nd Sunday of Lent**

**February 24-25, 2024**



### **The Transfiguration**



**"This is  
my beloved SON.  
Listen to HIM."**

### **Parish Committees & Organisations**

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*  
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St Vincent de Paul-*Wes Krentz*-905-377-3263

St. Mary Cemetery Board, *Melissa Lilje*-  
905239-2504

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905-744-0865

Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905-396-2578  
Development and Peace/Library, *Suzanne  
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St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905-269-2352

Religious Articles, *Alta Vance*-905-344-7443

St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton:

*Angelo Costa* (Principal)-905 349-2061

St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg:

*Jason Roberts* (Principal)-Tel. 905 372-4339

### **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 FEBRUARY 25TH AT THE ALTAR

Feb 26, Mon. 9am

Feb 27, Tues. NO MASS

Feb 28, Wed. 9 am

Feb 29, Thurs. 9 am

March 1, Fri. 9 am (Stations of the Cross following the Mass)

March 2, Sat. 9 am

March 3, Sat. 4 pm - 3rd Sunday of Lent - People of the parish

March 3, Sun. 10 am - 3rd Sunday of Lent - For special intention of Behan Employees by The Cemetery

March 2-3, 2024	4 pm	10 am
Lectors	Jackie Innis	Cathy Brown
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Greg Blick	Judith Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Nick Manley/ Darrell Manley	Joe O’Kane/Ed Nemec

**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](mailto: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	
Sunday Collection	\$1, 738.70	
Building Maintenance	\$115	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$8, 976.97</b>	

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**CHRIST’S TRANSFIGURATION** - The Transfiguration is significant because it reveals Jesus’ divine nature and his identity as the Son of God. It was the glorification of the body of Jesus, and those with Him saw Jesus in His glory. The appearance of Moses and Elijah testified that Jesus was the one of whom the law and prophets spoke. The approving testimony of God the Father further confirmed the identity of Jesus. And when God spoke from heaven saying, “This is my Son, listen to him”, he was making a declaration for all generations, including our own, that we must listen only to his Son, and that there is one to whom all the world must listen, and that one is Jesus Christ. The transfiguration served as a manifestation of God’s glory and power, and it was a foreshadowing of Jesus’ resurrection and his ultimate triumph over sin and death.

**LENT** - At the start of the Season of Lent we always find the familiar Gospel reading about Christ in the wilderness, where he fasted 40 days and endured the temptations of the devil. Satan dared to tempt the most holy Jesus the Son of God. This gives us the heads up, that the devil does not respect anyone, even God. Temptation is a very real part of life. It is right at where we are. The devil knows that people are easy prey to temptations in times of dire needs. When we are helpless, discouraged, afraid, disappointed, and lonely, Satan loves to kick us when we’re down. But while he will always take advantage of our human weaknesses, he can also make use of our human strength for our own downfall. Lent is the opportune time the church has set aside for us to be reminded how our Lord Jesus has set a proven strategy to defeat the devil, our ultimate spiritual enemy; that is, by aligning himself to the will of the Father and by intensive self-restraint, prayer and fasting. In this life, we will always be tempted, and we will be tried to know whether our faith is genuine or not. Thus, no less than Jesus himself gives us a strong reminder, “Pray without ceasing lest you fall into temptation”. And Peter in his first letter also reminds us saying, “Be sober and alert. The devil is roaming around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.” This is the good news that Lent teaches us: for every temptation being overcome, there is a corresponding grace we receive, for every single devil’s advances that we ward off, there is a corresponding God’s reward.