

**LILIES FOR EASTER DECORATIONS**- As we prepare to celebrate the joyful feast of Easter, we invite parishioners to help beautify our sanctuary by donating Easter lilies. You may offer your donation in cash or in kind (actual lilies). These flowers will help create a prayerful and festive atmosphere as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make our Easter celebration beautiful and meaningful.



**GREAT COMMISSION DAY OF FORMATION** - Invited to attend are parish lay leaders: Parish council, Finance, CWL, Greeters, EMHC, Lectors, KC or any individuals. There is no cost to participate, snacks and lunch provided: Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9am-3pm at the Cathedral of Saint Peter In Chains, Peterborough. Those who wish to attend, please sign up on the paper at the church entrance before or on April 10 (deadline).

**DIVINE MERCY FEAST INVITATION (April 12)** - All parishioners are invited to attend the Divine Mercy Feast Day Celebration on Sunday April 12. Schedule: 2:30 PM – Confessions, 3:00 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Short presentation on Divine Mercy, Chaplet & Benediction. This special devotion reminds us of Jesus' message to St. Faustina, that "On the first Sunday after Easter the Church celebrates Divine Mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners." Jesus I trust in you.



**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE ( March 22)** D&P Caritas Canada was created by our bishops in 1967 as the official international development and solidarity organization of the Canadian Catholic Church. It supports vital sustainable development and humanitarian aid projects that serve some of our most vulnerable and marginalized sisters and brothers in dozens of countries across the Global South. By our donations today we have an opportunity to follow the example of Jesus, who, Pope Leo XIV says, "identified himself with the lowest ranks of society" and "confirms the dignity of every human being" through his love.

**ST.MARY'S CWL** - Min's 100th celebration was a great success. There was a good turnout from the CWL. Min looked marvelous and enjoyed everything.



The CWL made its presentation & gave gift to Min. Father Martin did an excellent presentation congratulating Min on her 100 years. Remember, the next CWL meeting is April 13. Our guest speaker is Lynda Macpherson, talking about the organization "Helping Hands". She is looking for donations: egg cartoons, yogurt containers, razors, toothbrushes, socks & underwear (all ages, male & female), face cloths, etc. A list of more items I will send to you. Our goal is to have each member donate items at the meeting. You should have your registration and fees sent in for the convention by now. If you are interested in putting your name for an executive position/Chair, please send the info to Pat. There will be a Coffee after Mass on April 12/26 at school gym. Table with info will be set up for different parish organizations. The CWL provides beverages ready, while Parish Council provides the food. On Friday, March 20, the CWL is having a Mass said for Min Naylor.

## Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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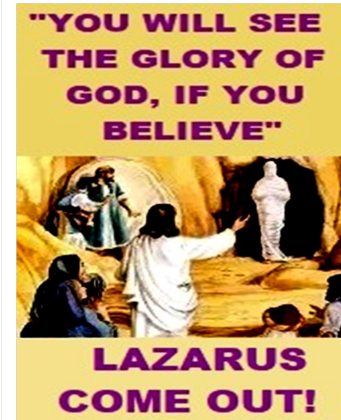


CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

WEEKEND  
MASSES

SATURDAY  
4PM

SUNDAY  
10AM



## Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*  
(Chairperson)- 416 300 8680  
Finance, *Alfons Casteels* - 905 269 2352  
Lectors, *Joanna Mecozzi* - 905 375 9502  
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CWL, *Pat Murphy (President)*-905 349 2847  
Bingo Volunteers, *Jackie Innis*-905 349 2880  
St Vincent de Paul, *Wes Krentz*-905 377 3263  
Cemetery Board, *Tina Mullin* 905 409 3433

KC and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905 744 0865  
Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578  
D & Peace/Library, *Suzanne Liptay*-289 829 0697  
St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905 269 2352  
Maintenance Supervisor, *Ed Nemec*- 905 349 2923  
Religious Articles, *Kathy Ancker*- 9053440048  
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 @ 8:00am.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions today March 22 - +John Boreham

March 23, Mon (NO MASS)

