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Welcome

Whether you and your family are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome to worship with us. May you find God's peace, hospitality and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, the doors of our Parishes and our hearts are open to you. Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us.

Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville
Sunday 9:00 am - St. Mary, Huntsville
11:00 am -St. Kateri, Baysville

WEEKDAY MASSES - St. Mary, Huntsville
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 12:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am
Friday 12:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville
Anytime by Appointment

Adoration

First Friday of the Month at 11 am, followed by Mass

Parish Departments

Parish Council - Jo Ann Giesler
Finance Committee - John Emsley
Music Ministry - Belinda Moretto
- Cathy Vanclieaf (St. Kateri)
Counters - Please contact the office
Eucharistic Ministers - Please contact the office
Lectors - Judith Gottschalk
Property Committee - Dcn Jan Sirek, Frank Van der Straay

Parish Schools

St Mary Elementary School
Joe Conway, Principal 705-789-6481

St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School
Carlo Iocono, Principal 705-646-8772

SMCDSB School Board Trustee
Joshua Boutotte 705- 722- 3555 ext. 462

Parish Office

Mary Helen Moes, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:
Tuesday - Thursday
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Hotline: 705-789-0008

Catholic Funeral Rites

Please call the parish office to arrange funeral Masses. We work closely with the funeral homes and will assist you with the liturgical arrangement to honour the departed family member.

Rites of Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Classes begin in October for Adults seeking baptism or full communion into the Catholic Christian faith Please contact the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Baptism (Infants)

Please contact the parish office for details. A pre-baptism meeting is required.

Catechism Classes (Sept - June)

First Communion and Confirmation classes are held at the parish. Registration takes place in September.

Sacrament of Marriage

Kindly contact the parish office at least six months prior to desired date of marriage. A Marriage Preparation Course is essential as are several meetings with the priest.

Annointing of the Sick

If you have a family member sick or know of someone near death please call the parish and request the sacrament of the sick.

Sick and Homebound

Please contact the parish office if you know someone confined to home or in hospital, so sacramental and pastoral care may be arranged.



Masses for the Week of Oct. 26 - Nov. 1, 2026

Tuesday, October 27
9:00 a.m. no intention

Wednesday, October 28
12:00 p.m. no intention

Thursday, October 29
9:00 a.m. no intention

Friday, October 30
12:00 p.m. † Robert Dodds / Dodds Family

Saturday, October 31
4:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 1
9:00 a.m. † The Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

11:00 a.m. † Rita & Edward Shoniker / Paul Shoniker

Prayers for the Sick

Especially for Sam Muzzi, Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Peter Poustie, Bill Weber, Kate Monk, Michaela Enright, Pam & Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Keith Ham, Carole Ruttan, Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Linda Latour, Tcherina Zylstra, Jim Poling Sr., Brian O'Connor, Terry Russell, Marg Grant, Joan Ranson, Lisa Knox, Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike Berardi, Bianca Herandez Laurie, Eleanor Wolfle, June Anne Crawford, Michaela Enright, Marta Klaja, Heather Adams, Sharon Huckle, Deanna Neigel, Mike Pearson, Bernard Recker, Elisabeth Posma, John Schreurs

In rememberance of our deceased

Theresa Schwaighoger, Milena Leonardy, Ursula Recker

LOVE IS A DECISION

A fundamental theme that runs throughout the entire Bible is about God offer of love and our invitation to respond. God's offer of love for us is a given; His unconditional love is always offered to us no matter what. The result, however, is conditional. The result depends upon our response to His offer.

How, then, do we respond to Christ's mandate that we love everyone as we love ourselves? First of all, we should take it for what it is – a mandate, a command. It is something we must choose to do with little regard for our feelings.

Feelings are important but feelings are not decisive. Convictions, things we are convinced of, are decisive. Feelings are not. More often than not, acting on our feelings leads us down wrong paths and into trouble. Then, too, we can be victimized by our feelings. We can feel sorry for ourselves and spend so much time pitying ourselves that we end up feeling like we are victims. We can imprison ourselves in a state of victimhood and seem unable to get of our self-made feelings of depression. They can even lead us into a state of self-rejection and even self-hatred.

At times, some feelings are good. But when it comes to giving ourselves to others in love we have to make decisions. No one can command you to have warm, fuzzy feelings toward another. Not even God commands that of us. We cannot even tell ourselves to have nice, warm, loving and intimate feelings toward another. Even if we could, would it matter? No. It's what we do that matters, not how we feel. But Jesus is not speaking here of emotions and feelings. He knows how absolutely fickle and unreliable feelings really are. Feelings come and feelings go as they wish, leaving us quite alone with ourselves after they have left. Decisions can last.

