

St. Mary's Church
SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY GREETERS
 January 20 to August 11 2019

The office of greeter, called the porter or door keeper, is one of the oldest in the Church. From the very first, hospitality has been held up as a supreme virtue, as we find in the Epistle to the Hebrews: 'welcome strangers, for some have entertained angels unawares' (Hebrews 13:2). In the first three centuries of the church's life, Christians were persecuted for their faith, and one of the door keeper's jobs was identifying Christians so as to keep out spies. If the door keeper knew the person, they were let in immediately; otherwise they were expected to show one of the secret Christian signs, such as making the sign of the cross, or wearing an ornament in the shape of a fish. (The Greek for 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour' made an acrostic for the word fish.) We, of course, have no fear of those whom God brings to our door step. Our main task is to welcome them and make them at home. The greeters at St. Mary's are asked to do the following:

- 1) Arrive at least twenty minutes before the service.** You will have time to say your own prayers in preparation.
- 2) Hand out bulletins to people as they enter, greeting parishioners and helping newcomers to find their way into the Church.**
- 3) During the service, sit near the back to welcome latecomers.**
- 4) Take up the collection during the offertory.**
- 5) After the service please gather up any bulletins left behind,** tidy them up and return them to the bulletin table in the narthex.
 If large print Prayer Books have been left behind, please return them to the table under the Holy Water stoop.
- 6) Please arrange a substitute** if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities on any occasion. As well, please call the person who follows you on the schedule to remind them of their turn.

Thank you!

Jean Vanstone Bill Knox	472-7148 454-9094	January 20	February 24	March 31	May 5	June 9	July 14
Bob & Nancy Brannen	457-0237	January 27	March 3	April 7	May 12	June 16	July 21
Marg & Clyde Bungay	472-3247	February 3	March 10	April 14	May 19	June 23	July 28
Debbie & Allan Agnew	458-5791	February 10	March 17	April 21	May 26	June 30	August 4
Rita & Richard Rowan	357-7855	February 17	March 24	April 28	June 2	July 7	August 11