

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY BOARD - Francis Calnan is now the chairperson of St. Mary's Cemetery Board. For your inquiries & transaction concerning cemetery, Francis will attend to you and you can reach him at his mobile phone: #905 269 0795 or email: f.calnan@hotmail.com

7 SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY - The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to help our neighbor in their spiritual needs. The seven spiritual actions of mercy are: 1. To admonish the sinner, 2. To instruct the ignorant, 3. To counsel the doubtful, 4. To comfort the sorrowful, 5. To bear wrongs patiently, 6. To forgive all injuries, 7. To pray for the living and the dead. #3 TO COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL. Counseling the doubtful may seem similar to instructing the ignorant. However, instructing has learning as its goal while counseling aims to assist with decisions. Certainly giving counsel often includes some aspects of instructing or teaching, such as providing information and perspective, but its primary purpose is to assist a person in coming to a decision. To counsel the doubtful is to help them become more deeply rooted in the decision to follow Jesus, to choose the Lord and the things awaiting in Heaven, to leave behind double-minded ways and duplicity, to decide for what is right, good, noble, and holy. This is a great and wonderful work of mercy.

THE DIGNITY OF LABOUR & RIGHTS OF WORKERS - The Genesis creation stories depict God as working and proclaiming the fruits of labour good. Being able to work and delight in that meaningful creative process is part of what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God. Work is a sacred space for flourishing, not a backdrop for exploitation and abuse. The Church challenges us to make work where we become who God always intended us to be, and in doing so, get to know him better. The God who labored to enjoy the fulfillment of his creation wants the same for all of us. Exploring the Scriptures:

1. The Sabbath is for everyone — all are allowed to rest from their work. Deut. 5:13-15
2. The Lord blesses our work so that we may share its fruits with others. Deut. 14:28-29
3. Do not withhold wages from your workers, for their livelihood depends on them. Deut. 24:14-15
4. To observe religious practices but oppress your workers is false worship. Isaiah 58:3-7
5. Woe to him who treats his workers unjustly. Jeremiah 22:13
6. All workers should be paid a just and living wage. Matthew 20:1-16
7. Practice integrity in your work. Luke 3:10-14
8. Those who become rich by abusing their workers have sinned against God. James 5:1-6

ST. MARY'S CWL

1. The September CWL meeting is on September 09/24 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Please plan to attend.
2. No Coffee After Mass this weekend. Rosa, Suzanne and Pat are taking a break. Coffee After Mass will start again next spring. It was great to see so many parishioners enjoy the fellowship at each event while having a snack and beverage.
3. The CWL Word of the Week is IDENTITY. Members may wear pins and scarves with the CWL crest, but our true identity is seen in sharing our faith, service to the community and advocacy for social justice.
4. To Father Martin, members and parishioners enjoy the first week of September, autumn is in the air.

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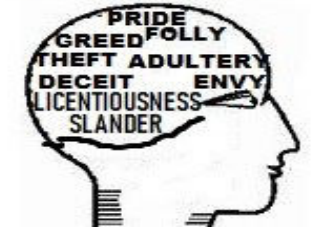
Fr. Martin Dalida - Parish Priest

22nd SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
Aug 31– Sept 1,
2024



ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CHURCH

"FROM WITHIN
COME EVIL
THOUGHTS"



Parish Committees & Organisations

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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

Sept 2, Mon - No Mass Today

Sept 3, Tues 9am (St. Gregory the Great)

Sept 4, Wed 9am

Sept 5, Thurs 9am

Sept 6, Fri. 9am

Sept 7, Sat. 9am

Sept 7, Sat. 4pm (23rd week) - People of the parish

Sept 8, Sun. 10am (23rd week)



LAST WEEKEND

Sunday Offertory - \$1, 630

Golf Fundraising - \$6, 818

Balance - \$9, 049

Sept 7 & 8 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Paula Blick

John Logel

EMHC: Greg Blick

Judith Goulin

USHERS: Nick & Darrell Manley Ed Nemec & Theo Mensen



E-TRANSFERS -The Parish is able to accept e-transfers. If you forget your envelope or you are visiting and want to make a donation, you can log onto your mobile banking and send your donation to office@assumptiongrafton.ca. Make sure to put your envelope number (if you have) 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

HAPPY LABOUR DAY (Long Weekend) -Today is a tribute to those who work of every field, paid or unpaid, part-time or full—the world runs on your contributions and you all deserve respect, recognition, and a day to relax. We grow each day as we learn each day, with our hard work and with our labor, with our success and failures. Wishing that God imparts all the strength to each one of us to keep working harder in life, to keep moving ahead with greater force and focus. Happy Labour Day to all and enjoy the long weekend with family & friends!



PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT (A Wonderful Success!) We are delighted to share that our golf tournament was a smashing success! The weather couldn't have been more perfect, and Fr. Martin's bright pink shirt ensured we never had to worry about him getting lost in the woods searching for his ball! This event wouldn't have been possible without the efforts and support of so many. A special thanks to Paula Blick for securing our title sponsor, St. Anne's Spa. Faith, your hard work was invaluable, and you certainly earned those volunteer hours for high school! To my wife Tina, who handled everything from organizing sponsorships to picking up gifts and so much more—you were the heart and soul of this event, and we owe its success to your dedication. Thank you to Jason, Jane, and the entire Shelter Valley Golf Course staff for making the day special. And, of course, to all our golfers—your participation truly made this event what it was. We are also incredibly grateful to the local businesses that generously donated prizes and gifts, the parishioners who couldn't play golf but still made significant cash donations—including Michael Daly, Pat Murphy, Paula Blick, Suzanne Liptay, Donald Smith, and the CWL—and our wonderful sponsors, including St. Anne's Spa, the Mullin Agency, Knights of Columbus Cobourg and Port Hope Councils, SMM Law, Schmidt Law, and Lynch Rutherford Tozer accountants. Thanks to all of you, we raised an impressive \$6,818 for the parish. Mark your calendars for next year—August 15, 2025—as we look forward to celebrating our Parish 150th Anniversary weekend with our next golf tournament. My deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to this year's success, and I'm excited to see what next year will bring! *Michael Mullin, Parish Council Chairperson.*



MICHAEL MULLIN - No one has ever imagined beforehand that the simple idea of calling for a golf tournament to raise a little fund for the parish would result big time. While we thank every single golf player, sponsor, benefactor and volunteer for the amazing success of this event, behind all this, due credit is given to Michael (the event organizer) for his great organizing ability, motivating prowess, and his being a proven committed, dedicated and diligent worker. St. Mary's parish is just lucky to have him. Our profound thanks to you, Michael! With his family members giving him always a solid backing and with parishioners' support rallying behind him, a yearly parish golf tournament fundraiser can become a possible parish tradition.