

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT (March 27 & 28) - Please join us for a special Parish Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Joseph Lourdusamy, OFM Cap, a Franciscan Capuchin priest from Peterborough. This retreat offers a meaningful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal as we journey through Lent together as a parish community. Schedule: Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28 beginning at 2:00 p.m., with Confessions available, followed by Mass at 4:00 p.m. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend one or both sessions. A free-will offering will be collected in support of the retreat and speaker. More details to follow. We look forward to welcoming you to this grace-filled Lenten experience.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - Do you know Development and Peace — Caritas Canada? Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, is a democratic movement for global solidarity rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. D&P addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. The organization also champions women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. To learn more, visit: devp.org

FROM THE CEMETERY BOARD - Thank you for your generous support of St. Mary's Cemetery. Your donations help with ongoing maintenance and make it possible to plan future improvements, including the possibility of a garden space. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church, and cash donations may be placed in Jeeves at the back. Your continued support is truly appreciated.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Thank you to the Colborne Legion and the Cramahe Thrift Store for their generous donations and continued support of our community. Your kindness is a true reflection of serving others with compassion and care. We are grateful for your generosity and the spirit of giving you share.

ST. MARY'S CWL - St. George's Anglican Church, Grafton is holding its annual Pancake Brunch on Tuesday, Feb.17/26, 10:30 - 12:30. Cost - A donation to Habitat for Humanity. Check the poster on the bulletin board. The next CWL Meeting is March 02/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. The CWL is hosting The World Day of Prayer on Saturday, March 07/26 @ 10:00 am at St Mary School in the gym. Each year a third world country is presented in the service. This year the focus country is Nigeria. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. All parishioners are invited. Check the poster on the bulletin board.

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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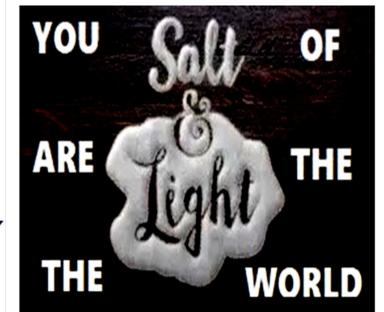
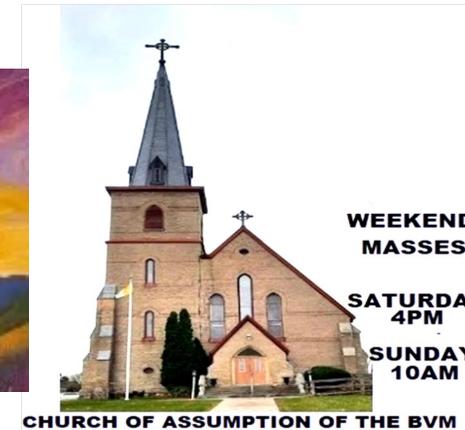
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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

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 Feb 7- +For repose of the soul of Greg Blick, Feb 8- +Jane Boreham

Feb 9, Mon 9am (NO MASS)

Feb 10, Tues 9am - Int. of Asha Castelino by Nita Vaz

Feb 11, Wed 9am - Int. of Oscar & Nita Vaz

Feb 12, Thurs 9am - + Joseph & Greta Vaz by Nita Vaz

Feb 13, Fri 9am - Int. of Angelica De Souza by Nita Vaz

Feb 14, 8:30am-CONFESSION, 11am-FUNERAL MASS

Feb 14, 4pm (6th Sun Ordinary) + Marjorie MacDonald by Tony & Joan Farwell

Feb 15, 10am (6th Sun Ordinary) + Zackary Sawyer by family

February 14-15, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4pm

10 am

LECTORS: Dave Hughes

Kathleen Ancker

EMHC: Pat Rutherford

Bernadette Murray

USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley

Joe O'Kane & Theo



Collections February 1, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$1,850

Building - \$345

Heating - \$400



POPE LEO XIV: "WE ARE CALLED TO BE BUILDERS OF PEACE" - The pope reminds us that peace is not only negotiated by leaders — it is practiced by believers. Each Christian is called to be a builder of peace in daily life: in our homes, our conversations, our parish, and our community. Peace begins in the heart converted to Christ. When truth is spoken with charity, when justice is lived with mercy, and when differences are met with dialogue rather than anger, the Gospel becomes visible. Do not wait for a peaceful world — become a peaceful presence. In this way, Christ's light quietly transforms the times through the lives of His people.



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Clare Chapin, Tass Corbier, Terry Korotki



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CHRISTIANS CALLED TO BE SALT AND LIGHT - Christ does not call followers merely to believe privately but to live visibly and transformatively, like salt and light. As salt, a Christian presence slows down moral decay, encourage goodness, and bring depth and meaning to everyday life. Salt works quietly — yet without it, things become bland or corrupt. Christ's followers are not meant to disappear into the world, but to shape it from within. As light, a Christian does not shine by his/her own wisdom alone, but by sharing in the mind and vision of Christ (Phil. 2:5 : "Have among yourselves the same mind that is in Christ Jesus."). Christ calls His followers to be light — to make God visible through their way of life. They become salt and light not by trying to stand out, but by staying close to Christ — because the closer we are to Him, the more our life flavors our actions and his light shines through us.



+ GREG BLICK - With sadness, we announce the passing of Greg Blick, a long-time active parishioner who generously served in the Lector Ministry and as a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are grateful for his faithful witness and service to our parish community. Visitation @ St. Mary's Church Saturday, Feb. 14, 9am, and Funeral Mass @ 11:00 AM. Please keep Greg and his family in your prayers. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon him.

ST. MARY'S DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET GROUP - The members of this informal group commit to praying Divine Mercy Chaplet daily at home. The intention is to pray for the sick and dying in our parish and around the world as "those people need the mercy most". You may send the names of your sick family members or friends to Maria Marszal at her email address: marszalm@gmail.com and the Divine Mercy Group will faithfully remember them in their regular prayer. Also, if you would like to join the group please contact Maria at the same email address above. The Chaplet is quite a unique prayer as it was given to Sister Faustina directly by Jesus. It is very short and we could pray for anything with it. There are information pamphlets at the back of the church and books on Divine Mercy in our library. "Jesus, I trust in you."
YARN - Thank you to everyone who donated yarn and to the volunteers who lovingly made hats and mitts for those in need. Your generosity has helped keep many people in our community warm this season. These handmade items are a beautiful reminder of the care and kindness within our parish. As the need continues, we are always grateful to receive additional yarn donations. Thank you for helping us share warmth, comfort, and love.

