



Mass Intentions

Jan 4 Saturday - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

4:00 Phil Mazzone – by wife Norma & family

Jan 5 SUNDAY – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 Iole Biamonte - by parents Joe & Maria Orsini
 Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina
 Luigino Maruca – by Maruca family
 Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & family

11:00 Pompilio/Angelina DiEmanuele– by son Ezio
 Ruth Rondinella-by daughters Andrea/MaryLou
 Rachel Patterson-by Mary Lou Boychuk
 Maria Ciarlo – by Angela & Tony Romano
 Lena Mazzotti–by Audrey & Mary Giura & fam

Jan. 6 Monday - N O M A S S

Jan. 7 Tuesday - Saint Raymond of Panafort

8:00 Bruno Cerasuolo – by friends

Jan. 8 Wednesday - Saint Angela of Foligno

8:00 Nicki Michelina Arcaro – by Olga Fiello

Jan. 9 Thursday - Saint Adrian of Canterbury

8:00 Guelfo Scialdone – by family

Jan. 10 Friday - Saint Gregory of Hyssa

9:00 Theresa Lococo – by friends & family
 Rebeca Garcia Pindado – by family
 Gino & Maria Visca – by family

Jan. 11 Saturday - Blessed William Carter

4:00 Francis Jeff Castillo – by sister Katherine
 Francis Tambel Villegas – by sister Katherine

Jan 12 SUNDAY - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 Benedetto DiRienzo – by moglie Angelina
 Luigino Maruca – by Maruca family
 Msgr. Vincent J. Ferrando – by Michael Simmonds
 Efisia Orsini – by Joe & Maria Orsini

11:00 Giovanni & Elisa Tirabasso– by T & N Mazzei
 Antoinette Candusso-LoParco – by family
 Orlando Garofalo– by wife Josephine & family
 Iole Biamonte – by husband Sam

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Jesus is born to reveal to us that we are all children of one God – God of peace and love. So, “let us walk forward with purpose: setting intentions that align with our values, strive to be a little better, a little wiser, and a little more compassionate than we were yesterday.” The future is not something we await, but it is something that we have to create.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Gesù è nato per rivelarci che siamo tutti figli di un solo Dio. Dio di pace e di amore. Quindi, “camminiamo avanti con uno scopo: stabiliamo intenzioni che siano in linea con i nostri valori, sforziamoci di essere un po' migliori, un po' più saggi e un po' più compassionevoli di quanto che siamo stati ieri”. Il futuro non è qualcosa che aspettiamo, ma è qualcosa che dobbiamo creare.

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.

Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany is the story of seekers - who searches, who inquires and asks, is restless, relentless in the 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.*

**“URBI ET ORBI” MESSAGE OF
HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS (excerpts)**

Dear sisters and brothers,

The mystery that never ceased to amaze and move us was renewed...the Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God.

...today, amid the travail of our times, the eternal Word of salvation is once more truly made incarnate, and speaks to every man and woman, to the whole world. ...“I love you, I forgive you; come back to me, the door of my heart is open for you!”

This is the meaning of the Holy Door of the Jubilee...the door of God’s heart is always open; let us return to him!...the Door of salvation open for all.

...We are all like lost sheep; we need a Shepherd and a Door to return to the house of the Father...God’s mercy dispels hatred and the spirit of revenge...Jesus is the door of Peace.

...May the sound of arms be silenced and the walls of separation torn down. We are invited to enter through this Holy Door...to rediscover the sacredness of life and recover the foundational values of the human family.

Brothers and sisters, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to forgive...because the Son of God, born in the cold and darkness of the night, has forgiven our own. He came to heal us and forgive us. As pilgrims of hope, let us go out to meet him! Let us open to him the doors of our hearts...as he has opened to us the door of his heart.

WEEKLY QUOTE

“The future is not something we await, it is something we create.”

COFFEE WEEKEND

2025 – January 11 – 12 Gennaio

All parishioners and visitors are invited the weekend of **Saturday & Sunday – January 11th & 12th** for Coffee and Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

This Coffee Weekend is being sponsored by **Rosie Damiani & Nina Girolamo** in loving memory of their parents **Francesco & Clementina Scialdone**.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

To all those who helped us to prepare for this Christmas and New Year.

A Special thanks to staff, volunteers, Organists ... *Tina Biamonte and Christina LeRose*, Choirs, Cantors... all those who so beautifully decorated and helped to decorate the Church...*Donna Caldwell, Edmay St. Angelo, Jody Covelli, Ferruccio Forte, Mark Forte, and Sam Fiore*, all the liturgical ministers, servers, ushers and all of you who came to join in the liturgical celebrations.

May GOD BLESS YOU and your families throughout the coming year of 2025.

**Monthly Parish Pasta Dinner
FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH**

Thursday 6th February

St. Ann Parish Hall doors open 4:30 pm

Plus Meatballs, Salad, Dessert & Coffee

Take-out available

Tickets at the door: Adults \$ 15.00

Children (up to 10 years) \$ 6.00

A warm welcome to all! Bring your family & friends.

3-MONTH REPORT

MONTHLY COLLECTION/EXPENSES

October Collections	\$ 9,956.64
October Expenses	17,234.25
November Collections	\$10,932.95
November Expenses	13,165.84
December Collections	\$ 14,646.40
Christmas Collection	3,060.00
December Expenses	23,963.87

LEGACY DONATIONS

When you or your family are making arrangements for Wills and/or 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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

The CHILDREN’S LITURGY will resume
on Sunday 12th January 2025
at the 11:00am Mass.

Happy New Year to All!

The Diocese of St. Catharines is seeking a full-time Financial Assistant. A detailed job description can be found at: <http://saintcd.com/employment>. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume by January 15th 2025 to John O’Brien, CFO (jobrien~saintcd.com)

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

Ronald Bennett, Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli,
Domenic Calabrese, Angelina DiRienzo,
Maria DiRienzo, Beatriz Disch, George Ellis
Carmen & Maria Fabiani,
Sam Fiore, Jenny Green, Virginia McConnell
Agueda Maria Melo, Patricia Millington,
Vincenzina Pascuzzi,
Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber