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- Holy Communion to Shut-ins
- Hot Lunch Program
- Parish Council
- Finance Committee
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- Catholic Women's League
- Children's Rosary Program
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- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul Society

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Parish Pastoral Team

- Alison Coort / Office Administrator
- Marguerite Goodfellow / Parish Nurse
- Judith Gottschalk / Ministry Rep (contact the parish office)
- Jan Sirek / Deacon / jsirek54@gmail.com
- Fr. Dominick Mbah/
FrDominickMbah@peterboroughdiocese.org

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday / 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

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Week of April 1st – 7th

Monday April 1st / 12:00 Noon

SI In Thanksgiving

(Req. By: Roman & Wiescia Nikipierowicz)

Tuesday, April 2nd / 12:00 Noon

+Rennie Melnyk

(Req. By: Walter Gryś)

Wednesday, April 3rd /

12:00 Noon

+Graham Burke

(Req. By: Margaret Burke)

Thursday, April 4th / 9:00 AM

+Vincent Merry

(Req. By: Eleanor Wolffe)

Friday April 5th / 12:00 Noon

+Olive Moore

(Req. By: Elizabeth Janssen)

Saturday, April 6th / 4:00PM

SI For Spiritual Mothers and their Priest—Sons

(Req. By: Kirsten MacDonald)

Sunday, April 7th / 9:00AM

+Doug & Eleanor Mowat

(Req by: Nadine Diplock)

Sunday, April 7th / 11:00AM

SI For the People of the Parish

Let us pray for those who have died and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Jamie Sef-ton, Tcherina Zylstra, Brian O'Connor, and Remi LeGros

EASTER GLORY

The story of the first day of Easter is a story of three firsts. Mary Magdalene who first loved Jesus so much and was the first to visit the tomb, and later still was the first person to see the risen Lord. John the disciple whom Jesus loved and who likewise loved the Lord was the first to believe in the resurrection, beginning at the empty tomb. Peter, the acknowledged leader of the group, was the first among the deserters to witness with his own eyes the empty tomb.

Three diverse personalities! Three different points of view of the empty tomb! Three different intensities of believing! Three different ways of relating the story of the resurrection! All three are among the closest friends of the Lord. All three loved the Lord each in their own peculiar ways. All three have seen the risen Lord. All three zealously bore witness to the truth of Christ's resurrection through their personal lives.

What a great inspiration for us, a great joy and a great encounter of Easter. As Christians, we look at the empty tomb and we see in it Jesus' victory over death and our own destiny too. We have been rescued from the claws of death. Where, O death is your sting? Jesus has conquered death. This is not just an assurance that despite everything, things will turn in the right direction. This is an assurance that everything has turned out marvelously (for Jesus and for us). For his life and destiny are also ours.

The story of the first Easter began at the empty tomb but did not end there. The story traveled from place to place, from one time to another, through the Spirit working in the Church, and the people whose lives bore the marks of the encounter with the risen Lord. We, too, can truly claim to be children of the resurrection if we learn to relinquish the empty tomb of our lives and witness through our lives the greatest truth of Christ's resurrection. Have a piece of the good news of Easter.

Happy Easter to everyone! Happy Easter to our newly baptized and those received into Full Communion with the Church this Easter! You are hope and joy. Congratulations!!!

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - April 6th / 7th, 2024

	7:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Ben Boivin	Helen Hebb	Diane Poling
EMC	Marguerite Goodfellow	Jo Ann Giesler	Jillian Febbo
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow Walter Gryś	Ian Etherington Doug Neigel Linda Latour Mike Pearson	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, April 2, 2024	Mary Kudryk &	Gisele Neigel

Congratulations to all those who were baptized and to all those who were received into Full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. Welcome to our parish.

First Friday of the Month / Friday, April 5th is the first Friday of the month. There will be Exposition and Adoration beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Mass Intentions / A reminder that we have empty days for Mass intentions if you would like to book a Mass for family or loved ones.

Oremus, Let us Pray / is a prayer book with many beautiful traditional prayers, commentaries, and more. We are selling them for \$20.00 each. Please contact the office by email (office@stmaryshuntsville.ca) or phone (705-789-2348) to get your copy.

Parish Nurse News / The clinic will be open on **Tuesdays** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm. in the Knights of Columbus room in the Parish Hall. If you would like to see me, I will check your blood pressure, review your medication, discuss chronic disease management, discuss pain management, review your lab and x-ray results, discuss matters of mental health concerns, or any other issues that may be on your mind. I can also help you with your knitting! Please take advantage of this clinic, it is a ministry offered here at St. Mary's.

The **"Let's Get Physical" Exercise Class** runs on **Wednesdays** from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome, there is no charge for these classes. We will concentrate on gaining Strength and Balance using a Yoga based program. Please dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat.

Readers, Ushers, and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC) / Perhaps you have considered one of these ministries, especially if you are not presently involved, or you are new to the parish. If you are interested, please contact the office (see cover of bulletin). Your participation in these ministries helps to bring our community together as we serve one another.



Easter Message 2024

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen" (Lk 24:5).

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough,

The Church embraces the celebrations of this Holy Week, commemorating the passion and death and resurrection of the Lord. Thereafter we advance quickly to the wonderful season of Easter, a time of renewal and hope and a time to see with the eyes of faith the great wonders that God has done and continues to do.

It is said that one of the best ways to get the attention of your audience is to ask a probing question at the start of a talk. So, give full marks to the angels at the Lord's tomb that Easter morning, who asked one of the most probing questions in all of history: "why do you look for the living among the dead?" Part challenge, part correction and part invitation to see things in a new way, it must have taken the faithful women by surprise. But apparently it was a rhetorical question, since the angels did not wait for an answer, but went on to explain, "He is not here, but has risen." Once they had the attention of their audience, they wasted no time in sharing the good news - good news that the women would also quickly share, as they went to tell the apostles.

Pope Francis has said that the question addressed to the women that Easter morning is posed to each one of us. "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" It's one that should grab our attention and invite us to a new way of seeing things. Do we cling to what is sterile, bleak, and hopeless, just because it is familiar? Do we give in to cynicism and defeatism, supposing that things in the world, the Church, our neighbourhoods, and families can never improve? Easter is a call to reject the malaise that can afflict so much of modern life and to embrace a new way of living with a spirit of hope. As the Holy Father has said, "Death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak; it is the word of the resurrection."

The angels' question should snap us to attention this Easter, reminding us that because of the Lord's resurrection, we can always lay claim to hope. May God bless you and yours richly in this season of great joy.

Yours in Christ,

**+ Most Reverend Daniel Michm
Bishop of Peterborough**

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Tuesdays	11:30AM -1:00 PM	Parish Nurse Available / Knights of Columbus Room
Tuesdays	12:00 PM - 1:00PM	Hot Lunch / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	9:30 AM	Gentle Exercise Class / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	6:00 PM	Choir Practice / Choir Loft
Thursdays	6:00 PM	Huntsville Community Band Practice / Parish Hall
Tuesday	April 2nd	CWL Executive Meeting / Parish Hall / 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 2nd	SVDP Meeting / Parish Hall / 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	April 6th	First Communion Class / Parish Hall / 2:45 p.m.

Sunday Offertory

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