



**Mass Intentions**

**May 11 Saturday – Saint Ignatius of Laconi**

**5:00** Cristina Bianco – by Bianco family

**May 12 Sunday – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**10:00** Serafino/Iole Puglielli-by Gus & Anna Orsini  
 Nicola/Lina DelBuono-by Mary Mauriello  
 Maria Sandolo-by Anna, John, Frank, Teresa  
 Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe  
 Maria Giuseppa Rotella-by Teresa Scozzafava  
 Maria Coladonato/Lidia DelVecchio –  
 by Anna/Pasquale DelVecchio

**11:30** Dr. Carie LaRosa-by LaRosa & Salvatore fam.  
 Pompilio/Angelina DiEmanuele-by son Ezio  
 Michael & Giuseppa Melnyczuk – by  
 daughters Maria, Olga, Anna  
 Natalina Splendiani – by son Giorgio DiRuscio  
 Emilia Carlesimo – by daughter Gina Paquette

**May 13 Monday - No Mass – Our Lady of Fatima**

**May 14 Tuesday - Saint Matthias**

**8:00** Assunta Ricciuto – by family

**May 15 Wednesday – Saint Isidore the Farmer**

**8:00** Joe & Johnny Marsillo – by Olga Fiello

**May 16 Thursday – Saint Margaret of Cortona**

**8:00** Edward 'Ed' Nieuwesteeg – by  
 Joanne DiRisio & Nina Girolamo

**May 17 Friday - Saint Paschal of Baylon**

**9:30** Vito Barone – by moglie Maria & family  
 Stella Cassucci – by Francesca Azzano  
 Giaconda Merante – by Maria Montemurro  
 Paul Joseph Aleo – by Lorenzo D'Amico

**May 18 Saturday – Saint John I**

**5:00** Deceased Soltys/Covelli families-by Covelli fam.  
 Domenic Luca – by Joe & Angela Pisano

**May 19 Sunday – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**10:00** In Onore della  
**MADONNA DI PORTO**  
 By Comitato Madonna di Porto

**11:30** Carie LaRosa - by aunt Rose Tomasky  
 Myrtle & Earl Gilbertson – by A.I.Salvatore  
 by Angela I. Salvatore  
**Filomena & Fortunato Stracuzzi –**  
 by Angela I. Salvatore  
**Dr. Carie LaRosa-by** Angela I. Salvatore  
**Anna Salvatore –** by family

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

The very words of Jesus, “Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation”, empowered the apostles with authority to teach, to sanctify and heal and to interpret the Scripture through love.

**MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO**

Le stesse parole di Gesù: “Andate nel mondo e proclamate la buona novella a tutta creazione”, hanno conferito agli apostoli il potere di insegnare, santificare, guarire e interpretare le Scritture attraverso l’amore.

**Ascension of the Lord - Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**He ascended into Heaven**

The 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday, the Church commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16, Luke 24, and Acts 1. In the liturgies generally the day is meant to celebrate the completion of the work of our salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ, and His entry into heaven with our human nature glorified.

In the Nicene Creed we confess that, on the fortieth day after his resurrection from the dead, our Lord ascended into heaven with the same body and sat at the right hand of the Father. With this same body “he is to come judge the living and the dead, his kingdom shall have no end”. The feast of the ascension brings to a close the forty-day period after Easter celebration. The message of the feast is that although Jesus is no longer physically present, he is enthroned in heaven as the king of peace and will return to judge the world. The gospel lesson appointed for this day is called the “great commission” because here Jesus entrusts his apostles to the important task of preaching the gospel to the whole world, teaching and baptizing in the name of the Holy Trinity. He also assures them - and us - that he will not leave us alone in our sacred duty to spread the good news.

**Ascensione del Signore - Domenica 12 Maggio**

Quel Gesù con il quale i discepoli hanno «mangiato e bevuto» continua la sua permanenza invisibile nella Chiesa. Essa è chiamata a continuare la missione e la predicazione di Cristo e riceve il compito di annunciare il Regno e rendere testimonianza al Signore. Per questo gli angeli, dopo l’Ascensione del Risorto, invitano gli apostoli a non attardarsi a guardare il cielo: l’ avvenimento a cui hanno assistito non coinvolge solamente loro; al contrario, da esso prende il via un dinamismo universale, «salvifico» e «missionario» che sarà animato dallo Spirito Santo.

