

STS. PETER & PAUL (feast day, June 29) – In them we see heroic virtue. In them we see how someone’s yes to God can change, not only their own lives, but the entire course of Christianity. These two giants in the faith came from completely different backgrounds – one a fisherman, the another scholar. One walked with Jesus personally for years, and the other encountered him after the resurrection. But their life and ministries had remarkable parallels. Their paths were not always easy: both were imprisoned many times. Both were miraculously released from jails. Both dedicated their entire lives to building up the church. And both were executed as martyrs for the faith. Let their example show us how saying yes to God makes us more like Christ. Let them show us how our yes equips us to do God’s will on earth. Like them, we will surely face challenges. But like them, we will also experience God’s grace, comfort, and wisdom to help us every step of the way. Peter and Paul’s yes to God changed the course of history. St. Peter and St. Paul share the same feast day, for even though they died on different days, they were as one. We embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith. Let us use their feast day to inspire us on our journey.

ALNWICK/HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP (permission to use church parking lot) - The township will be using the St. Mary’s church parking lot as staging area for the Canada Day Parade on Sunday June 23 at 1 pm. They start staging floats and other participants around 12:00 pm.

MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) Canadians are concerned that the current legislation for medical assistance in dying (MAiD) puts the lives of people with mental illness at risk. Fifty-one per cent of Canadians oppose MAiD criteria that include mental health as a sole condition. Hopelessness and a desire to end one's life can be a symptom of some mental illnesses. It is unthinkable that in Canada, it may be easier to access death than treatments and support to live. One in 10 people will wait more than four months for counselling, while the general waiting period for MAiD is three months. Experts agree that it is difficult, if not impossible, to predict who will recover from a mental disorder. Suicide prevention crisis lines are only part of the answer to adequate support for Canadians struggling with mental health needs. There are long waiting lists for ongoing treatment, and it can be expensive. *Legislation to allow mental illness as a sole condition for MAiD must be revoked!*

ST. MARY’S CWL

1. The CWL Word of the Week is FULFILLMENT. Joining the CWL will help you find FULFILLMENT. This one-stop women's organization focuses of FAITH, SERVICE and SOCIAL JUSTICE. Become ACTIVE and involved in your area of interest.
2. HEADS UP! Due to the extensive renovations being done at St. Mary Elementary School, next door, the CWL will not be providing funeral receptions at the school this summer. The construction work will be going on throughout the summer. We are hoping it will be completed by the first of September.
3. Happy summer to Father Martin, to all CWL members and to all parishioners.
4. Remember in hot weather, stay hydrated and find a COOL spot to be.

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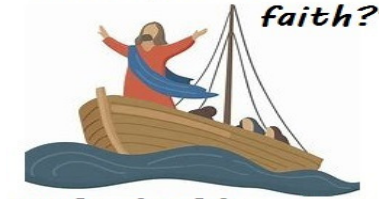
Melissa Lilje, Parish Secretary

**12TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

June 22-23, 2024



"Have you still no faith?"



"Who is this, even wind & sea obey him?"

Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin* (Chairperson)-416-300-8680
 Finance, *Dennis Goulin*-905-372-7684
 Lectors, *Richard Holland*-905-349-3710
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 Bingo Volunteers, *Jackie Innis*-905-349-2880
 St Vincent de Paul-*Wes Krentz*-905-377-3263
 Cemetery Board, *Melissa Lilje*-905-239-2504
 K of C and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905-744-0865

Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905-396-2578
 Development and Peace/Library, *Suzanne Lip-tay*-905-372-3031
 St Mary’s Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905-269-2352
 Sanctuary Decorations & Altar Linens, *Cheryl Krentz*-905-269-1950
 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 & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.
 First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

June 24, Mon. NO MASS TODAY

June 25, Tues. 9am - +John Taylor by Mom, Jamie & family

June 26, Wed. 9am

June 27, Thurs. 9am

June 28, Fri. 9am (St. Irenaeus)

June 29, Sat. 9am - (St. Peter & St. Paul) +Louis Caron by Rosemary, Jamie & family

June 29, Sat. 4pm - For the People of the parish

June 30, Sun. 10am - +Graham Stratford by Liz & Curtis Wilson



WEEKLY OFFERING

"FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER"
2 COR 9:7

LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1,644

Balance - \$10, 728

JUNE 29 & 30 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Paige Mullin

John Logel

EMHC: Paula Blick

Michael Stephenson

USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley Joe O'Kane & Rob Ugolini

PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Dalton McDonald, Phyllis Cooper, Jeannie Grol



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Saturday, August 17th - St. Mary's cemetery Mass - 10 am

Sunday, August 18th - Parish BBQ - after 10 am Mass

Friday, August 22 - St. Mary's golf tournament - 9 holes starting at 2:30 pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS EFFECTIVE TODAY JUNE 26, 2024

- To be assigned as pastors: Fr. Paul Hogan to St. Alphonsus in Wooler and Holy Angels Parish in Brighton, Fr Peter Lukow to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Hastings, Fr. Darlington Oparaikie to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Cardiff, Fr. Vicente Valles to St. Patrick's Parish in Kinmount. As associate pastor: Fr. Erwin Rodriguez to St. Joseph's Parish, Bowmanville, Fr. Edmund Scott to Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. Fr. Ronald Meyer and Fr. Christopher Reynolds are retiring from active duty. Fr. Joseph Devereaux is on Sabbatical Leave. Fr. Eric Mason is on leave of absence, and Fr. Alex Salazar is departing the diocese.

HELP NEEDED FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE

- Dear Parishioners, we are seeking volunteers who own weeders or grass cutters to help maintain the downhill area of our church/rectory lawn that our hired company cannot reach. By lending a hand, you'll contribute to making our grounds look even more beautiful and help us save on maintenance costs. We hope to see some positive responses to this effort and appreciate your generosity and support. There's a sheet of paper at the back and at bulletin board in the entrance where you can write your name, your contact (mobile # or email address), and available day to work if you are able to assist. Thank you for your continued commitment to our parish community.



SINS THAT CRY OUT TO HEAVEN FOR VENGEANCE

- In Catholic theology, and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, there are "sins that cry to heaven for vengeance" based on biblical events. These are particularly grave offenses that evoke divine justice: 1. MURDER - The blood of Abel: This refers to murder, as seen in the story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:10). The fifth commandment forbids direct and intentional killing as gravely sinful. The murderer and those who cooperate voluntarily in murder commit a sin that cries out to heaven for vengeance, CCC # 2267.

2. SODOMY - The sin of the Sodomites: This relates to the wickedness of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:20-21), which includes sexual immorality & unnatural sexual acts, often associated with homosexual behavior.

3. OPPRESSION OF THE POOR - Exploiting or mistreating those who are vulnerable or marginalized, the cry of the people oppressed in Egypt (Exodus 2:23), the cry of the foreigner, the widow, and the orphans (Exodus 22:21-24).

4. DEFRAUDING WORKERS OF THEIR JUST WAGES - Injustice to the wage earner: Unfair treatment of workers, especially withholding just wages (James 5:4).

These sins are considered so serious that they "cry out" for divine retribution.