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**Wishing everyone a Blessed
and
Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year**

Parish Pastoral Team

Alison Coort / Office Administrator
Marguerite Goodfellow / Parish Nurse
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Fr. Dominick Mbah/
FrDominickMbah@peterboroughdiocese.org

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

Week of January 1st– 7th

Monday, January 1st

9:00AM For the People of the Parish

11:00AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2nd / 12:00 Noon

No Mass

Wednesday, January 3rd / Exposition & Adoration / 11:00AM

Mass 12:00 Noon

No Mass or Adoration

Thursday, January 4th / 9:00AM

+Kathleen Garrity

(Req. By: Eleanor Wolfe)

Friday, January 5th / 12:00 Noon

+Deceased Members of the Mazeiku Family

(Req. By: Anonymous)

Saturday, January 6th / 4:00PM

+William Roberts

(Req. By: Wanda Roberts)

Sunday, January 7th / 9:00AM

+ Karen Foster

(Req by: St. Mary’s CWL)

Sunday, January 7th / 11:00AM

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, Kristen Hackett, Janine Wright, Jim and Patricia Tremblay, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, and Mike and Loretta Pearson

Sunday Offertory

December 17, 2023 \$5,016.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CHRISTMAS GOODWILL MESSAGE TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

Christmas is around the corner and there is joy in the air, joy in every heart that is touched by God-With-Us. The excitement of this season of the year is amazing! Everybody is in high spirits and in a celebratory mood. It’s all about Christmas, all about the wonders that God has done for us, and it is wonderful to behold! This is the conscious presence of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Where the Spirit of God is, there is life, joy, and happiness. This is what we are celebrating! This is the Spirit of Emmanuel, God with us!!!

Christmas is God’s philanthropy, the continuation, and the progression of the ineffable amount of love God has for us. Christmas begins the banquet of the children of God with the Father in Jesus. “When the bridegroom is around, the friends of the bridegroom do not have to fast.” We are both God’s children and his guests. Our parish Christmas care for those in need is flowing. The Knight of Columbus Christmas Hampers, the St. Vincent De Paul is busy with the food bank and the many other ways that they are reaching out to individuals and families in need reveals somewhat of the kingdom of the newborn King, where everybody is at peace, everybody is cared for and everybody is a beneficiary of God’s ineffable love. Everybody is loved and is lovable! This is revealed in the gifts you are giving at Christmas!!!

May I use this opportunity to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus, the St. Vincent De Paul, and the CWL in our Parish for your relentless care for the needy around us, your efforts in wiping the mourners’ tears, and constant support to our parish. Many Thanks and God’s blessings to the Lectors. The Ushers, the Choirs, the Altar Servers, the Parish Staff, and all our volunteers for all your blessed services to the parish. You represent the love of God made visible at Christmas and at all the times.

This is my first Christmas with you as your new pastor. I am deeply grateful for your great love and caring support since I arrived in the parish. Your love replicates and exemplifies the love of God. The very God who sent me to you is already at work in you, even before I arrived, moving you to act in his own way, the God of graciousness and love! This is the spirit of Christmas!

As you celebrate Christmas this time around, I want you to remember how good and how beautiful you are! I want you to know that I am very proud of you and blessed to be your pastor. Merry Christmas!!!

Merry Christmas and God’s blessings in abundance in the New Year 2024, to you and to all your families!

MERRY CHRISTMAS! MERRY CHRISITMAS!! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Fr Dominick Mbah, Msp

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - January 6th/ 7th, 2023			
	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Jim Waters	Judith Gottschalk	Diane Poling
EMC	Victoria Baumgart	Jo Ann Giesler	Jillian Febbo
Ushers	Victoria Baumgart	Mary Kudryk	Hugh Knox
	Marguerite Goodfellow	Al Kudryk	Bob Lacroix
		Jerzy Lenart	Linda Lacroix
		Krystyna Lenart	
Counters	Tuesday, January 2, 2024	Mary Kudryk	& Gisele Neigel



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

An Advent season of just three weeks has not given us very much time to heed the call of St. John the Baptist to “prepare the way of the Lord.” This shortened runway has probably meant that we have been busier than ever in the lead-up to Christmas, maybe even more frazzled than usual, and not as ready spiritually as we would like to be. The Christmas rush seems to get ever more rushed, and we do our best to manage it all.

What a consolation then, to remember that Christmas is not so much about what we do, but about what God has done for us. Cardinal John Henry Newman (canonized in 2019) once wrote in a sermon that the special charm of Christmas is that Christ comes to us as our guest. And in that coming, Newman notes “He brightens everything. He does not take away, he adds. He makes the world our home, for he deigns to be the light of it.”

In this busy season, with all that is pressing in on us, may our hearts be attuned to Christ who comes to us as the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the Savior of the World. Let us open our hearts in welcome because, ready or not, here He comes!

May His coming fill our families, churches and communities with light and joy this holy season.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Daniel Miehm

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!

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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 / K of C Room - Cancelled for January 2nd
Tuesdays	12:00 PM - 1:00PM	Hot Lunch / Parish Hall -Cancelled for January 2nd
Wednesdays	9:30 AM	Gentle Exercise Class / Parish Hall—Will resume on January 17th
Wednesdays	6:00 PM	Choir Practice / Choir Loft
Thursdays	9:30 AM	Gospel Reflection Group / Sacristy / following 9:00 a.m. Mass
Thursdays	6:00 PM	Huntsville Community Band Practice / Parish Hall

2024 Offertory Envelopes / are now available at the entrance of the church. Please be sure to take your box, unless you are fine with someone else receiving your charitable donations’ receipt. If you do not see a box there with your name on it, please contact the office. It is purely an oversight on our part. Some envelope numbers have changed so do not use previous years’ envelopes.

2024 Offertory Envelopes / Please write your name on your envelopes for the first couple of weeks of the new year.

Hot Lunch Program / Please note that there will be **NO** Hot Lunch on Tuesday January 2, 2024.

Parish Nurse /There will be no Parish Nurse Clinic on Tuesday January 2, 2024.

Confirmation / The Parent Night Information Night , for parents and students who are wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, will be Wednesday, January 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you know of someone whose child does not attend the Catholic school and is wanting to receive this Sacrament please have them contact the Parish Office.

The 2023 - 2024 Sunday Missals are now available at the entrance of the Church. The cost per missal is \$5.00.

Come, let us adore Him.

New Years Mass Schedule

Sunday December 31st

4:00PM St. Mary’s, Huntsville

Monday January 1, 2023

9:00AM St. Mary’s Huntsville,

11:00AM St. Kateri, Baysville

Glory in the Highest