Per la forza di questo Spirito, il Cristo glorificato e costituito Signore universale, capo del Corpo-Chiesa e del Corpo-umanità, attira a sé tutte le sue membra perché accedano, con lui e per lui, alla vita presso il Padre.

Anzi, egli stesso anima questi uomini nella loro ricerca di responsabilità; il loro desiderio di «essere di più», la volontà di costruire un mondo più giusto e più unito. Così, la comunità dei credenti, consapevole di aver ricevuto un potere divino, piena di slancio missionario e di gioia pasquale, diventa nel mondo testimone della nuova realtà di vita realizzata in Cristo Signore.

## ROSARY DEVOTION – MAY the month of Mary

During the month of May, as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will be reciting the Rosary before each of the weekend masses: at 4:30 for the 5:00pm mass – 9:30 for the 10:00am mass and 11:00 for the 11:30am mass. We invite all of you to pray with us.

### Prayer for Mothers

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, Mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and Our Lord, Amen.

### Preghiera per le Mamme

O benigno Padre Celeste, ti ringraziamo per le nostre mamme alle quali hai affidato la cura di ogni preziosa vita umana dal suo primo momento di gestazione.

Ti chiediamo di benedire tutte le mamme. Possa lo Spirito Santo ispirare e proteggerle. Possano seguire l'esempio di Maria, Madre di nostro Signore, ed imitare la sua fedeltà, umiltà, ed amore generoso. Per nostro Signore Gesù Cristo, tuo Figlio e nostro Signore. Amen.

### Madonna di Porto - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Festa Madonna di Porto

Saint Ann Church

Mass at 10:00 a.m. Santa Messa

Coffee and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the Mass.

All are welcome! Siete tutti benvenuti nella Sala Parrocchiale dopo la Messa!

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY–May 12

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

### CANADA HEALTH DAY – 12<sup>th</sup> May

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across Canada.

This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

## MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Dear Parishioners: Our new website launched and the new bulletin is almost ready. These will reflect the following changes which have been in discussion over the past two years.

Beginning the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the Mass Schedule will be changing as follows:

**Friday changes from 9:30 to 9:00am**

**(with recitation of the Rosary at 8:30am)**

**Sunday - Italian Mass changes from 10am to 9am**

**Sunday - English Mass changes 11:30 to 11am**

We hope that these changes will serve us better as a Parish community.

## COFFEE SUNDAY

All parishioners and visitors are invited the weekend of **Saturday & Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of May** for Coffee, Tea and light refreshments in the Church Hall after all the Masses. Enjoy the company of your faith community and catch up with the events in the parish over coffee or tea prepared by our Welcoming Committee!

*We are grateful to the*

**COMITATO di MADONNA DI PORTO**

*for sponsoring this Coffee Sunday in honour of the Madonna di Porto*  
There will be a **BAKE SALE** sponsored by the **LADIES' AUXILIARY COMMITTEE** during Coffee Sunday.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THE HOMEBOUND

Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli-Roma, Domenic Calabrese  
Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo,  
Carmen & Maria Fabiani,  
Marianna Formica, Flora Kennedy, Gildo Luvison,  
Agueda Maria Melo, Vincenzina Pascuzzi,  
Emilia Romeo, Concetta Sirianni

## LADIES' AUXILIARY – FUNDRAISER

On **Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** the *Ladies' Auxiliary Committee* will be putting on a **Beef on a Bun Dinner (Eat-In or Take-Out)** - which includes: *Thinly sliced Roast Beef on a Bun, potato wedges, gravy, and coleslaw* for \$15. Tickets to be purchased at the door - entrance from Desson Avenue. We hope this will generate enough of a response (especially from parishioners) to be able to hold other such events from time to time throughout the year. ***Your support is greatly needed & appreciated!***

### WELLAND PORT COLBORNE PRO LIFE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday-June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 at St. Mary Parish Hall, 90 Griffith St., Welland, ON. Doors Open 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm Guest Speaker: Jeff Gunnerson, National President of Campaign Life Coalition. Tickets: \$40. per person. The last day to purchase tickets is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. There will be no tickets available for purchase at the door. To purchase tickets call: 905-735-3666 or email: [rocca\\_josie@hotmail.com](mailto:rocca_josie@hotmail.com).