March 24, Tues 9am

March 25, Wed 9am (The Annunciation of the Lord)

March 26 Thurs 9am

March 27, Fri 9am-Bday int. Min Naylor by St Mary's CWL (7pm-Lenten Retreat Session)

March 28, Sat (NO MASS in the morning) Retreat Session 2pm, Confession 3pm

March 28, Sat 4pm (PALM SUNDAY) +Catherine Cole by Anna Malolepszy

March 29, 10am (PALM SUNDAY) +Colleen Lawson by Bruce Lawson

### March 28-29, 2026 PALM SUNDAY MASSES

4pm

10 am

LECTORS:	M. Mullin & J. Innis	J. Mecozzi & M. Stephenson
EMHC:	Pat Rutherford	Judith Goulin
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Theo Mensen & Ian Manley



### Collections March 15, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$1,690

Building Maintenance - \$40

Share Lent - \$15

### HOLY WEEK MASSES & ACTIVITIES

ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT @ 9:30am - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MARCH 27, FRIDAY 7pm, SATURDAY 2pm - PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

MARCH 28 PALM SUNDAY 4pm MASS

MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY 10am MASS

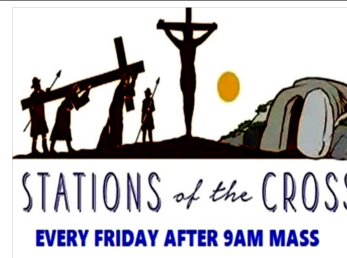
MARCH 30 CHRISM MASS 2PM @ PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY 7pm - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY 2:30pm - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 4 SATURDAY, 7pm - EASTER EVE MASS

APRIL 5 SUNDAY, 10AM - EASTER SUNDAY MASS



### PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**HERMINE NAYLOR (our 100-year- old parishioner)** - Min Naylor recently and joyfully celebrated her 100th birthday. A long-time and very supportive parishioner of St. Mary's Church, she continues to enjoy remarkable health and spirit even at this blessed age. Her life is truly an inspiration to all of us. Through her faith, kindness, and enduring support to our parish community, she reminds us that a life lived with gratitude to God becomes a blessing not only to oneself but also to others. For indeed, our life is God's greatest gift to us. How we make the best of our life—how we make the best of it for the greater glory of God—becomes our greatest gift back to Him.

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT** - Reminding everyone to attend the special Parish Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Joseph Lourdusamy, a Franciscan Capuchin priest, on *Friday, March 27 at 7:00pm, then on Saturday, March 28 at 2:00pm, Confession at 3pm, and Holy Mass at 4pm.* This retreat offers a meaningful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal as we journey through Lent together as a parish community. We look forward to welcoming you to this grace-filled Lenten experience. Offering for the speaker will be solicited and appreciated.

**ST JOSEPH ( Spouse of BVM, feast day March 19 )** Joseph's greatness lies not in words, but in action. The Bible records no spoken word of his, yet his life speaks volumes. In silence, he listened to God; in trust, he obeyed; in humility, he served. His role in the history of salvation was decisive—he safeguarded the Holy Family, and cooperated fully in God's plan. St Joseph reminds us that true holiness is found in faithful, everyday obedience. His silent strength and steadfast love make him a model for all fathers—men called to protect, provide, and lead their families with courage, integrity, and faith. As Patron of Canada and of the Universal Church, his quiet yet powerful presence continues to guide and protect God's people. May Saint Joseph intercede for our nation, our Church, and all fathers of families.



**GRATITUDE GOES TO:** 1. **GORD KRENTZ**- By shoveling the snow promptly, consistently, and with great dedication throughout this difficult winter season, Gord has generously volunteered his time and effort. His selfless service has spared the parish from significant expenses that would otherwise have been paid to hired workers. For this, he truly deserves our parish's collective gratitude and heartfelt thanks. 2. **EVELYN SINE** – For her generous volunteer service in altering the oversized Coffin Pall at no cost, greatly improving its practical use. To her the parish expresses sincere gratitude. Thank you to both of you for your great volunteerism spirit.