



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 29, 2022:

MASSES FOR MAY 31ST – JUNE 5TH

Tuesday, May 31 st	8:30 a.m.	– NO MASS
Wednesday, June 1 st	8:30 a.m.	– NO MASS
Thursday, June 2 nd	8:30 a.m.	– NO MASS
Friday, June 3 rd	8:30 a.m.	– NO MASS
Saturday, June 4 th	4:30 p.m.	+ Paul McAdams, requested by the O'Donoghue family
Sunday, June 5 th	9:30 a.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
	11:30 a.m.	+ Marianna Stanczyk, requested by husband Stefan, daughter Basia and family

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Audrey, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Joan Cross, Mike Crough, Donna Ellis, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Bill Heasely, Janice Kelly, Bradley L., Cathy Lochner, Marian, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Fr. Bill Moloney, Bonnie Morley, Erin Sullivan, Adrian Vandebroek, Linda vanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz, Robert White, Clint Young, Patty Zeyen and those who have no one to pray for them. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.

FR. STEPHEN ON RETREAT: The annual priest retreat is Monday, May 30th to Friday, June 3rd. Please keep the spiritual success of the retreat in your prayers. During that time, you are welcome to attend daily Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 8:00 a.m., 208 Romaine Street, Peterborough.

FR. PETER SEABROOKE'S SLIDESHOW: For those who were unable to attend Fr. Peter's 50th anniversary of his ordination, his historical slideshow has now been [posted on our website](#).

FR. JOHN PERDUE OFF TO ITALY: Fr. John Perdue has been on a bit of a farewell tour, as he prepares to head to Italy for language school prior to beginning graduate studies in theology, which commence in Rome, this fall. Please pray for Father John as he embarks on an exciting new phase of his priesthood.

ORDINATION OF DEACON PETER LUKOW: The [Ordination Mass](#) of Deacon Peter Lukow to the priesthood will be held on **Friday, May 27th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. You are welcome to attend in person or you may prefer to view the [livestream on the Diocesan YouTube channel](#). Please keep Deacon Peter in your prayers.

THE PILGRIM STATUE: The statue from the Shrine of **Our Lady of Cap de Madeleine** will be received at our Cathedral this **Sunday, May 29th** at 1:30 p.m. The timing is ideal, as the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The program includes the Holy Rosary, the Crowning of Mary and the traditional "blessing of roses," that is associated with Cap de Madeleine. This marks the 75th anniversary of the first such tour of the Pilgrim Statue within Canada. A video about that original 1947 tour can be [VIEWED HERE](#).

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus will be facilitating the Rosary 20-minutes prior to each Mass this weekend **May 28/29**



1ST RECONCILIATION/1ST COMMUNION CATECHISTS NEEDED: As the school year winds down, we still need to plan for next year! The 2022/2023 school year finds us hoping to plan in-person sessions for the 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion program for 2nd Grade students. Such a program will be conducted just as in the past, before we resorted to online delivery. **If you are interested in being a catechist and helping teach the program in the parish, please contact Fr. Stephen.**

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: Please consider volunteering as the Pastoral Care Minister for Immaculate, as Sue Smith steps down from the role of visiting the sick and taking communion to shut-ins. Please contact Fr. Stephen if you feel the calling to this vital Ministry. The parish wishes to thank Sue for her past dedication.

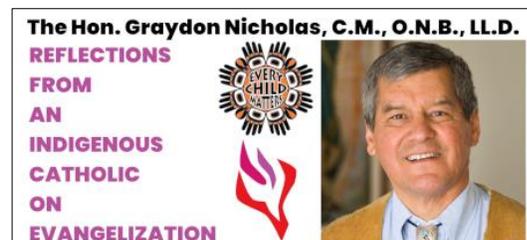
"BOTTLES FOR BOILERS": This **Saturday, May 28th**, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting **RETURNABLE liquor, wine, beer bottles and beer cans** at the Rectory garage between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for our fund to replace the church boilers.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – The “Preserve Life Bottles” for the annual fund raiser from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day (**May 8th to June 19th**) are now available at the back of the church. Take one with you and fill it with cash or cheque. Return to the church after Father’s Day in support of Peterborough’s Pregnancy Support Services. You can make a Big difference! For more information, call **705-742-4015**.



INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND: A letter about the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) was an insert in last week’s bulletin. Due to the power outage, attendance was low, so this letter will be available for pick-up separately this week. We are committed to doing our part in this important venture of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in collaboration with Indigenous partners. The fund will support projects that promote healing, reconciliation, education, and community building in the wake of trauma experienced by Indigenous peoples because of the Residential Schools policy in our nation. The “Bishop’s Appeal” to be held on **July 3rd and 10th**, will be dedicated entirely to meeting our commitments to the IRF.

