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- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Readers
- Ushers

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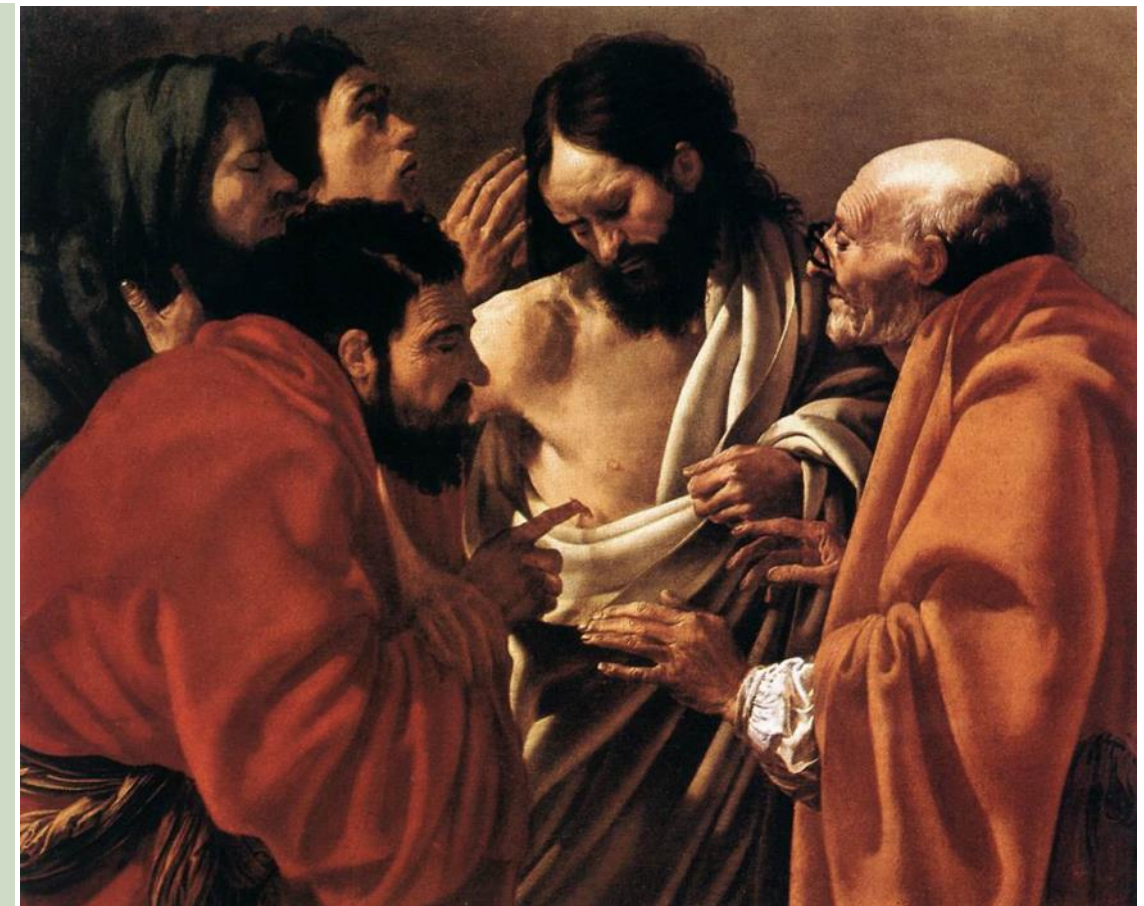
- Saturday Vigil Music
- Sunday Choir & Organist

Parish Groups

- Altar Society
- Friends of St. Kateri
- Friends of St. Mary's
- Holy Communion to Shut-ins
- Hot Lunch Program
- Parish Council
- Finance Committee
- Parish Property Committee
- Parish Screening Committee
- Sacramental Prep

Catholic Organizations

- Catholic Women's League
- Children's Rosary Program
- Development and Peace
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul Society



**'Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet
have come to believe.'**

John 20.29

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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St Mary's Elementary School / 705-789-6481

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April 7, 2024

A SHARING COMMUNITY, A VITAL SIGN

As we reflect on the gift of the new life that God has given us in the resurrection of Christ our Lord, we think of how that impinges on our daily lives as Easter people. We remember, like the early Christians, that we are sent to share this gift of new life with everybody. This mission makes us a sharing community. The reflection on this second Sunday of Easter is about our reaction to sharing and our attitude to sharing.

