

June CWL Newsletter 2025

Crowning of Mary

It took place on Sunday, May 31st at the 10:30 Mass. A child from the procession placed the crown of roses on the statue of Mary's head. Thank you to Loretta Gismondi who organized the procession and Linda Beckstead for donating the beautiful roses.



Shower for Charlotte Traverse

The shower was held in our parish hall on Thursday, May 22, 2025. The CWL wanted to help to replace some of the household items Charlotte had lost in a recent house fire. Thank you ladies for being so generous and by decorating the hall, bringing food and donating a gift.



Look at all the lovely gifts Charlotte got to open. Michelle Leblanc is recording each gift with the donor's name. Joyce Creighton and her daughter Olivia assisted also with the gift opening. Charlotte is admiring all the hard work that went into making this beautiful afghan. She gave a very heart-felt thank you to us in appreciation for receiving the new household replacement items.

Martha Whelton and Charlotte are deep in a discussion. Seated to the right of them are Fran McDonnell and Loretta Gismondi.



Charlotte is greeted by CWL members Darlene Figueroa, Donna Jebb and Linda Beckstead.



Charlotte has more free time now. She is starting her summer vacation from education. She can now make

Socializing with friends at their table before the evening starts. Left to right are Gwen Purvis, Lynda Blacklaws, Deborah Donnelly and Carla Beckett. Is Carla demonstratng arm movements for doing the hula dance?



Annual Garage Sale

The garage sale on Sat. May 31ST, brought in just over \$5,000. The organizer was Loretta Gismondi. Loretta and her helpers were busy all week from Tues. to Sun. Thank you for your help in making the garage sale a huge success.



Photos, picture frames, various themed wreaths and floral arrangements were tastefully arranged.



Crystal, jugs, cups, saucers and figurines were neatly displayed on our CWL blue cloth



First Annual Strawberry Social

A big thank you goes to our hostess Donna Jebb for this fun-filled day of delicious food, companionship and activities in such a beautiful setting. Many ladies are enjoying the warm sunshine for a while before we went indoors and played Music Bingo and ate lunch.

The sunny room was set up with card tables and chairs so we could participate and walk around and meet new ladies.





Martha Whelton was the **FIRST** person in line to pick up the can of whipped cream, while Donna and her sister Linda Beckstead are cutting up the delicious cake which was accompanied by fresh strawberries and vanilla ice cream. We were all happy!

Kelly McGinty's sourdough bread was also delicious!

Martha shared that she might miss a CWL meeting on occasion, **BUT** she would never miss a meeting or occasion where ice cream was involved. I totally agree with her!

Beatriz Baumfeld, Carla Beckett and Helen Beamish are all smiles. We like the hat Helen was wearing. It was so fashionable! In the background are Linda Beckstead and her grand-daughter.

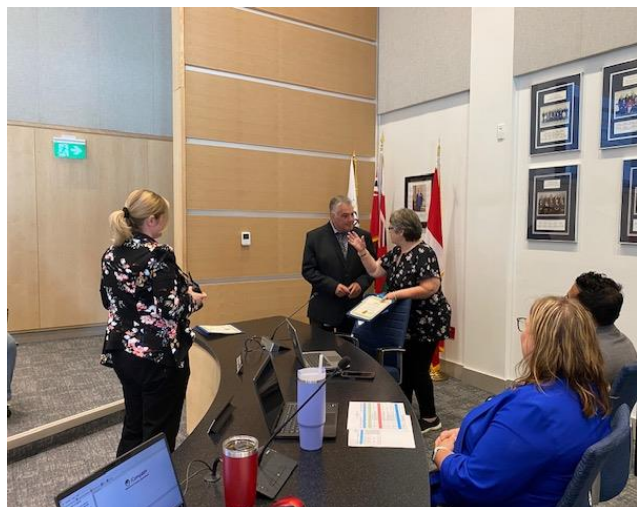


Left-Suzanne Hayes, Lynda Blacklaws,
Mary Kennedy and her daughter Joyce
Creighton. Is Suzanne sharing a
strategy to use to win when playing
Music Bingo?



Madeleine Varley, Fredina Elliott, Loretta Gismondi
and Dawn Westcott have smiles extra- ordinaire for
the photographer! Later Anne Pendergast came and
sat with us. Loretta and Anne were winners along
with Martha Whelton and they took home gift bags!

Carla Beckett was recognized as **“Senior of the Year”** for the Town of New Tecumseth her involvement in many community activities. Here she is with Mayor Norcross accepting her certificate in the council chambers on Mon. June 16, 2025.



Back row- Dawn Westcott, Martha Whelton, Beatriz Baumfeld, Loretta Gismondi
Middle row- Deborah Donnelly, Fredina Elliot, Donna Jebb, Fatima Healy
Front row- Sylvia Biffis, Linda Beckstead, Carla Beckett. Sylvia also won an award and she is the daughter of our CWL member, Sue Biffis, so we asked Sylvia to join us for the picture!



We enjoyed socializing with Carla back at Linda Beckstead's house. Yes, those cupcakes tasted as good as they looked!

Photography - A big thank you goes out to Beatriz Baumfeld, Linda Beckstead and Carla Beckett for the wonderful pictures you took from May & June so I could put them in the June newsletter round-up of events.

Corpus Christi Sunday

Our parish's 150th anniversary began on Corpus Christi Sunday. It was a fitting day to gather in faith and unity. Donnas Jebb carried the CWL banner in the procession and placed it in the holder at the front of the church. Then immediately after that, CWL members Loretta Gismondi

and Dawn Westcott brought up the offertory gifts. After Mass, parishioners walked in a procession around the outside of the church following the priests and Bishop John Boisseneau. Then a delicious reception took place in the Father Bennett Hall.

A **short video** captures moments from the Corpus Christi procession at Mass. It was a beautiful start to a special year for our community. I entered the words- "St. Paul's Alliston Catholic Women's League" on my **Facebook** page and was able to watch the procession accompanied by beautiful music. John Miorin, from St. Cecilia's Catholic Elementary School created and produced the Anniversary Theme song – "**The Light Will Find Him**".

Save the Date

- Sunday, August 17th Parish Picnic (more information to come)
- Sunday, August 24th The CWL is organizing a bus trip to Midland to Martyr's Shrine. During this Jubilee Year, join us for a pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine, a national Holy and Historic space honouring the lives of the Canadian Martyrs.
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
 - 1:30 p.m. Rosary Procession
 - Followed by Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
 - More details and cost will be sent out when finalized.
- Thursday, September 25th CWL Annual Fall Dinner (more information to come)



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