

ST MARY'S CWL

1. The CWL word of the week is "LOVE". LOVE is more than a feeling. It is a decision. It requires practice, focus, patience and faith. Come and join us for a meeting and share the love.
2. The next CWL meeting will be September 11/23 at the rectory @ 9:30 am. Note the change in date because of Labour Day.
3. Pray for all the people around the world and within Canada who are impacted by challenges and disruptions in their daily lives.
4. Enjoy the remaining days of summer. God is with you where ever you are!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Ed & Pat Nemec (54yrs on August 2nd), Andriy & Helen Hrycyna (40yrs on August 6th), Al Brown & Cathy Vasas-Brown (41yrs on August 7th), Stephen & Laura Krentz (19yrs on August 14th), Keith & Laura MacDonald (39yrs on August 25th), Don & Carol Anne Maybin (52yrs on August 27th). God's continued blessings on all of you!

MUSIC IN THE SQUARE

We are back! Thursday evenings bands play from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Gazebo in the square in Colborne. There will be a 50/50 draw and food available for purchase. Bring your lawn chair!

This Thursday August 24th the feature is Top Shelf - Country, but a little bit rock and pop music too! Food: BBQ from Black Dress Catering.

Thank you!!! To our incredible sponsors: Cramahe Township, Dekeyser Excavating, McGlennon Insurance, Home Hardware, Cramahe Family thrift Shop, Colborne Lions Club, Colborne Legion, Colborne Masonic Lodge, Colborne Rotary, Kim & Sam Realty..... And More!!!

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*Feast of The
Assumption of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary
August 20th, 2023*



**"Mary is
taken up to
heaven; the
angels shout
for joy."**



**The
Assumption of
Mary**

Education:

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: 905 349-2504
St Mary Elementary School, Grafton:
Nicole McGill, Principal 905 349-2061
St Mary Secondary School, Cobourg:
Jason Roberts, Principal 905 372-4339
Catholic School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca

Parish Committees & Organisations:

Finance Committee:
Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504
Knights of Columbus: 905 349-2504
Parish Pastoral Council
Michael Mullin, Chairperson 416 300-8680

Music at Mass:

St Mary's Choir
10 am Mass on Sun

Altar Servers
Parish Office 905-349-2504

St Mary's Catholic Women's League:

Pat Murphy, President 905 349-2847
Alta Vance, Religious Articles 905 344-7443

CWL Diocesan website: www.peterboroughcwl.ca

St Mary's Cemetery Board:
Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504

St Vincent de Paul Society 905 377-3263

Eucharistic Ministers
Judith Goulin 905-372-7684

Ushers
Parish Office 905-349-2504

Lectors
Richard Holland 905-349-3710

Development and Peace
Suzanne Liptay 905-372-3031

Parish Library
Margaret Harry 289-439-0764

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 AUGUST 20TH AT THE ALTAR

August 21, *St Pius.*, Feria- 9 am -

August 22, Tues., *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary* - 9 am - **No Mass Today**

August 23, Wed., Feria - 9 am -

August 24, Thurs., **St Bartholomew** - 9 am -

August 25, Fri., Feria - 9 am -

August 26, Sat., Feria - 9 am -

August 26, Sat., **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5 pm - + **Alex Rutherford** [Tim & Liz Gilligan]

August 27, Sun., **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10 am - For the People of the Parish

August 26/27	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Jan Pietkiewicz	Kathleen Ancker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sr Donna Smith	John Logel / Margaret Harry
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Nick Manley	Rob Ugolini / Joe O’Kane

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.

PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,825.00	\$1,335.00
Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$5.00
Bank Balance	\$1,517.09	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (feast day, Aug 15) “On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared, ‘By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.’ We firmly believe that from the first moment of her conception, Mary was free of all sin including Original Sin by a special favor of Almighty God. The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as ‘full of grace,’ ‘blessed among women,’ and ‘one with the Lord.’ Mary had been chosen to be the Mother of our Savior. For these reasons, we believe that the promises our Lord has given to each of us of sharing eternal life, including a resurrection of the body, were fulfilled in Mary. This belief in the assumption of our Blessed Mother has been longstanding in our Church. The Patristic Fathers defended the Assumption on two counts: Since Mary was sinless and a perpetual virgin, she could not suffer bodily deterioration, the result of original sin, after her death. Also, if Mary bore Christ and played an intimate role as His mother in the redemption of mankind, then she must likewise share body and soul in His resurrection and glorification. Mary assumed into heaven serves as a gracious reminder to the Church that our Lord wishes all whom the Father has given Him to be raised with Him.” **Happy Feast day!**

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS - To those who bring Holy Communion to shut-ins, may they be members of your household, friends, neighbours, please contact me at my email: frmartindalida@peterboroughdiocese.org. I have to send you a some instruction to help you with your ministry as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).

AFGHANISTAN— “Over 29 million Afghans are in dire need of Humanitarian aid. Afghanistan is facing a severe economic crisis and seeking humanitarian aid for basic necessities such as medical facilities, employment and education. According to reports, "one in every two Afghans cannot afford the medicines they require for treatment, and one in every five has lost a relative; 5 out of 10 had to give up food and clothing in order to pay for health care, and 9 out of 10 borrowed money.”