We often acknowledge contributing to the community, but we find it difficult to give of ourselves. We value our faith experiences but find it difficult to share them. We esteem our gifts and talents but find it discomfoting to interact with the less talented. Yet we admit that only sharing makes for a healthy community. The vital sign for a true gospel living is a sharing community. Sharing is not just food but all that makes us human.

In Acts of the Apostles chapter 2 verses 32-35, St. Luke gives us a picture of the first Christian community. He mentions that they have all things in common. He then adds that the wealthier members would sell their property to meet the needs of the community. It was not simply philanthropy but a sharing grounded in faith. For Luke, such sharing could assess the vitality of the community. Hence, in Luke the vital signs consist in a sharing community.

The Gospel of John (Jn 20:19-31) also speaks to the theme of sharing. John describes the mission of the disciples in terms of sharing. They are to continue Christ's mission by offering life to all believers. The Spirit they have received from Jesus is the Spirit they must communicate to others. Their faith experience is to become the faith experience of others, which is the Lord among them forgiving and binding sin. For John, the vitality of the community could be measured by fidelity to this mission. In John therefore, the vital signs are built on a structure of a sharing community.

To volunteer for any community activity like teaching catechism, or visiting the sick and elderly, or opening your homes to children from abusive homes and other neglected people are signs of a sharing community. A Christian people believe that the health of a community depends on sharing. Again, the vital signs of a sharing community.

Lastly, the Eucharist suggests that the measure of true worship is the degree of community sharing in the other Eucharist, which is found in daily life as we communicate God to others through our daily acts of kindness and sharing the word of God as well.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - April 13th / 14th, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Jim Waters	Judith Gottschalk	Bob Lacroix
EMC	Catherine Treacy	Eleanor Wolfle	Jean MacInnis
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort	Mary Kudryk Al Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Bob Moore	& Jo Ann Giesler

Parish Pastoral News

Fr. Dominick will be taking a few days off this week. He will be gone Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Fr. Andrew will be here to celebrate the weekday Masses.

Knights of Columbus / There was 1 winner in the Knights of Columbus Monthly Calendar draw from the calendars that were sold by the Knights of Columbus of our Parish. It was Kirk Berardi \$40. Congratulations.

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.

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.

Hot Lunch Program /In order to keep this program running, we need your financial support. Our Parish volunteers **serve 35 to 40 people every week.** Any monetary donations are greatly appreciated. You may use the Poor Box at the entrance of the church, or any envelope designated as Hot Lunch. Again, thank you for making this possible!

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish thank you for your continued and gracious donations to the Food Bank.

Nothing is ever too small or too little.

Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

SVDP SOCIETY

**Hotline:
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In advance, we thank you for whatever you have been able to share with us in the way of monetary donations. The money we collect from you, helps us to buy some perishable food items that we are able to add to their food hampers. Those coming to our food bank receive not only food, but kindness and the encouragement to remain hopeful. *Shalom*

Parish Group Meetings /Events

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
Monday	April 7th	CWL General Meeting / Parish Hall/ 10:00 a.m.
Friday	April 12th	Confirmation Class / Parish Hall / 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	April 14th	Coffee Sunday /Parish Hall/after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Week of April 8th - 14th, 2024

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. We are in particular need of ushers for the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

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.

St. Mary's Lending Library / It has been carefully organized with good spiritual reading. You can take a book or books home with you. When you are finished, please return them to the library. Thank you and enjoy.

Welcome To The Area And The Parish / Whether you are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome. We hope and pray that the memories that you have created here in the Muskoka area, will bring you all joy in the future. May God's peace be within you always.



**Mass Schedule
Week of April 8th – 14th**

Tuesday, April 9th/ 12:00 Noon

**Wednesday, April 10th/
12:00 Noon**

Thursday, April 11th / 9:00 AM

Friday April 12th / 12:00 Noon
+Betty Latour
(Req. By: Members of the SVDP)

Saturday, April 13th / 4:00PM
+William Gabriel Muzzi
(Req. By: Sam Muzzi)

Sunday, April 14th / 9:00AM
+William Warman
(Req by: Michal & Catherine O'Mara)

Sunday, April 14th / 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

Sunday Offertory

Good Friday	\$2,035.00
Easter Sunday	\$1,830.00
March 31, 2024	\$5,306.00