



Mass Intentions

Jan. 6 Saturday - *Saint Andre Bessette*

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

Jan. 7 SUNDAY – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:00 Iole Orsini-Biamonte - by Gus & Anna Orsini
Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina
Jerry & Tony Formica - by Marianna & family
Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & family
Frank Nero & Maria Nero – by Florence & fam

11:30 Dr. Carie LaRosa- by LaRosa & Salvatore fam.
Pompilio & Angelina DiEmanuele– by son Ezio
Giovanni & Elisa Tirabasso – by T & N Mazzei
Rachel Maraldo Patterson-by cousin Mary Lou
Iole Biamonte – by husband Sam & family

Jan. 8 Monday - *NO MASS*

Jan 9 Tuesday - *Saint Adrian of Canterbury*

8:00 Louis & Philamena Fiorentino – by Lisa & Jim

Jan 10 Wednesday - *Saint Gregory of Nyssa*

8:00 Nick & Michelina Arcaro – by Olga Fiello

Jan 11 Thursday – *Blessed William Carter*

8:00 Bartolo Escobar – by son Vicente
7:00pm Bruna DeBlasis – MEMORIAL MASS
by husband Frank, Katrina & Nicholas

Jan 12 Friday - *Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys*

9:30 Christina Ebeyer – by family
Deceased Anello Family – by Rosina Fruci/fam

Jan.13 Saturday - *Saint Hilary of Poitiers*

5:00 Ruth Rondinella – by daughters
Mary Lou & Andrea
Antoinette LoParco-Candusso – by Palma/fam.

Jan.14 SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 Antoinette Lombardi – by Rosa Zarra & family
Benedetto DiRienzo – by moglie Angelina
Emidio Coladonato – by sister Anna DelVecchio
Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria Orsini
Juliette Saturno – by nieces

11:30 Orlando Garofalo – by wife Josephine & fam.
Rick Cassibo – by Aunt Flora

GOSPEL MESSAGE

With the arrival of the Wisemen, we celebrate – Epiphany – the revelation of Christ to the pagans and foreigners, for Christ was born to tear down the walls of hostility and to reconcile us to one another.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Con l'arrivo dei Re Magi celebriamo – l'Epifania – la rivelazione di Cristo ai pagani e agli stranieri, perché Cristo è nato per abbattere i muri dell'ostilità e per riconciliarci gli uni con gli altri.

Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany is the story of seekers - who search, who inquire and ask, are restless, relentless in their quest.

The Magi seek the child king. Herod seeks the answers that will rid him of the threats to his throne and to the delicate power balance he struck with Rome. The chief priests/scribes seek clues hidden in Scripture that point them to the coming of the true Messiah. The people seek to reclaim that which was theirs in long past - the wealth & culture that were the glory of Solomon's Israel.

Matthew's story is not just about seekers long past: it is our story, too. Each one of us is a seeker, scanning the darkness of the void for a glimmer of hope; stretching out weary arms for warmth of love's embrace; straining in the silent stillness for a murmur of faith.

Epiphany - the word means '*manifestation*' - God is manifested in Christ in such a way as to leave nothing hidden. What is revealed? God is a seeker! God seeks each of us by name and is, as tireless in relentless pursuit, pleading that we "*rise, clasp my hand and come!*" (F. Thompson in *Hound of Heaven*) God's promise is made: *I will give what you so desperately seek.*

Epifania del Signore

L' Epifania è Manifestazione del Dio che si è fatto uomo / bambino, per condividere con tutti noi e per noi tutte le miserie e le sofferenze di questa umanità (tranne il peccato). I primi ad accogliere l' annuncio dell' angelo sono gli umili pastori che all' epoca erano considerati proprio all' ultimo gradino della scala sociale.

Poi ecco arrivano anche i Magi dall' oriente. La stella li guida fino al santo luogo della natività dove Maria e Giuseppe stanno accudendo il neonato dal destino glorioso. Una gloria anticipata dai doni simbolici dei tre 'Re': oro, incenso, mirra. La gloria di quel bimbo gli verrà attribuita perchè farà la volontà del Padre fino alla morte di Croce che sarà seguita dalla Resurrezione.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18th & 25th

The week of *Prayer for Christian Unity* is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a long-standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on Optional dates, in order to include two Sundays.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

The importance of unity among Christians can be emphasized by seeking to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

COFFEE SUNDAY - THIS WEEKEND

January 6 – 7 Gennaio 2024

All parishioners and visitors are invited this weekend - **Saturday January 6th and Sunday January 7th** for Coffee and Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

This Coffee Weekend is being sponsored by the **Damiani & Scialdone families** in loving memory of **Clementina & Francesco Scialdone**.

MONTHLY PARISH PASTA DINNER FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH

Thursday 1st February

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 \$13.00

Children (till 10 yrs.) \$6.00

Welcome one and all! Bring your family & friends.

PROJECT SHARE

Please keep donating items such as canned goods, peanut butter, crackers, juice boxes, etc., and place them in our food bin at the entrance of the church. The need for donations is even greater now as the cold weather approaches. Monetary donations can also be made directly to Project Share.

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

January 8 th 2024	Embracing the New Year
January 22 nd 2024	Loneliness
February 12 th 2024	Dealing With Fear
February 26 th 2024	What Is Forgiveness
March 11 th 2024	Learning to Forgive
March 25 th 2024	Gifts of the Holy Spirit
April 8 th 2024	Identifying Our Losses
April 22 nd 2024	Coping with Grief
May 13 th 2024	Navigating Change
May 27 th 2024	Self Esteem
June 10 th 2024	Who Am I Now
June 24 th , 2024	Loving and Respecting Yourself

LADIES' AUXILIARY MEETING

There is a Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting this coming Monday, January 8th 2024 at 6:00pm. All members are asked to attend. Anyone wishing to join is welcome to attend this meeting.

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 Tavano, Maria Visca

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!