PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - The 5 Precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholic members. The Church uses these precepts to remind us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the liturgy and sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, we can't rightly consider ourselves to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. Together with the Ten Commandments, they represent the minimum level of moral living. Intentional violation of the precepts or the Commandments is a grave matter. The SECOND of the FIVE Precepts is: "TO CONFESS SINS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR." Catholics must confess their sins at least once a year. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) continues the work of conversion and forgiveness initiated by Baptism. *To be continued*.

**POPE FRANCIS** (World needs peace in this time of war) - "We no longer have a war fought piecemeal, but a real world war. Let us pray for peace. We need peace. The world is at war. Let us not forget martyred Ukraine that is suffering so much. Let us not forget Palestine, Israel: may this war stop. Let us not forget Myanmar, and let us not forget so many countries at war. Brothers and sisters, we need to pray for peace in this time of world war."

### ST MARY'S PARKING LOT SALE

When: Saturday June 15, 2024, 9 AM – 12 PM (Rain date: Saturday June 22)

Where: St. Mary Church parking lot (103 Lyle St. South, Grafton)

Who: St. Mary's Catholic Women's League

What: Home décor, small appliances, toys, books, dvds, etc.
To Benefit: St. Mary Church & local community charities
To Donate: Place items in the Bins at the back of the Church
Questions? Call Kathy 905-344-0048 / kancker11@gmail.com) or

Call Helen at 647-974-3482 / perkohrycyna@yahoo.ca

## ST. MARY'S CWL

- 1. Next CWL Meeting will be June 10/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Note date change.
- 2. Congratulations to the candidates who are celebrating their confirmation this weekend. Each received a gift from the CWL to mark this most important occasion.
- 3. The CWL WORD OF THE WEEK is FAITH. CWL members know FAITH is important to women. Members are called to grow in FAITH, and to witness the love of GOD through ministry and service. We are CATHOLIC and LIVING IT.
- 4. Mark, May 28/24 @ 1:15 pm on your calendar. St. Mary's CWL members are invited to St. Michael's CWL General Meeting in Cobourg to hear guest speakers, Sister Donna Smith and the Director of Transition House, Cobourg. The Director will be talking about Transition House and its goals. Transition House provides emergency shelter and assists those experiencing homelessness.
- 5. Thank you to the CWL members who prepared and served lunch after Confirmation for Father Martin and his guests which included Bishop Miehm.

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# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 25-26, 2024



"Teach & Baptize them in the name of the FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT"



# **Parish Committees & Organisations**

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Counters. Wes Krentz-905-396-2578

# SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

Confessions: Saturday at 8:30 am & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

May 27, Mon. 9am

May 28, Tues. NO MASS TODAY

May 29, Wed. 9 am (St. Pope Paul V1) +Steven Casteels by Mom, Dad & Family

May 30, Thurs. 9 am

May 31, Fri. 9am (The Visitation of the BVM) - Death Anniversary of

+Therese Strong by Bernadette Murray & Michael Stevenson

June 1, Sat. 10 am

June 1, Saturday 4 pm - For the people of the parish

June 2, Sunday 10 am - +Zack Sawyer by Sawyer family



#### LAST WEEKEND

**Sunday Offertory - \$1,153** Balance - \$14, 060

## **JUNE 1 & 2 WEEKEND MASSES**

4 pm

10 am

**Dave Hughes LECTORS:** 

Joanna Mecozzi

**EMHC**: Paula Blick

**Judith Goulin** 

**USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley**  Ian Manley & Ed Nemec



# PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Dalton McDonald, Phyllis Cooper, Jeannie Grol



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@assumptiongrafton.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.

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**THE HOLY TRINITY** - On this feast day in which we celebrate God: the Father is God; the Son is God; the Spirit is God. But they are not three gods: it is one God in three Persons. It is a mystery that Jesus Christ revealed to us: the Holy Trinity. In his great commissioning, Jesus' mandate to his apostles: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Pope Francis has reflected on the Most Holy Trinity, emphasizing that it is not a



product of human reasoning but the very face with which God revealed Himself. The Trinity represents the love of the Father, the sacrifice of the Son on the Cross, and the renewal brought by the Holy Spirit. This divine communion invites us to recognize that God is not an abstract concept but a tangible reality—God is love. Through Jesus, God walked with humanity, and the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire us from within. As we celebrate this feast, we are reminded to embrace God's eternal love and enter into the communion of the Trinity.

**ANNUAL CLERGY HOLY RETREAT** - The annual Holy Retreat for the clergy members of the diocese of Peterborough will be held this year at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga starting Monday, June 3 to Friday, June 7. Please pray for the success of the said retreat. And pray for us pastors that in moments of silence and reflection, we may find renewed inspiration, strength, and motivation, be empowered to be compassionate, inspiring, and effective in our roles.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** – The Sacrament of Confirmation for the 12 children candidates was celebrated by Bishop Miehm with success last Saturday 25th. We thank the bishop for coming over to preside the liturgy celebrations and at the same time to pay a visit to our parish. As we congratulate the 12 confirmed children, we commend their parents for conscientiously bringing them to receive an important Sacrament needed for their spiritual life. We gratefully acknowledge our catechist Sister Donna's commitment to guide the children during Sacrament prepara-

tions and also Michael Mullin who volunteered to assist Sis Donna. We thank St. Mary's school administration for providing the needed facilities & logistics during the preparations. We appreciate our parish choir for leading in singing hymns during liturgical Mass. Big thank you goes to the CWL ladies for giving gifts to the Catechist & the children for Confirmation, and of course for serving lovely food for the bishop.

FIRST ONE WEEK HOLIDAY - The weekend of June 1-2 completes my first one week holiday for this year. Again, Fr. Ace will be looking after the Masses during that weekend.