

BREAKFAST BUFFET
GOODBY WINTER, CELEBRATE WITH BREAKFAST



**IT'S ALL INCLUDED
EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

SUNDAY, 08 MARCH 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

A LENTEN INVITATION-"Return to me with your whole heart." Lent gives us three ancient practices to help us do exactly that: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This year, we invite you to sit with them a little differently. Pray - "Lord, where are you calling me? Where are you calling my family?" Let that question breathe this Lent. You don't need an answer yet. Just the willingness to ask. Fast — not only from food, but from selfishness. Give — not only from your wallet, but from your time

and your talents. The gifts God placed in you are meant to be shared. We believe that when we begin to do, we begin to become — and that the Holy Spirit has a way of making things remarkably clear when we are willing to listen.

EASTER CARD FUNDRAISER- Easter Cards will be available on the 2nd Sunday of Lent

(March 1, 2026) after 10 a.m. Mass. All cards are hand-made by parishioner, Mary Sawyer, who has graciously made these Easter Cards for our fundraiser. Cards (with envelopes) will be available for \$10 each. Profits will assist the CWL to purchase First Communion and Confirmation Gifts for the students of St. Mary's Elementary School in the Spring of 2026.



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE (March 1) - In addition to dust, air and noise pollution from coal laden trains, industrial farming has led to widespread deforestation and even more toxic pollution from planes that spray pesticides over fields and communities. Lost forests and poisoned soils, waterways and livestock have devastated people's health and livelihoods.

MARY'S CWL - The World Day of Prayer 2026 will be held March 07/26 @ 10:00 am at St. Mary CES in the gym. St. Mary's CWL is hosting the service, followed by a social hour. It is an ecumenical service with members of neighboring churches invited to attend. The next CWL meeting is March 02/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. The Diocese Convention registration forms will be handed out. The 2026 Peterborough Diocese Convention will be held in Cobourg at St. Mary CSS, April 18 & 19. March 30th is the last day to register. If you wish to attend the Convention please contact President Pat Murphy for a registration form. See the bulletin board for the poster and more details. On March 01/26, parishioner Mary Sawyer, will be selling her handcrafted Easter cards at the end of Mass. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of CWL gifts for First Communion & Confirmation candidates. Parishioner Min Naylor turns 100 on March 20/26. She is having an Open House on March 14, 1:00 - 6:00 pm at the Colborne Legion to celebrate her BIG day. What a wonderful celebration it will be for a grand lady.

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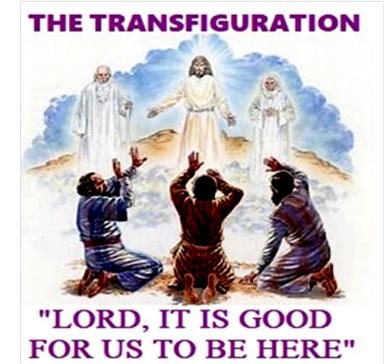
SECOND
SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 1, 2026



WEEKEND
MASSES

SATURDAY
4PM

SUNDAY
10AM



Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
(Chairperson)- 416 300 8680
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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 Feb 28-+Dennis Farwell, March 1- +Tass Corbier

March 2, Mon (NO MASS)

March 3, Tues 9am

March 4, Wed - For Auger family & Souls in Purgatory by Vicky Auger

March 5, Thurs 9am

March 6, Fri 8am (FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS) Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Benediction, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross) +Greg Blick by Marie McVety

March 7, Sat 9am

March 7, Sat 4pm (2nd Sun of Lent) +Greg Blick by Kathy Ancker

March 8, 10am (2nd Sun of Lent) +Greg Blick by Dave & Marilyn Ruud

March 7-8, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

4pm

LECTORS: John Logel
EMHC: Deirdre Arzheimer
USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley

10 am

Melissa Lilje
Judith Goulin
Ian Manley & Rob Ugolini



Collections February 21-22, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$1, 643

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

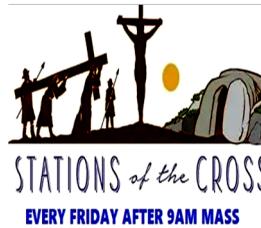
MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY 10am MASS

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



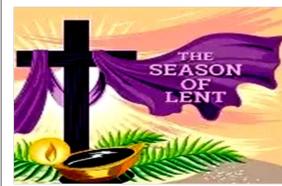
PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH (For disarmament and peace) "Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence."

THE SEASON OF LENT & TRANSFIGURATION - At first glance, this moment of the glory of



Transfiguration may seem out of place in a season marked by ashes and sacrifice. Yet it is deeply meaningful. As Jesus knew the disciples would soon face the scandal of the Cross, he timely transfigured and revealed the divine glory before the apostles Peter,

James, and John with him standing are Moses and Elijah and the voice of the Father was heard confirming him as the Son of God. This vision of heaven and foretaste of God's glory was given to sustain the faith of his disciples. In our Lenten pilgrimage, the Transfiguration assures us that sacrifice leads to glory, the Cross leads to resurrection, and faithful discipleship leads to transformation. Just as Jesus revealed his radiant identity, we too are called to be changed interiorly — to let prayer, fasting, and almsgiving transfigure our hearts.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - This year, St. Mary's CWL Council is hosting The World Day of Prayer, March 07/26 @ 10:00 am in the gym at St. Mary School. Everyone is invited to attend. The World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a global ecumenical prayer movement observed annually on the first Friday of March. In 2026, it falls on March 6. It is a worldwide Christian initiative led primarily by women, a day of prayer, reflection, and action, celebrated in over 170 countries. The day aims to promote Christian unity, encourage informed prayer and mission, raise awareness of global issues affecting women and families, and to support charitable outreach projects.

POPE LEO XIV ON SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE - "It seems to me very unlikely, at least in the near future, that the doctrine of the Church will change its teachings on sexuality and marriage. I must confess that the issue remains in the background of my thoughts because, as we saw at the Synod, within the Church any theme related to the Lgbtq reality is highly polarizing. For now, in coherence with what I have already tried to witness and live as Pope at this moment in history, I try not to fuel polarization in the Church. People want Church doctrine to change and they want attitudes to change: I believe that we must first change attitudes, before even thinking about changing what the Church teaches on a particular issue. Individuals will be welcomed and received. Any priest will hear in confession people of all kinds, with all kinds of difficulties, life situations and choices made. The teaching of the Church will continue to remain as it is and for now I have nothing more to add on this point."