

**Nov. 29 SATURDAY - Saint Clement**

4:00 FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
 Francesco LaRosa – by wife Carmela & family
 Harold Mancini – by Carmela LaRosa & family

Nov. 30 SUNDAY – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
 Giuseppe, Ginetta, Joe Rotella – by
 Teresa Scozzafava
 Iole Biamonte – by parents Joe & Maria Orsini
 Efisia Orsini – by Joe & Maria Orsini
 Gino & Maria Visca – by family
 Felice & Antonietta Ferraro – by daughter Anna

11:00 FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
 Pietro LoParco – by LoParco family
 Domenico Cameli – by daughters Mary & Rita
 Ben Salvatore – by Barb, Angela & B.J.
 Dr. Carrie LaRosa – by Barb, Angela, B.J.
 Lori Tomasky – by mother Rose
 Giuseppe Gigliotti – by wife Giovanna

Dec. 1 Monday - NO MASS**Dec. 2 Tuesday - Blessed Rafael Chylinski**

8:00 Antonio Elia – by friends & family
 Spec. Int. - Sacred Heart of Jesus – by M.M.

Dec. 3 Wednesday - Saint Francis Xavier

8:00 Julie Sirianni – by friends & family

Dec. 4 Thursday - Saint John Damascene

8:00 Jan Szpakowski – by wife Irena

Dec. 5 Friday - Saint Sabas

9:00 Vincenzo Saporito – by family
 Vito & Anthony Barone – by Barb, Angela, BJ
 Louie Valeri – by friends & family
 Holy Souls of Purgatory – by Francesca Azzano

Dec. 6 SATURDAY - Saint Nicholas

4:00 Concetta Profeta – by Mirella Provenzano

Dec. 7 SUNDAY – Second SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Anna, Rocco, Benny DiRienzo – by Maria
 Giuseppina/Carmine Mauriello – by Mary
 Domenico Cameli – by wife Angelina
 Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & family
 Vito Zarra – by wife Rosa & family
 Felice Ferraro – by daughter Anna & family

11:00 Deceased Tirabasso family – by T & N Mazzei
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 Joe & Maria LoBianco – by Giuseppina Garofalo
 Italia Pelusi – by Emily Leo
 Francesco & Maria Pellegrino – by Angela

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Spiritual laziness is a quiet inward drifting from God. Spiritual laziness is like letting the inner lamp burn low, where prayer time is postponed, good intentions neglected and the soul slowly forgets its hunger for God.

As we enter the Advent Season, we are called to “Prepare the Way” and be awakened from spiritual laziness. May the Lord find us ready for his coming.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

La pigrizia spirituale è un silenzioso allontanamento interiore da Dio. La pigrizia spirituale è come lasciare che la lampada interiore si abbassi, dove il tempo della preghiera viene rimandato, le buone intenzioni trascurate e l'anima dimentica lentamente la sua fame di Dio. Entrando nel periodo dell'Avvento, siamo chiamati a “Preparare la Via” e a risvegliarci dalla pigrizia spirituale. Che il Signore ci trovi pronti per la sua venuta.

WEEKLY QUOTE

Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, governs our conscience and directs our decisions.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The new Liturgical year commences with the **First Sunday of Advent** wherein the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a ‘vigilant’ disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming.

As Saint John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: “Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This vigilance means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living ‘wait.’ To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today’s reading to the Romans: *‘Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed’*” (Rm 13:11).

MESSAGES OF HOPE SPEAKER SERIES

Dr. Stephanie Kafie

“Hopeful Dying: Reframing Hope at the End of Life”

St. Alexander Parish (50 Pelham Town Square-Fonthill

Tuesday – December 9th 2025

St. Ann Parish PAS TA NIGHT**Thursday – 4th December**

Doors open at 4:30 pm

Pasta & Meatballs Dinner**Plus – Bread - Salad - Dessert & Coffee****Take-out available-We provide take-out container****Tickets at the door: Adults: \$ 15.00 – Child: \$ 8.00**

