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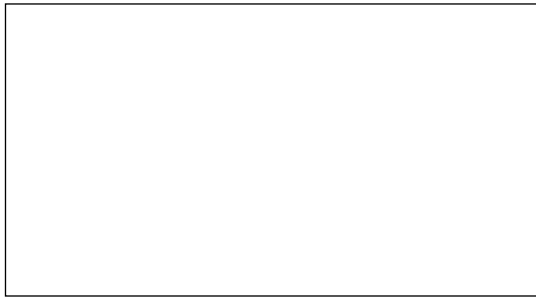
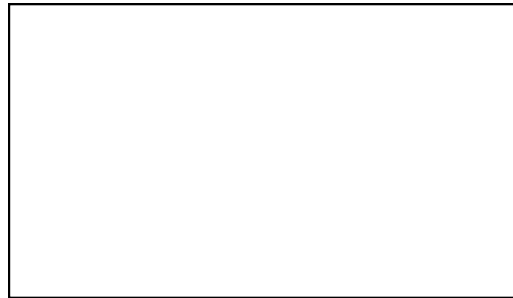
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- Readers
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- Saturday Vigil Music
- Sunday Choir & Organist

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



'I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.'

-John 10.14-16

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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April 21, 2024

JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPERD

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, the good news is always taken from the 10th chapter of St. John where Jesus speaks of himself as the “good shepherd.” Jesus presents himself as the good, the utterly dedicated shepherd who is ready to lay down his life for the sake of his sheep: “I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

A good shepherd is someone who takes good care of the sheep. Of course, if he is the owner, he will give extra care to his sheepfold. Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, takes good care of his sheep and practically takes them as his own; he is not a hireling. Because of this, he is willing to sacrifice for his sheep. He is not only the Good Shepherd but the best of shepherds. With Jesus as our shepherd, we are in good hands!

This task of shepherding is shared by Jesus primarily with Peter, as he said to him: “Tend my sheep, feed my lambs, and feed my sheep.” This brings us to the task of praying for our Pope and all the Church’s shepherds; bishops and priests whom we even call pastors and fathers.

Jesus also said: “I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also must I lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.” His desire is the unity of all in him. However, this is not yet a reality today. Even Christians themselves are not united. So, let us continue to pray and work for the unity of all Christians. Lest we forget, there are sheep that do not belong to Christ’s sheepfold; it means that mission and evangelization must continue. We are always in need of missionaries. Our parish as a sheepfold of Jesus is also at the frontline for missionary activities and as such, all of us are called to this mission and work of evangelization. It challenges one to ask the question: Am I involved in the evangelical work in my parish? If not, why not? There are many ways to participate and become engaged in bringing the caring hands of Jesus, our Good Shepherd to the people of our parish, to the oppressed, the out-cast, the despised, the marginalized, the underdog, the weak, and the ignorant. As a Good Sheperd, Jesus’ chief concern is to protect, tend, and care for his sheep.

Today is also the “World Day of Prayer for Vocations.” The Holy Father in his message for the 44th World Day of Prayer for Vocations says: “The annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations is an appropriate occasion for highlighting the importance of vocations in the life and mission of the Church, as well as for intensifying our prayer that they may increase in number and quality.” Let not this day pass then without praying for priestly, religious missionary vocations, and other forms of consecration to the service of the Lord and his Church.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - April 27th / 28th, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Michelle Haskin	Mary Towson	Mary Jane Zimmerman
EMC	Bob Moore	Eleanor Wolfle	Diane Poling
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort	Ian Etherington Doug Neigel Natasha Aben Mike Pearson	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Wanda Roberts	& Laila Etherington

Parish Pastoral News

St. Vincent de Paul / Thank you to all who donated to the SVDP Monthly Food Drive. Through your generous donations we received 357 pounds of food. Thank you again for your generosity.

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.

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.

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
Sunday	April 21st	Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner /Parish Hall / 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	April 25th	Knights of Columbus General Meeting / Parish Hall/ 7:00 p.m.

Week of April 22nd - 28th, 2024

The Parish would like to congratulate the children of St. Kateri who made their First Communion today. You are welcome to our Father’s table with us.



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.

Christian Family Life Card Ministry - CWL Initiative / This card ministry is in need of more blank cards. If you find you have some lying around the house and wish to donate them, please drop them off in the box at the back of the Church.



Mass Schedule

Week of April 22nd – 28th

Tuesday, April 23rd/ 12:00 Noon

SI Maya

(Req. By : Adam & Krystyna Medon)

Wednesday, April 24th/

12:00 Noon

+John Liddell

(Req. By : Beatrice Hay)

Thursday, April 25th / 9:00 AM

SI Charles & Lorraine Rozario

(Req. By: Walter Gryz)

Friday April 26th / 12:00 Noon

SI Emily Warman

(Req. By: Margaret & David Warman)

Saturday, April 27th / 4:00PM

+Paul Harty and

+Bruce & Brenda Macdonald

(Req. By: Kirsten MacDonald)

Sunday, April 28th/ 9:00AM

+Kim Jackson

(Req by: Colleen Mochula & Family)

Sunday, April 28th/ 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, Remi LeGros, and Emily Warman

Sunday Offertory

April 14, 2024 \$3,925.00

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