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### **Parish Ministries**

## Liturgical Ministries:

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Saturday Vigil Music Sunday Choir & Organist

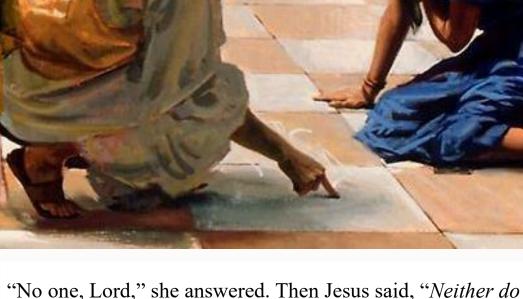
## Parish Groups

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**

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

I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin again."



Luke 8:11

### Parish Pastoral Team

Mary Helen Moes / Office Administrator

Judith Gottschalk / Ministry Rep (contact the parish office)

Jan Sirek / Deacon /jan@sirek.ca

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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## Mass Schedule Week of April 7th - 13th

Tuesday, April 8th / 9:00 AM SI Laila Etherington

Wednesday, April 9th / 12:00 Noon + Peter Tracy (Req. by: CWL)

Thursday, April 10th/ 9:00 AM SI Roman & Wiesia

Friday, April 11th / 12:00 Noon + The soul of Judy (Req. by: Marie Laurie)

## Saturday, April 12th/ 4:00PM

+ Pat Morra (Req. by: Shirley Morra)

Sunday, April 13th/ 9:00AM SI For the People of the Parish

### Sunday, April 13th / 11:00AM

SI James Poling (Req. By: The Friends of St. Kateri)

### Prayers for the Sick

Especially for Sam Muzzi, Jim Poling, Fr. Randy Foster, Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Margaret Smith, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Tcherina Zylstra, Brian O'Connor, Remi LeGros, Emily Warman, Terry Russell, Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Marg Grant, Ed Quinn, Mike Berardi, June Anne Crawford, and Mike Kittl

#### And in remembrance of the deceased

Fr. Leo Coughlin, Peter Tracy, Shelia Bruce, Monsignor John Pearson, Monsignor Mariano Polito, Gino Magistrale

### **Sunday Offertory**

**March 30, 2025** \$2,073.85

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## The Woman Taken in Adultery - In 11:1-45

The Gospel on this Fifth Sunday of Lent is a story of solidarity. It shows the solidarity with God with us and it carries a lesson to grow in solidarity with one another, as we ask for forgiveness and turn away from our sins.

It is Basil Cardinal Hume who once wrote that 'There is a certain solidarity in sin.' The phrasing was carefully chosen. As sinners, we know we are in the same boat; we feel solidarity in our weakness and failure. 'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Rom 3:23). That's why the raging accusers of this woman caught in adultery eventually wander off, unwilling to cast any stones, knowing themselves to be sinful too. The oldest depart first, because they see more clearly the commonality of human failure.

But Cardinal Hume spoke only of 'a *certain* solidarity', because in the end there can be no *true* solidarity in wrongdoing, which actually divides us. The Devil, the *Diabolos*, is literally the 'Scatterer' or 'Divider'. Sin locks us up inside ourselves, isolates us in pride and self-centredness. It is the antithesis of relational love and communion. The scribes and Pharisees are stuck in this prideful mentality, trying to isolate this woman to condemn her. They 'place her in the midst' (probably dishevelled and indecently dressed), under the glare of all, but they have failed to bring her male partner in adultery who should be equally liable to judgement (Lev 20:10). So, our Blessed Lord opposes their isolating tactics with a show of solidarity with this woman: he gets down on the ground himself. I imagine the woman as having been thrown on the ground not daring to raise her head from the dust. Jesus gets down to her level, to show his solidarity.

In his Incarnation, Jesus had already showed his solidarity with humanity: 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us' (Jn 1:14). The solidarity of Jesus with us goes all the way to the Cross. In his Passion, Jesus, though personally sinless, identifies with sinners: 'God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ dies for us' (Rom 5:8); and 'Christ suffered for us leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps (1 Peter 2:21-23).

So, the last words of Jesus to the woman caught in adultery are her lifeline: 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.' His solidarity with her is expressed by this call to new life, where sin is left behind and her humanity is healed. We have a certain solidarity with the sinfulness of this woman – we cannot cast stone – but like her we are called to a new and real solidarity with Christ, who raises us from the dust to share his heavenly life.

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - April 12th/ 13th, 2025			
	4:00 PM MASS	9:00 AM MASS	11:00 AM MASS
Lectors	Jim Waters Ron Downey	Judith Gottschalk Helen Hebb	Michelle MacIsaac
EMC	Catherine Treacy	Gisele Neigel	Dean Beaudry
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow Walter Grys	Urzula Lewgold Doug Neigel Natash Aben Mike Pearson	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, April 8, 2025	Bob Moore &	Jo Ann Giesler

**Stations of the Cross** / Will be said Fridays during Lent. Please join us on Friday, April 11, 2025 after the noon Mass.

**Parish Pastoral Events** 

**Adoration and Devotions:** Will be held on Fridays during Lent at 11 am, followed by the 12 pm Mass.

**Lenten Parish Confessions** / Please note that the date has been changed to **Friday, April 11th** at 6 pm.

**Parish Council Meeting** / Please note the next Parish Council meeting has been moved to Tuesday, April 8th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

## Join Our Choir & Lift Your Voice in Harmony!

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Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, and we sing at 9:00 am Sunday mass. Come lift your voice in song and be part of something beautiful! If interested please contact us at, office@stmaryhuntsville.ca

### **EASTER SCHEDULE**

## Holy Thursday Mass

Thursday, April 17th, at 7 pm, followed by Adoration

## **Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 18th, at 3 pm

#### Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday, April 19, at 7 pm

#### **Easter Sunday Masses**

Sunday, April 20th, at 9 am, Huntsville and at 11 am, Baysville

### 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.

Hot Lunch Tuesdays / The doors open at 11:30 a.m. and prayer / reflection before the meal will start at 11:50 a.m. The meal will be served from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you know of someone who would appreciate a meal and good company, please let them know about our Hot Lunch Tuesday program.

**Coffee Sunday** / The members of the CWL will be hosting Coffee Sunday on Sunday, April 13th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

### March For Life, Ottawa, Thursday May 8th

A number of people have asked if we could organize a bus from the parish. If you are interested in traveling on a bus together for this important event, please contact the parish office by April 8th. Cost per person to be determined. Please consider making the sacrifice of one day to show with your presence at this important day, that Canadians are not in favour of legislation that allows the ending the lives of the unborn, the elderly, the sick mentally ill, and disabled. Life is precious.

## Knights of Columbus Lottery

Winners of the March 2025 Calendar Lottery are: Terry Dunhy, Huntsville - \$40.00 John Romanow, Huntsvile - \$40.00 Congratulations to you both!

## SVDP SOCIETY

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## Parish Group Meetings / Events

Wednesdays	9:30 a.m.	Let's Get Physical Class / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice / Church
Monday	April 7, 2025	CWL Meeting/ Parish Hall / 10:00 AM
Tuesday	April 8, 2025	Parish Council Meeting/ Parish Hall / 6:00 PM
Wednesday	April 9, 2025	Property Committee Meeting/Sacristy/ 4:00 PM
Wednesday	April 9, 2025	Confirmation Class/Parish Hall/ 7:00 PM
Thursday	April 10, 2025	Knight of Columbus Exec Meeting/7:00 PM