



**Mass Intentions**

**Mar. 2 Saturday - Saint Agnes of Bohemia**

5:00 For the Needs of All Parishioners  
For All the Deceased of the Parish

**Mar. 3 Sunday - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

10:00 Angelo & Filomena Orsini – by Gus/Anna Orsini  
Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina  
Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria Orsini  
Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & family  
Filomena Bianco – by daughter  
Pamela Spadafora & family

**MADONNA DI PORTO - Comitato**

11:30 Dr. Carie LaRosa – by LaRosa & Salvatore fam.  
Pompilio/Angelina DiEmanuele – by son Ezio  
Andrew Rondinella – by daughters  
Andrea & Mary Lou  
Beniamino, Giuseppina, Carmine Elia – by  
Adelina Muraca  
Deceased of the Leo family – by Joe Leo

**Mar. 4 Monday - NO MASS**

**Mar. 5 Tuesday - St. John Joseph of the Cross**

8:00 Deceased Scialdone family – by family

**Mar. 6 Wednesday - St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes**

8:00 Nancy Golfi – by friends & family

**Mar. 7 Thursday - Saints Perpetua & Felicity**

8:00 Gino Mazzei – by wife Agata & family  
Efisia Aceti Orsini – by family friends

**Mar. 8 Friday - Saint John of God**

8:30 Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

9:30 Giuseppe & Vita Maria Convertini –  
by friends & family  
Maria Saporito – by friends & family  
Tony Formica – by friends & family

7:00pm Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

For All the Deceased of the Parish

**Mar. 9 Saturday - Saint Francis of Rome**

5:00 Antonio Rizzo – by sister Angela Pellegrino

**Mar. 10 Sunday - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

10:00 Cosimo Girolamo – by son Rocco & family  
Benedetto DiRienzo – by moglie Angelina  
Gerardina Annichiarico – by Mary Mauriello  
Gioacchino & Carolina Cerminara –  
By Marianna Formica

11:30 Sharon Caserta – by Tony & Nancy Mazzei  
Earnest Bagnulo – by family  
Gregorio Santos Cunanan – by Arlene Goodarzi  
Vincenzo Bortolon – by Antoinette Bortolon

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Our world seems to have lost the fear of God and instead practices idolatry. We need to create a culture of prayer to worship God, because we have turned our sacred places and sanctuaries into marketplaces.

**MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO**

Il nostro mondo sembra aver perso il timore di Dio e pratica invece l'idolatria. Dobbiamo creare una cultura di preghiera per adorare Dio, perché abbiamo trasformato i nostri luoghi sacri e santuari in mercati,

**LENT - Third Sunday**

*Jesus understands our struggle*

**But Jesus did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.**

*John 2:24-25*

There is an old saying that *'it takes three weeks to break a habit'*. Wednesday of this week will mark three weeks since Lent began, it is usually at this point that the will begins to weaken.

Take heart. Jesus *"did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well"* (John 2-25). He sees and understands your struggle.

So does the Church. Next week the Church celebrates *Laetare Sunday* - a day dedicated to joy in the midst of the rigors of Lent. The opening antiphon will begin with the proclamation, *"Rejoice, O Jerusalem."* Thus the nickname: *Laetare* is the Latin word for *rejoice*.

It is also called *Rose Sunday*. Priests are permitted to wear rose coloured garments on that day, rather than the penitential purple, and flowers are permitted on the altar. In these symbolic ways, the church acknowledges our progress. It is one of many acts of mercy and encouragement given by the Church to those who struggle. *Lord, help me to persevere.*

**The R. C. Diocese of St. Catharines**

*"Where Faith Lives"*

invites all Catholics to celebrate the

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**In Every Catholic Church across the diocese a priest will be available to hear individual Confessions.**

*No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate this wonderful sacrament of reconciliation and healing.*

**For a list of parishes in the diocese go to:  
[www.saintcd.com/directory/parishes.html](http://www.saintcd.com/directory/parishes.html)**

### COFFEE SUNDAY –March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

This weekend is COFFEE SUNDAY offered by Mrs. Antoinette Bortolon in loving memory of Maria DeBiasi and Vincenzo Bortolon. Please join us in the Parish Hall after each mass for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### EASTER FLOWERS - FIORI DI PASQUA

For those who would like, a contribution of a potted Easter flower (\$20.00) can be made in memory of a deceased loved one. These flowers will decorate our Church for the Easter season.

The persons in whose memory the flowers are offered, will be listed in the bulletin and they will be remembered and prayed for in our Holy Week celebrations.

Envelopes for the Easter floral donations are available at both entrances of the church if you wish to get your donations in early.

Le buste per donazione dei fiori di pasqua sono disponibili all'entrata della Chiesa.

*Please PRINT clearly on the envelopes - Scrivete in STAMPATELLO sulle buste*

### MONTHLY PARISH PASTA DINNER FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**St. Ann Parish Hall**

doors open 4:30 pm

**Pasta & Meatballs - Salad & Dessert & Coffee**

**Take-out available – we supply containers**

**Tickets at the door: Adults \$14.00**

**Children (till 10 yrs.) \$6.00**

*Welcome one and all! Bring your family & friends!*

*This Pasta Night has been generously sponsored by  
Niagara Duty Free Shops Inc.  
in memory of Dante Marinelli*

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

The Diocesan Separated and Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre – 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON For our pamphlet or information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154. Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform.

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE WINTER/SPRING 2024

March 11 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Learning to Forgive
March 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Gifts of the Holy Spirit
April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Identifying Our Losses
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Coping with Grief
May 13 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Navigating Change
May 27 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Self Esteem

### PRAY FOR ALL PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those called to share your priesthood. With our love and prayers, we join you in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out his gifts of holiness, compassion and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an **“Ambassador of Christ”**, bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mary, Mother of all Priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen!

O Loving God, inspire your people to promote  
and to answer the call to Religious Life.

Remove fears and doubts from their hearts.

Give them the Spirit's gifts of wisdom and courage.

We ask this in Jesus's name. AMEN!

### ST. JOSEPH TABLE – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, in the Parish Hall, we will be having a St. Joseph Table display with baked goods, which will then be for sale. There will also be Coffee or Tea for everyone. Fr. Kessete will be blessing the Table after the 10:00 a.m. Mass and everyone can remain for refreshments and the Bake Sale. The Bake Sale will continue after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. We will once again be calling on all of our talented bakers for donation of homemade baked goods which can be delivered on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> between 10 and 12.

### LEGACY DONATIONS

When you or your family are making arrangements for Wills and Legacies, we would humbly and kindly ask that you consider including St. Ann Church as one of the beneficiaries. Also, when making funeral arrangements through the various funeral homes in the Niagara Region, as parishioners, please consider directing donations to St. Ann Church. Your generosity is much needed and greatly appreciated.

### NIAGARA FALLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers for setup and serving of meals, especially Saturday lunchtime. They also have an ongoing need for the following items: *coffee, napkins, cranberry juice, iced tea, flour, pudding and sugar*. Cash donations are also appreciated as they receive no government funding. Contact: [nfcommunityoutreach.org](http://nfcommunityoutreach.org) or 905-354-1640.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli-Roma,  
Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo,  
Carmen/Maria Fabiani, Marianna Formica,  
Flora Kennedy, Ethel LaRosa,  
Gildo Luvison, Luigi Maruca,  
Giaconda Merante, Anna Orsini,  
Vincenzina Pascuzzi, Emilia Romeo,  
Teresa Scozzafava, Concetta Sirianni, Maria Visca

**Daylight savings time**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Set clocks ahead one hour between

**Saturday Midnight &**

**2:00 am Sunday morning**