

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *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
- *August 15, Saturday 10:am - Cemetery Mass
- *September 14, 9:30am: CWL Meeting

CALL NO ONE FATHER (A Catholic Understanding) Jesus says: *“Call no one on earth your father.”* At first reading, this can sound like a strict prohibition against using titles such as “father,” “teacher,” or “rabbi” for human beings. In Catholic understanding, Jesus is not forbidding respectful titles used in human society. Rather, he is warning against spiritual pride, false authority, and misplaced dependence. In the culture of his time, titles like “father,” “rabbi,” and “teacher” were often used not just as signs of respect, but as claims of absolute authority over others’ conscience and faith. Jesus corrects this attitude by reminding his disciples that all authority ultimately belongs to God alone. When Jesus says, “You have one Father,” he is not denying the human reality of fatherhood. Rather, he is revealing that every form of fatherhood is a participation in God’s own fatherhood. So, when we call a priest “Father” or our dad “Father”, we are not denying God’s unique fatherhood. In summary, Jesus is not banning titles—he is purifying discipleship. He is reminding us that all human authority is received, limited, and accountable to God, who alone is Father, Teacher, and Lord in the fullest sense.

ST. MARY’S CWL - On Saturday, June 20 at 4:00 pm the CWL had a Mass said for Liz Gilligan, a 52-year member of St. Mary's Council. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tim and all the family. Coffee After Mass will return on Sunday, July 05 after the 10:00 am Mass. Please plan to attend. Have a hot beverage, a snack and a visit with your fellow parishioners. The CWL Parking Lot Sale was most successful. The CWL made approximately \$1000 from the sale. The monies will be used for CWL, Church & Community projects. Thank you to all who donated items, to those who shopped at the sale. THANK YOU parishioners! The winner of the door prize was Jackie Innis who won a box of spa items. To all parishioners, now is the time to start putting aside items for next year's sale which will take place in mid-June 2027 in the church parking lot. The next CWL meeting is Sept.14/26. The reaffirmation of the St. Mary's CWL Council is June 21 at the 10:00 am Mass. President- Pat Murphy. Past President - Jackie Innis. Secretary - Suzanne Liptay. Treasurer - Kathy Ancker. The executive for 2026 - 2028 remains the same as 2024 - 2026. Congratulations to the graduates of St. Mary CES, Grafton & St. Mary CSS, Cobourg. Enjoy the Grad Celebration and we wish you all the best as you move on to the next stage of your life.

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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.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intention today June 21 for + Rudy Nemec
June 22, Mon 9:30am - School Graduation Mass
June 23, Tues 9am & 12pm- Bishop Miehm’s Farewell Mass at Peterborough cathedral
June 24, Wed 9am (Nativity of St. John the Baptist)
June 25, Thurs 9am
June 26, Fri 9am - Health intention for Grace Prevost by Ian Manley
June 27, Sat 9am - Intention for Darrell Manley by Ian Manley
June 27 Sat 4pm (12th Sun Ordinary) Int. for Mary & Helen Dettman by Maria Marszal
June 28, Sun 10am (12th Sunday Ordinary) +Colleen Lawson by Bruce Lawson

June 27-28, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

	4 pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Ian Manley	Laura Krentz
EMHC:	D. Arzheimer	J. Goulin & S. Hollywood
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Theo Mensen & Rob Ugolini



Collections June 13-14

Sunday Offering - \$699
Priest Benefit Fund - \$600
Account Balance - \$57, 928 (as of June 15)
Gaming - \$9,070 (as of June 15)



POPE LEO XIV RECENT INITIATIVES — PEACE AND DIALOGUE: He recently welcomed the interim peace agreement between the United States and Iran and encouraged nations to resolve conflicts through dialogue rather than war. CARE FOR THE ELDERLY: In his message for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, he encouraged older people not to lose hope and reminded them that God never forgets them. RE-NEWAL OF PRIESTLY LIFE: He has called priests to be witnesses of the Good Shepherd and to serve God's people with the love of Christ's Sacred Heart. HUMAN DIGNITY IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: His first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, focuses on safeguarding human dignity amid rapid advances in AI and technology.



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Helen Dettman, Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

HONORING ALL FATHERS TODAY - Today we honor and thank all fathers for the unique and sacred role they play in God's divine plan. Fatherhood is not merely a human institution; it is part of God's design from the very beginning. To be a father is a great gift and an extraordinary vocation. Through fathers, God gives life, nurtures families, forms character, and builds communities. The importance of fathers extends beyond the family. Strong fathers contribute to a strong Church and a healthy society. Their commitment to truth, justice, compassion, and responsibility influences not only their own households but also the wider community. When fathers embrace their God-given mission, families flourish, the Church is strengthened, and society becomes more humane and faithful. On this Father's Day, we thank God for all fathers— living and deceased, biological, adoptive, spiritual, and father figures who have touched our lives. "A father's greatest privilege is to cooperate with God in giving life; his greatest mission is to lead his family closer to God."



A GRATEFUL FAREWELL TO BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM - On Tuesday June 23 at 12Noon in Peterborough Cathedral, parishioners of St. Mary's Parish are warmly invited to attend the Farewell Mass for Bishop Daniel Miehm, who has faithfully served the Diocese of Peterborough for the past nine years and has now been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of London. Our presence at this celebration will be a meaningful expression of our gratitude for his dedicated, fatherly, and prayerful ministry among us. As we bid him farewell, let us thank God for the many blessings he has brought to our diocese through his leadership and pastoral care. We wish Bishop Daniel every blessing, good health, and success in his new ministry as he begins this next chapter of service to God's people.

APPRECIATION FOR JOANNA MECOZZI - Our sincere gratitude to Joanna Mecozzi who, despite her many commitments and busy schedule, generously finds time to care for the floral decorations in our church sanctuary. Parishioners who feel blessed to donate flowers for our church are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Such offerings add beauty to God's house and honor the sacredness of our liturgical celebrations.

WELCOMING THE END OF CONFLICT - The possibility of the ending of the war in the Middle East is an encouraging and welcome development for people around the world who have grown weary from its emotional, human, and economic consequences. We continue to pray to God that this will lead to a complete cessation of hostilities, lasting peace among nations, healing for those who have suffered, and a future marked by justice, reconciliation, and mutual respect. May the Lord guide leaders to choose dialogue over violence and peace over conflict.