

CORPORAL ACTS OF MERCY— The Corporal works of mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life. The seven Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Prisoners, Bury the Dead, and Give Alms to the Poor. 3. **CLOTHE THE NAKED** - To “clothe the naked,” seems rather straightforward. One would think that it simply means to give clothes to someone who doesn’t have any. While that certainly is an aspect of this work of mercy, it does not paint the whole picture. Jesus challenges us to be much more active when he said, “I was naked, and you covered me” (Matthew 25:36). There are numerous people in our community who are stripped of everything in their lives. They often feel invisible and think that no one cares about them. It is our duty as Christians to comfort, console and “clothe” them. We may not have to give them actual clothes, but we certainly can give them our love, time and presence. (to be continued)

WHY CATHOLIC CHURCH OPPOSES ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA? “The Catholic Church’s position is that our society should be a caring and compassionate one, founded on the promotion of human dignity, human freedom and the common good, whereas voluntary assisted dying (euthanasia) undermines human dignity and the common good. Life is a gift from God and remains equally valuable even in times of suffering. Life is to be cherished and cared for at all stages from conception until natural death, and it is morally wrong to intentionally end the life of a person, including at their request. Both assisted suicide and euthanasia involve the deliberate termination of human life and are therefore a violation of the sanctity of life”.

ST. MARY’S CWL

1. The CWL Word of the Week is GROWTH. The CWL has grown to become Canada's LARGEST women's organization. 2. Did you know it meets with government and has an impact on legislation and policy? For example, last weekend and today the CWL gave parishioners post cards to sign, to support "Revoking MAiD for Mental Illness". Current legislation allows MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) when mental health is the SOLE CONDITION. The CWL wants "MAiD for Mental Illness" REVOKED". You can mail in the cards to MP, Philip Lawrence, no Postage needed, OR you can return them to church and place them in the box at the back of the church, labelled POST CARDS. The CWL will take them to the MP's office. 3. Thank you for your participation. Enjoy this hot weather and please, STAY HYDRATED!



Parish Golf Tournament
In Support of St. Mary's Church

Friday August 23, 2024 at 3:00 PM
To be held at the Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club

Registration Fee: \$75 per person
includes 9 holes of golf, power cart and dinner

To register please visit
sheltervalleypines.com/stmarysgolf and complete the online registration.

Registration deadline: August 13, 2024
Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club - 1806 Shelter Valley Rd, Grafton, On K0K2G0
www.sheltervalleypines.com

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Fr. Martin Dalida, Parish Priest

15TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY
TIME

July 13-14,
2024



JESUS SENT THEM TWO BY TWO.
"The 12 went out and proclaimed that all should repent."

Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin* (Chairperson) -416-300-8680
Finance, *Alfons Casteels*-905-269-2352
Lectors, *Joanna Mecozzi*— 905-375-9502
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, *Judith Goulin*-905-372-7684
Catholic Women’s League, *Pat Murphy* (President)-905-349-2847
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
Parish Handyman, *Ed Nemec*-905 349 2923
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

July 15 Mon. 9am - No Mass Today

July 16, Tues. 9am

July 17, Wed. 9am -+John Liptay by Suzanne Liptay

July 18, Thurs. 9am

July 19, Fri. 9am

July 20, Sat. 9am

July 20, Sat. 4pm - For the People of the parish

July 21, Sun. 10am - +Mary McGourty by the Gilligan family



WEEKLY OFFERING

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

LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$ 1,910

Balance - \$10, 105

JULY 20 & 21 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Michael Mullin

Joanna Micozzi

EMHC: Sis. Donna Smith

Bernadette Murray

USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley Ian Manley & Joe O’Kane



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

PRAYING FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER

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

Sunday, August 18th (celebrating the feast of parish patron, Assumption of the BVM) - Parish BBQ - after 10 am Mass

Friday, August 23 - St. Mary's golf tournament - 9 holes starting at 3:00pm.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

BISHOP’S APPEAL SPECIAL COLLECTION 2024 - Today we invite you to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal, funding critical initiatives in our diocese. This special collection supports diocesan ministries under the direction of the bishop such as youth, vocations, senior care, and refugee services. Your generous support helps Bishop Miehm share hope and care for our diocese.

STOP MAiD FOR MENTAL ILLNESS! - As Canadians, it may be easier to access death than the counselling and the treatments we need to support our lives. Current legislation allows MAiD [Medical Assistance in Dying] when mental health is the sole condition. Hopelessness and a desire to end one's life can be symptoms of mental illness. Experts agree that it is almost impossible to predict who will recover from a mental disorder. Current legislation puts the lives of people with mental illness at risk. You can help! Sign the postcards, available at the back of the Church, to add your support to revoke MAiD for Mental Illness. Cards will be available until next Sunday (July 14th) when they will be delivered by St. Mary’s CWL to our local Member of Parliament, Philip Lawrence.

JOB POSTING FOR BOOKKEEPER - The parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Grafton has an opening for a part time Bookkeeper for 8 hrs. per month. This position is responsible for providing accounting/bookkeeping services for the parish. The candidate requires experience in accounting with QuickBooks software experience preferred. Qualified candidates should e-mail resume to FrMartinDalida@peterboroughdiocese.org by Thursday July 18, 2024. A copy of the job description is available upon request.

UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER - Join us for a day of fun and fellowship at our upcoming golf tournament (Friday August 23) in support of St. Mary's Catholic Church's 150th anniversary celebration! Even if you cannot attend or play, you can still be part of it with your financial support. Mark an envelope with “Golf Tournament”, place your donation and write your name and put it in the offertory basket. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations. Your participation and generosity will help us raise funds for our parish's future activities.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS - We seek a volunteer to help prepare our children for the upcoming school year's First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. Your role is crucial in making a lasting impact on the spiritual lives of our young parishioners. Role Responsibilities: 1. Using the Guide Book, help children through the sacramental preparation process 2. Teach and explain the significance of these important sacraments. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please get in touch with Fr. Martin. Thank you for considering this vital ministry. Your involvement will help nurture the faith of the next generation.