

**MOTHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST BUFFET**

DON'T MAKE HER
COOK OR CLEAN UP
LET US DO IT



A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER
IT'S ALL INCLUDED

QUICHE, FRIED, SCRAMBLED EGGS, FRENCH TOAST, REGULAR & CINNAMON
PANCAKES WITH HOT OR ROOM TEMP. SYRUP, TOAST AND BUTTER/JAM,
BAKED BEANS, SAUSAGES, BACON, FRESH FRUIT, FRUIT SALAD, MUFFINS,
APPLE AND ORANGE JUICE, CHOCOLATE MILK, YOGURT, COFFEE AND TEA.

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026
09:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY CENTRE
232 SPENCER ST. E. AT DARCY, COBOURG
ADULTS: \$19.00 / CHILDREN (5-12) \$5.00
EVERYONE WELCOME

their ministry under the guidance of one who first planted and nurtured the Catholic faith in Canadian soil. His example continues to inspire them to lead with humility, courage, and unwavering trust in Christ, the true Shepherd of the Church.

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN OTTAWA - "Would you like to attend the annual March for Life rally in Ottawa Thursday May 14th, 2026? The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus to Ottawa leaving the Cobourg Columbus Centre at 8:15 a.m. Thursday May 14th returning to Cobourg at 7pm. \$40/adult, \$20/student. There are 28 seats available on this bus. Interac e-Transfer to email: fs1970@ontariokofc.ca indicating adult or student bus seat. For more information contact Peter Riccio @ tel.905-269-1214 email: peterjohnriccio@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S CWL - The CWL Parking Lot Sale is on June 13/26. This is a major fund raiser for St. Mary's CWL Council. Please set aside items at home that you are collecting for the SALE. The next CWL meeting is May 04/26 @ 9:30 am in the rectory. Confirmation is celebrated Saturday, May 09/26 @ 11:00 am. There are 5 students being confirmed. We congratulate them as they strengthen their bonds with the Church and renew their baptismal promises. Thank you, Father Martin and instructors Joanna Mecozzi, Tina & Michael Mullin for your work with these young people. Each candidate will receive a gift from the CWL Council to mark this special occasion. May 03 - 13 is National Hospice Palliative Care Week when we celebrate the incredible work done to provide palliative care with 12 Hours of Prayer.



DATES TO REMEMBER

1. Monday, May 4, 9:30: CWL Meeting
2. Saturday, May 9, 11am: CONFIRMATION with the bishop
3. Wed, May 20, 9:30am: Parish Council Meeting
4. Friday, August 14, 3pm: St. Mary's Annual Golf Tournament

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY - "Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoiding food waste, and to ensuring that everyone has access to quality food."

ST. FRANCOIS DE LAVAL, PATRON ST. OF BISHOPS OF CANADA (feast day May 6) As the first bishop of Canada, St. François de Laval laid the foundations of the Church in this land. He is a fitting patron for the bishops of Canada because his life embodies the very heart of episcopal ministry: missionary zeal, pastoral charity, fidelity to the Church, and courageous leadership. For choosing him as their patron, bishops of Canada place

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5th
Sunday
of Easter
MAY 3, 2026



Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin* (Chairperson)- 416 300 8680
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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 @ 8: 30am.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions today May 3 - Respect for life in all stages

May 4, Mon (NO MASS)

May 5, Tues 9am

May 6, Wed 9am(St Francois de Naval, Patron Saint of Canadian bishops)

May 7, Thurs 9am

May 8, Fri 9am Intention for Auger family members by Vicky Auger

May 9, Sat 9am + Souls in purgatory by Ian Manley

May 9, 11am CONFIRMATION Mass

May 9, Sat 4pm (6th Easter Sunday)

May 10, Sun 10am (6th Easter Sunday) +Hank Jansen by Marg Jansen

May 9-10, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Michael Mullin

Kathy Ancker

EMHC: Pat Rutherford

Michael Stephenson

USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley

Rob Ugolini & Ian Manley



Collections April 25-26

Sunday Offering - \$1,445

Building Maintenance - \$100

POPE LEO XIV MEANINGFUL WORDS - "In this dark hour of history, it has pleased God to send us to spread the fragrance of Christ where the stench of death reigns." *(This is both poetic and prophetic. It captures the Christian mission perfectly: to bring hope where there is despair, peace where there is violence, and life where death seems to dominate.)* "As a pastor, I cannot be in favor of war." *(This simple statement carries enormous moral force. A shepherd exists to protect life, never to justify its destruction. In a world increasingly tempted to see war as inevitable, Pope Leo reminds us that the Gospel always begins with the defense of human dignity.)*



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JESUS - THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE - When Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life", this is not merely a statement of guidance; it is a revelation of who he is in relation to humanity and to the Father. Jesus does not say, "I will show you a way, teach you some truth, and give you some life." He says, "I am." Meaning, everything we seek—direction, meaning, and fullness of life—is found in him. As a Way, he becomes the living bridge between heaven and earth. He is the path to the Father. As the Truth, God's very nature is made visible in him. He is the fulfillment of all God's promises. As the Life, he is the source and giver of life—both natural and supernatural. All life comes through him, but more importantly, eternal life is found in him.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION (May 9) - On Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 AM, five young members of our parish family will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Mary's. His Excellency Bishop Miehm will preside at the celebration. Confirmation is the moment when these young people are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened to live more fully as disciples of Christ. The whole parish is warmly invited to attend, to pray for these young adults, and to surround them with the love and support of their faith community as they take this important step in their journey of faith. Let us hold them — and their families, sponsors, and catechists — in our prayers in the weeks leading up to this joyful day. *"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful."*

LOCAL BUSINESS ADVERTISING (BACK OF THE BULLETIN) The parish is exploring a new initiative: opening up space on the back page of our weekly bulletin for local business advertising. This serves our parish family in two meaningful ways. First, it provides a modest but steady source of revenue that helps offset the costs of our parish operations. Second — and just as importantly — it creates a bridge between our parishioners and the local businesses that support our community here in Grafton and the surrounding area. When we know who our neighbours are and what they do, we strengthen the fabric of community life that the Church is called to nurture. If you own or operate a local business, or know someone who might be interested in advertising, please contact the parish office at 905-349-2504 or office@assumptiongrifton.ca. More details on sizing, pricing, and design will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for helping us build up both our parish and our community.