[READ BISHOP’S LETTER](#)



WEBINAR BY CONCERNED LAY CATHOLICS: Honourable Graydon Nicholas will present “*Reflections from an Indigenous Catholic on Evangelization*”, **May 28th** at 2:00 p.m. A member of Tobique First Nation, Mr. Nicholas is a respected Elder, lawyer, judge, social worker, educator and activist. He was the first Indigenous person to hold the position of Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. He is

a devout Catholic and the founder of Indigenous Catholic Research Fellowship. All donations will go to support Mr. Nicholas’ work of reconciliation. [REGISTER](#)

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WATCHED A MOVIE ON THE BIG SCREEN? St. Mary’s Parish, in cooperation with the Aron Theatre Co-op, is bringing the recently released “Fr. Stu” to Campbellford on **Wednesday, June 8th** and **Thursday, June 9th**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and film starts at 7:00 p.m. Based on the true-life story of Stuart Long played by Mark Wahlberg, this film attempts to chronicle the conversion experience of an agnostic bad boy. You may wish to google “Fr. Stu” and review the trailers. This is not a “blue movie”; but the language is sometimes that colour. The price of a ticket is \$10 plus a non-perishable food item for our local Fair Share Food Bank. Seating is limited to 140. All current COVID 19 protocols will be followed.

“Before the folly of war, let us please continue to pray the Rosary for peace each day. And let us pray for the leaders of nations, so that they might not lose the “pulse of the people” who want peace and who know well that weapons never achieve it.” — Pope Francis



Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough

May 12, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough,

On behalf of the retired priests of the Diocese of Peterborough, I thank you for your ongoing generosity to our Priest Benefit Fund. This fund is the principal way that we care for priests who have retired from pastoral assignment either because of age or health concerns. Our senior priests served with dedication for many years and often still substitute in parishes when their health permits. They remain an important part of our Catholic community and your concern for them reflects both this fact and your appreciation for their priestly service.

Our Annual Parish Appeal for the Priest Benefit Fund will take place on Sunday, June 12th, and additionally, donations are accepted at parishes or online (www.peterboroughdiocese.org) any time of the year. Knowing that these are financially challenging times for many people, we are grateful for any contribution you can make to this appeal, which is so important to the life of the Church in the Diocese of Peterborough. On behalf of all our priests – retired, planning for retirement, or still years away from it – I offer you our sincere thanks and our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Miehm".

†Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough

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PRIEST BENEFIT FUND



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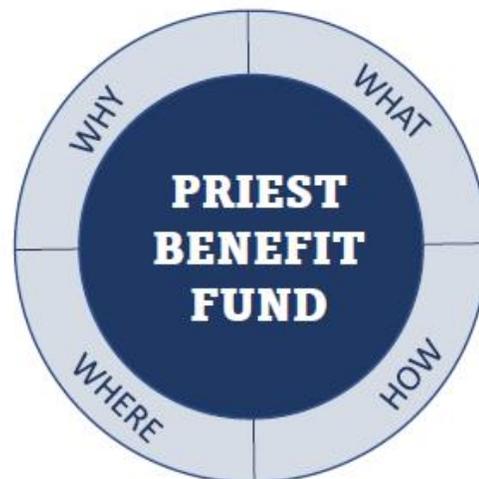
“Our retired priests and our priests who are ill have been generous shepherds through their many years of dedicated pastoral service within our Diocese. They continue to support the faithful through their prayers and even provide service in parishes if their health permits. Your annual and ongoing financial support for our Priest Benefit Fund allows the diocese to assist priests in their time of illness and their years of retirement.”

—Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough



WHAT

The Priest Benefit Fund ensures that the retired and sick priests of the diocese receive an allowance each month to supplement the federal pension and to provide a nominal health insurance plan. We help priests in retirement or on sick leave every month through your generosity.



WHERE

Visit us online to learn more, watch video, see statistics and donate:

www.peterboroughdiocese.org

Search for "Priest Benefit Fund"

HOW

You can help by:

- Contributing to the Priest Benefit Fund collection in June annually;
- Remembering the Priest Benefit Fund in your Will;
- Making the Priest Benefit Fund a beneficiary of a registered retirement savings plan; a registered retirement income fund; a life insurance policy and/or a transfer of stocks and securities.

Special Collection

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