

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *June 1, Monday 9:30am- CWL meeting & Social @ Mills Restaurant
- *June 1 to 5 - Clergy members of Peterborough diocese Holy Retreat in Mississauga
- *June 13, Saturday 9am to 12pm - St. Mary’s CWL Parking Lot Sale
- *June 23, Tuesday 12pm - Farewell Mass of Bishop Daniel Miehm @ Peterborough Cathedral
- *June 24, Wednesday 9:30am - Parish Council Meeting
- *June 25, Thursday 1pm - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- *August 14, Friday 3pm: St. Mary’s Annual Golf Tournament

HALDIMAND COURT BOARD (Volunteer Needed) Haldimand Court in Grafton was created through the efforts of local churches coming together to provide housing and community support for seniors. This spirit of cooperation continues today, with representatives from participating churches serving on the Board. Our church of St Mary’s is currently looking for a volunteer to serve as a Board representative. This is an opportunity to support local seniors and continue the caring mission that helped establish Haldimand Court many years ago. If you are interested or need more information, contact Jackie Innis @Tel. 905-349-2880.

ST MARY’S CWL PARKING LOT SALE – When: Saturday June 13, 2026, 9 AM – 12 PM (Rain Date Sat. June 20) Where: St. Mary Church parking lot (103 Lyle St. South, Grafton) Who: St. Mary’s Catholic Women’s League (CWL) What: Home décor, small appliances, toys, books, DVDs, etc.To Benefit: St. Mary Church & local community charities To Donate: Place items in the Bins at the back of the Church or drop off at Church on Friday, June 13 between 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Questions? Call Kathy 905-344-0048 / kancker11@gmail.com) or Call Helen at 647-974-3482 / perkohrycyna@yahoo.ca.

ST.MARY’S CWL - The next CWL meeting is June 01/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.

DON'T FORGET! JUNE 13 is the date of the CWL Parking Lot Sale. If it is a rainy day it will be on June 20/26. Time: 9:00 AM to NOON. A parish-ioner is in need of small flowerpots from 4 to 6 inches in height. There will be a box marked flowerpots in the vestibule ready for them.

Thank you! **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: CHANGES IN FUNERAL RECEPTIONS:** St. Mary's CWL council is making changes to funeral receptions that it provides here at St. Mary's. The CWL will provide the school gym and set it up (tables set, beverages provided) for funeral receptions at no charge. The **CHANGE** is that now the food will be provided by a Catering Company, which is certified under the Health Protection and Promotion Act by the Ontario Ministry of Health. The catering Company will be arranged through the funeral home. The family will pay for the catering services. Having a Catering Company provide the food, makes it possible for the CWL Council to continue to offer funeral receptions at St. Mary's. Pat Murphy, President, St. Mary's CWL council.

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Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
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Finance, *Alfons Casteels* - 905 269 2352
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EMHC, *Deirdre Arzheimer* - 905 396 2837
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St Vincent de Paul, *Wes Krentz*-905 377 3263
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KC and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905 744 0865
Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578
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St Mary’s Chaplet Group, *Maria Marszal*-905 373 3054
SMES, Grafton, *Nancy Jones*(Principal)-905 349 2061

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 24 - + Margaret Whittle
May 25, Mon (Feast of BVM, Mother of the Church)
May 26, Tues 9am (NO MASS)
May 27, Wed 9am
May 28, Thurs 9am
May 29, Fri 9am - +Steven Casteels by Mom, Dad & family
May 30, Sat 9am
May 30, Sat 4pm (HOLY TRINITY) +Paul Hickling by mavis Rowland
May 31, Sun 10am (HOLY TRINITY) +Colleen Lawson by Bruce Lawson

May 30-31, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

LECTORS: Michael Mullin
EMHC: Deirdre Arzheimer
USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley

10 am

Joanna Mecozzi
Judith Gousin
Ed Nemec & Theo Mensen



Collections May 16-17

Sunday Offering - \$1,383
Papal Charities - \$185

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS NOT ANTI-TECHNOLOGY - The Church has long encouraged science, medicine, communication, and inventions that genuinely serve life. The issue is never technology *as such*; the issue is whether technology serves & protects the human person or begins to dominate, exploit, or diminish human dignity. Human creativity reflects God's own creative gift. To invent, discover, build, and improve life can be part of humanity's vocation. A medical breakthrough that heals, communication that connects people, or AI that assists education can all be genuine goods. The Church sees human intelligence as a gift entrusted by God. Using it to improve life is part of responsible stewardship of creation.



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PENTECOST: THE BEGINNING OF SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE - Pentecost has deep practical significance for daily Christian living. It is not merely about what happened to the apostles long ago—it is about what God continues to do in us now through the Holy Spirit. Before Pentecost, the apostles were hiding behind locked doors—afraid, confused, and uncertain. After receiving the Holy Spirit, they came out boldly proclaiming Christ. The same men who fled during the Passion became fearless missionaries. The Holy Spirit gives ordinary people the courage to do extraordinary things: to forgive, to speak the truth with courage, to defend faith with zeal, to live morally in a confused world, and to remain faithful in trials. A Christian without this inner fire easily becomes lukewarm. Pentecost calls us to spiritual renewal, not routine religion.



WHY THE MASS IS NEVER BORING - Many find the celebration of the Holy Mass “boring” not because the Mass lacks beauty & meaning, but often because people come as spectators, looking for entertainment, rather than as worshippers entering into the mystery of God. The Mass is not a performance. The priest is not an entertainer. The choir is not a concert band. The homily is not a motivational speech. The liturgy is not designed to keep us amused. Communion is not simply receiving bread, but receiving the Lord himself. The readings are God speaking. The altar is where Christ's sacrifice is made present. The holy Mass is the Church's highest act of worship — our profound encounter with the living Christ. When one realizes this, Mass can never be reduced to whether it was “interesting. This is why faith matters. Without faith, the Mass may appear repetitive. With faith, every Mass becomes soul-lifting, because worship is not about excitement, it is about reverence, surrender, and communion.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY MEMBERS COMMISSIONING - Congratulations to all our newly commissioned liturgy ministers who were formally installed today at the 10am Mass on the Pentecost — our choir members, altar servers, lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. May their commitment inspire many others to step forward and share their time. Volunteer service is truly the lifeblood of parish life — without the quiet dedication of many hands and hearts, the mission of the parish cannot flourish. May the Holy Spirit, whose coming we celebrate today, strengthen them in faith, joy, and perseverance as they serve God's people.