"Falling in love" is a wonderful thing, even a beautiful thing. Young boys and girls fall in love. Young mothers and young fathers fall in love with their newborn babies. Emotions of affection and feelings of love are beautiful things, the stuff of songs and poems. There is nothing wrong with them.

Jesus is telling us here that love is something we do. Love is a choice, a decision, a commitment to do things. That is why Jesus is commanding us to love others. It's what we do to others not how we feel toward them that matters.

I don't care how you feel, Jesus says to us, simply love your neighbors. Love them as your heavenly Father loves them. Love them, the good and the bad alike, with the unconditional love with which your Father in heaven loves them. Love all of your neighbors in what you do to them, in what you do for them, and in how you act toward them. All of those complicated and complex feelings of yours will eventually follow along. My religion, says Jesus, is a matter of what we do; it's not a religion simply of nice feelings.

Fr. Dominick Mbah, MSP

Parish Groups

Altar Care Society
Altar Servers Group
Friends of St. Kateri
Friends of St. Mary
Hot Lunch Program

Catholic Organizations

Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Knights of Columbus Council #7851
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Assoc. Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP)

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule
October 31 - November 1, 2026

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Gaile Romanowski	Judith Gottschalk	Jean MacInnis
EMC			Dean Beaudry
Ushers	Ben Boivin	Mark O'Gorman	Hugh Knox
	Alison Coort	Doug Neigel	Bob Lacroix
		Al Kudryk	Linda Lacroix
		Mary Kudryk	

Counters: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 - Giesele Neigel & Mary Kudryk

Parish Announcements

Week of October 26 - November 1, 2026

ST. MARY'S
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Annual Spaghetti Supper
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SUNDAY, October 25th, 2026
5:00 – 7:00 pm
St. Mary's Parish Hall

Tickets: Adults..... $20.00
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For Reserved Tickets Call:
Al Kudryk 705-783-0056

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All Souls Weekend
At all Masses on the weekend of October 31 and November 1st, we will be celebrating All Souls. If you would like the names of your departed loved ones listed at the weekend Masses, we encourage you to please complete an envelope found at the back of the church or in the office and return it by October 27th, with your donation to the parish.

K of C Lottery Calendar Winners of the Sept. 2026 are:
Ross Azzara, Huntsville $ 50.00
Eileen White, Huntsville $200.00
Congratulations to your both!

Clergy Study Days: Fr Dominick will be away from November 3 -5, for the annual Clergy Study Days with the other priests of the Ptbo Diocese.There will not be weekday Masses on Nov. 3 -5. Weekday Masses will resume on Fri., Nov. 6th , 9:30 am, for the School Mass.Let us pray Fr Dominick and all the priests of the Peterborough Diocese that they experience safe travels and spirit-filled days.

Family Mass The next Family Mass is scheduled for the 1st Sunday of Advent on **Sunday, November 29th**. All young families will be warmly welcomed! Families wishing to assist with decorating, ushering, bringing up the gifts, singing, etc., please contact the office.

Collections
All Collections for October 17/18 will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

Fundraising Progress

GOAL
$536,935.70

To date:

Assessment of cost:
$536,935.70

Collected by October 11:
$234,045.92

Pledged:
$23,906.00

$278,983.78
more to go!



Restoration Appeal Update

Thank you to all that picked up our appeal envelopes, pledge cards, etc on Thanksgiving weekend. We feel fortunate to be considered in your monthly giving. You can drop it off in the next offertory collection basket or deposit it in the designated box at the entrance of the church.

Heating and air conditioning final touches, as well as a lot of sanding and painting has been going on this week.

For those that are visiting for the first time, our rectory was found to have a high level of mold in every single room. It was an unhealthy environment for our priests to live. Remediation of the mold is complete, which has exposed the extent of damage that is dictating the need for this huge amount of over $536,000 to complete the restoration and make it livable for our priests.

If you can invest in our restoration appeal in any way NOW IS THE TIME! The Lord reminds us that a gift even as small as a mustard seed is destined to grow and will make difference to accomplishing our goal.

Forgot your envelope?
Can't find your cheque book? Forgot to grab cash? Please use your cellphone and **scan this QR code**. It will take you directly to **CANADAHELPS** who will process your credit card donation and provide you with a tax receipts. Its so easy. And will make a huge difference to our offertory and restoration appeal.

Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Spaghetti Dinner
Sun., Oct. 25
5:00 pm
Parish Hall



Hot Lunch
Tues., Oct. 27
12:00 noon
Parish Hall



Confirmation Class
Wed., Oct. 28
7:00 pm
Parish Hall



1st Communion Class
Thurs., Oct. 29
6:30 pm
Parish Hall

RCIA Class
Sun., Nov. 1
3:00 pm
Parish Hall

SVDP Collection
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1
All Masses
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