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May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday
of Easter



Pastor: Fr. Jerry Tavares

Administrative Assistant: Kristen Penfold

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday: 12 Noon - 5PM

Thursday & Friday: 10AM - 2PM

Parish Office is located behind the Church

The Welcome Desk is open before and after Mass on the weekend

Are you new here? Welcome!

We welcome new parishioners and visitors.

We'd love to see you again!

Please register at the Parish Office.

LORD'S DAY MASS

SATURDAY: 4PM

SUNDAY: 9AM & 11AM

WEEKDAY MASS

See Mass times inside

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00PM until 3:45PM

BAPTISM

Parents seeking baptism for their children should approach the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage must meet Fr. Jerry at least one year prior to a desired date.

HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ✠ May 5, 2024

Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

If this is your first time at church, or your first time in a long time, we're so glad you're here! We exist to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ; make disciples of all nations. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call on us.

TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



Offer the Gift of the Mass

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

To arrange for a Mass to be offered, stop by the Welcome Desk on the weekend, contact the Parish Office or fill out one of the Envelopes located in the Church.

It is a prayerful gift to be given and even more meaningful to receive.

WELCOME ANDREW ROELANDS

Bishop Daniel Miehms has appointed Andrew Roelands, a seminarian for our Diocese, to live and work with Fr. Jerry over the summer. Andrew moved in this past week.

Andrew grew up on a farm in Parkhill, Ontario in a Catholic family. He is the 4th of 9 children. He loves the outdoors and working with his hands. Andrew is studying at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto and we are blessed to have him here this Summer. You will all get a chance to meet him in the coming weeks.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This upcoming week throughout the Province of Ontario, we observe Catholic Education Week. To celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education, you are invited to join us for a Community Mass at the Church on Wednesday, May 8th at 6PM followed by a Community BBQ.

PREPARE FOR PENTECOST

Pentecost, the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is coming up on Sunday, May 19th. You can prepare for the great celebration of Pentecost by participating in the Novena, which begins on Friday, May 10. Simply set aside some quiet time and participate from the comfort of your home each day. We've included the Novena as an insert this weekend. Come Holy Spirit!

STATIONS OF THE LIGHT

On Friday, May 17th at 6PM join us for the Stations of the Light, where we are invited to follow in the footsteps of the Risen Christ and his friends from the Resurrection to Pentecost.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

This year, we welcomed Ryan into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Solemn Easter Vigil. If you are thinking about becoming Catholic (or know someone who is) we have a great team who would love to walk with you on this journey. Contact the Parish Office at 705-746-5181 to get things started.

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Construction work on our front stairs will begin on July 8th. The total cost to remove and replace the steps is about \$40,000. Envelopes for donations are available, allowing us all to play a part in paving our way to heavenly heights. Thank you for your consideration!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

St. Peter the Apostle Parish is proud to partner with Hope Pregnancy Support Centre of Parry Sound! Your donation makes it possible for many women, men, and families within our community to receive care and support throughout pregnancy and beyond. Take a baby bottle home with you, starting this weekend and fill it with coins, cash or a cheque and be sure to return it to the Parish by Father's Day. You can also donate through EFT, or online. For more info visit: www.parrysoundhope.com. This is a practical way to live out being pro-life. Fill a bottle... change a life!

PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARIES

During the month of May throughout the Diocese of Peterborough, many priests celebrate their Ordination Anniversaries. On May 28th, Fr. Jerry will celebrate 14 years of Priestly Service. Happy Anniversary Father!

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

In the month of May, Pope Francis asks us to pray for men and women in formation for religious life, as well as for seminarians preparing for the priesthood. Let us keep praying for them as they seek to follow God's will.

UPCOMING ORDINATIONS

The Diocese of Peterborough will celebrate two ordinations this spring. Deacon Edmund Scott will be ordained to the Priesthood on May 31st at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. Peter Bissonnette will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 15th at St. Michael the Archangel in Cobourg. God willing, Peter will then be ordained to the Priesthood next year. Pray for these men.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Ever thought of joining the Knights? We are a brotherhood of Catholic Men ages 18+ who focus on faith, family, charity and friendship. Please join us for dinner at an upcoming council meeting. For more info, contact Joe Ryman at 705-342-1558.

WORSHIP OFFERING

Your financial stewardship for April 28, 2024

Offertory Envelopes	1,957.00
Automatic Giving	1,581.79
Offertory Loose	452.09
Total Offertory	\$ 3,990.88

Stairway to Heaven total raised \$ 3,440.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 8

6:00PM Intentions of the Catholic School Community

Thursday, May 9

At Lakeland 10AM Intentions of Velma Walker

At Belvedere 11AM Intentions of Andrew Roelands

Friday, May 10

12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, May 11

4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, May 12

9:00AM Intentions of Doris

11:00AM Intentions of Laura Kern and her baby

Ave Maria, Gratia Plena, Dominus Tecum



The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honour her as the Mother of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and as the first of his Disciples. We also acknowledge Mary as the Mother of the Church and our mother too!

PARISH ROSARY CHALLENGE: Pray one rosary a day, for the month of May!

This challenge is open to individuals and families too. Keep track, and when you visit the Church, you can indicate the number of rosaries prayed using our 'rosary tracker' near the Statue of Mary in the Sanctuary.

Last year we prayed 1032 rosaries!

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY:

① **During the month of May,** parishioners who wish are invited to remain after the weekend Masses to pray the Rosary.

② **All year round,** parishioners are welcome to join in the public recitation of the Rosary after Mass on Wednesday evenings.