PARISH NEWS			
Christmas Mass		New Years Mass	
December 24	4 pm	December 31	5 pm
	6 pm		
	8 pm	January 1	9 am
December 25	9 am		11 am
	11am		

<u>Christmas</u> <u>Lay Schedule</u>	4pm	6pm	8pm	9 am	11am
Lectors	Jackie Innis	Melissa Lilje	Greg Blick	Bernadette Murray	Joanna Mecozzi
Eucharistic Minister	Bruce Lawson	Ian Manley	Paula Blick	Bernadette Murray	Dennis Goulin
Ushers/ Greeters	Oladele Adebayo Nick Manley	Darrell Manley Nick Manley	Francis Calnan Frank Fitzgerald	Ed Nemec	Theo Mensen

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Filled with the joy and hope that radiate from the Holy Child, and mindful of all the joys and struggles of our world, I, Fr. Ace, greet you with a Christmas greetings of Love, Peace, and Joy to each of you and to all people close to you as you share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the magi! One of the many messages we can reflect on the mystery of Christmas is God's humble way of coming to us. God stoops low to come from heaven to our war-torn, dark, cold world. God stoops to the lowest place, being born not in a palace or even in a comfortable home but in a cave placed in a manger. God in his mercy sent his Son, born as a child, to touch our hearts, to warm them, to melt away our unbelief. Yes, God stoops to come to us and we also must stoop to find our God. May you have a very Merry Christmas! May you be blessed this Christmas in a very special way by receiving all that God wants to bless you in this Christmas and in all of the days that follow!

CWL NEWS:

The CWL extends Christmas Greetings to its members, to Father Ace and to all St. Mary's parishioners.

Stay Safe, Healthy and Happy! May you all have a Blessed New Year!

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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4th Sunday of Advent

December 20th, 2020



"YOU WILL
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Education: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: St Mary Elementary School, Grafton: Nicole McGill, Principal St Mary Secondary School, Cobourg:	905 349-2504 905 349-2061	St Mary's Catholic Women's League: Pat Murphy, President Alta Vance, Religious Articles CWL Diocesan website: www.peterboroughcwl.ca	905 349-2847 905 344-7443
Jason Roberts, Principal	905 372-4339	St Mary's Cemetery Board:	
Catholic School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca		Melissa Lilje, Secretary	905 349-2504
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Knights of Columbus:		Eucharistic Ministers Bruce Lawson	905-349-2751
Parish Pastoral Council Dennis Goulin Chairperson	905 349-2504 905-372-7684	Ushers Parish Office Lectors	905-349-2504
Music at Mass:		Richard Holland Development and Peace	905-349-3710
Gay Stratford, Organist		Suzanne Liptay	905-372-3031
10 am Mass on Sun Altar Servers Parish Office	905 349-2861 905-349-2504	Parish Library Suzanne Liptay	905-372-3031
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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 & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

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

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20TH AT THE ALTAR

Dec. 21, Mon., Feria - 9 am - Ints: Frances Mensen [The Family]

Dec. 22, Tues., Feria - 9 am - CWL Members [St Mary's CWL]

Dec. 23, Wed., Feria - 4:30 pm - **Peter Bridge** [The Bridge Family]

Dec. 24, Thurs, Christmas Eve - 4 pm - For the People of the Parish

6 pm - A Special Intention

8 pm - John Taylor [Mom, Jamie & Family]

Dec. 25, Fri., Christmas -9 am - In Memory of Pam Kelly's Birthday [Joanne Kelly-Rudy]

11am - Italo Marti [Vince Kelly]

Dec. 26, Sat., St Stephen - 9 am - No Mass

Dec. 26, Sat., Holy Family

5 pm - Germain Bowman [Rob & Kathy Ugolini]

Dec. 27, Sun., Holy Family

9 am - For the people of the Parish

11am -

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Dec. 26/27	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Dave Hughes	John Logel	Richard Holland
Eucharistic Ministers	Paula Blick	Bernadette Murray	Judith Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Andrew deGraauw The Manley's	Theo Mensen Ed Nemec	Joe O'Kane Oladele Adebayo

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and people of the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption in Grafton.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

PARISH NEWS PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$2,185.00	\$3,710.00
Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Heating	\$505.00	\$0.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Graham & Gay Stratford (62 yrs. on December 8), Harvey & Carol Scott (44 yrs. on December 10), John & Melissa Lilje (2 yrs. on December 19), Richard & Sarah Holland (49 yrs. on December 29)

During these pandemic days, dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues, that is, you are not obligated to attend Sunday mass at this time. Some parishioners may be afraid of catching the virus or there may not be any space in your local church to allow you to participate physically.

Saint Joseph - With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.