**This Pasta Night is being sponsored by
David, Helen, Kevin & Pat Delaney
In Loving Memory of Patrick V.A. Delaney**

*NEXP PASTA NIGHT – February 5th 2026***SEPARATED AND DIVORCED**

**HEALING MINISTRY – Next Meeting – 8th December 2025
Mount Carmel - 7020 Stanley Avenue, N. Falls**

ANNUAL BAZAAR

We would like to express our most heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in the preparation and set-up of the Annual Bazaar. To the **LADIES's AUXILIARY COMMITTEE**, who were instrumental in its organization and in carrying out all that such an event entails, we are most grateful. We would also like to recognize and thank all of the vendors who return each year to participate in our Bazaar. AND to all the Bakers who so graciously and generously take the time to donate their delicious homemade baked goods – GRAZIE.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**AND -Join us to learn more about our Catholic Faith
and deepen our faith in God. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Under the leadership of Fr. Kessete and other community leaders, we will walk with and guide those who may be interested in learning more about God and the Catholic Church. *If you are interested please register by contacting Fitas at 416-880-7395 or e-mail: office@churchofsaintann.ca.*

COFFEE WEEKEND – December 13th & 14th

All parishioners and visitors are invited for Coffee and light refreshments in the Parish Hall after all the Masses on the weekend of December 13th & 14th. Enjoy the company of your faith community and catch up with the Parish events over coffee or tea prepared by our Welcoming Committee!

*This coffee weekend is being sponsored by-Fran Valeri
In Loving Memory of Louie Valeri
and John Campigotto*

3-MONTH COLLECTIONS/EXPENSES

August Church Collections	\$ 8,342.69
August Expenses	13,491.92
September Collections	\$ 10,141.82
September Expenses	15,252.09
October Collections	\$ 7,887.87
September Expenses	14,917.99

Christmas Flowers Donations**Offerta Fiori di Natale**

You can make a contribution towards a potted Christmas flower in memory of a loved one. **We have to place our order as soon as possible for the flowers to be delivered in time** to decorate our Church for the Christmas season. Cost of each floral donation **\$20.00**. Please complete the Flower Donation Envelopes included in this week's bulletin. Extra envelopes are available at both church entrances. The person in whose memory the flowers are offered, will be listed in the bulletin and they will be remembered and prayed for in our Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

PROJECT SHARE - THANKS

Project Share has extended their gratitude to all of our parishioners who continually contribute food items. The need is ever-present, especially during this holiday season:
Canned Goods, Peanut Butter, Jams, Pasta and Sauces, Toothpaste, shampoo, soaps, etc.

**SEA PILGRIMAGE: 2026 "Mediterranean Peregrination"
Iberia and Africa, Malta and Italy**

Join padre/guide Fr. Peter Rowe and travel escort Ineke Brinkman aboard Holland America's MS Oosterdam travelling May 31st to June 14th 2026 from Lisbon/Lisboa (incl. Fatima), visiting en route Cadiz/Sevilla, Tanger/Tanjah, Valencia, Valletta (in Malta), before arriving in Rome. To reserve, call Ineke (9054-684-0888).

**THINKING OF STUDENTS IN NEED
AT CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is a joyous time of year for most, but with families facing financial hardship it can be anything but merry. It's hard to believe that every day, one in five students goes to school hungry and waits in line to receive a breakfast. Your donation will provide a needy student with a breakfast and nourishing snack daily for a school week. Your support to help students in need would be greatly appreciated.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
& THE HOMEBOUND**

Vince Anania, Mary Argenta, Giuseppe Armenti, Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli, Domenic & Wilma Calabrese, Iole & Gus Crescenzi, Estelle Critelli, Mario DeBiasi, Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo, Adrianna DiRisio, Frank Dorazio, George Ellis, Carmen Fabiani, Rocco Girolamo, Jenny Green, Mark Johnson, Nancy Mazzei, Virginia McConnell, Patricia Millington, Geraldine Parker, Tina Pupo, Vincenzina Pascuzzi, Bettina Paola, Teresa Scozzafava, Gregg Serles, Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber