



Mass Intentions

Feb. 1 Saturday - Saint Ansgar

4:00 Deceased of Soltys/Covelli/Greco families –
by Covelli family
Deceased of the Timco family – by
Paul & Theresa Forte

Feb. 2 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:00 Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria Orsini
Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & family
Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina
Gino Giallonardo – by Rocco/Nina Girolamo
Gino & Maria Visca – by family

11:00 Pompilio & Angelina DiEmanuele –
by son Ezio
Querino & Felicia Vadacchino – by
Fred & Flora Scordino
Tony ‘Pittsburgh’ Parisi – by Sam/Ethel LaRosa

Feb 3 Monday - NO MASS

Feb. 4 Tuesday - Saint Joseph of Leonissa

8:00 Theresa Lococo – by friends

Feb. 5 Wednesday - Saint Agatha

8:00 Gildo Luvison – by friends & family

Feb. 6 Thursday - Saint Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 Bruno Cerasuolo – by friends

Feb. 7 Friday - Saint Colette

9:00 Erminio Saporito - by family
Vincenzo Fruci – by wife Rosina & family
Stella Casucci – by friends & family
Paul J. Aleo – by friends & family

Feb. 8 Saturday - Saint Josephine Bakhita

4:00 Max Corrigan- by grandmother Flora Kennedy

Feb. 9 FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00 Benedetto DiRienzo – by moglie Angelina
Deceased of Iannuzzelli/ DelVecchio families –
by Mary Mauriello
Maria & Rita Nero – by Florence & family
William & Angela Mauriello–by T & N Mazzei

11:00 Alfredo & Pilar Aquino – by Alita, Ralph,
Eric & Sarah
Gladys Griffiths–by Domenic/Wilma Calabrese
Pietro LoParco – by LoParco family
Ben Salvatore – by Barb, Angela & B.J.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Simeon & Anna spent their lives in prayer and hope. The Presentation of Jesus to the Temple fulfilled their faith and expectation.

For those who misunderstood Him, Jesus is a painful challenge, but for those who believed, Jesus is light and salvation.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Simeone e Anna hanno trascorso la loro vita in preghiera e speranza. Nella Presentazione di Gesù al Tempio hanno realizzato la loro fede le loro speranze.

Per coloro che non lo hanno compreso, Gesù è una sfida dolorosa, ma per coloro che hanno creduto, Gesù è luce e salvezza.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd

This feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as “**The Encounter**”. In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as “Candlemas.”

“In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, their first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another ‘epiphany’ celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon.

The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

World Day for Consecrated Life - 2 Feb.

This day “helps the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to rekindle the fervour and renew their commitment which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.” (John Paul II 1997)

ST. BLAISE – February 3rd

St. Blaise is believed to have begun as a healer who eventually became a “physician of souls” retiring to a cave and dedicating himself to prayer. In 316, the governor of Cappadocia, Agricola, arrested then Bishop Blaise for being a Christian who refused to renounce his faith. As he was being led to prison in Sebastea a woman came up to him and he performed a healing. The woman later came to him and brought two fine wax candles in an attempt to dispel the gloom of his darkened cell...he was eventually beheaded.

Saint Blaise is often depicted holding two crossed candles, or in a cave with wild animals.

WEEKLY QUOTE

"...silence the sounds of arms,...overcome division,...tear down walls of division... and dispel hatred..." (Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbe 2024)

Prayer is the spiritual fuel for our lives.

Let us pray saying:

"Lord guide me, bless me and protect me!" Amen!

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(Partial) SCHEDULE WINTER/SPRING 2025

February 10 th 2025	Overcoming Loneliness
February 24 th 2025	Understanding Loss/Grief
March 10 th 2025	Facing Fear
March 24 th 2025	Asking God's Grace

PILGRIMS OF HOPE – JUBILEE 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. AMEN!

COFFEE SUNDAY TODAY

FEBRUARY 8th & 9th

All parishioners and visitors are invited NEXT weekend **Saturday & Sunday – February 8th & 9th** for Coffee and Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

This Coffee Weekend is being sponsored by the **Welcome Committee of St. Ann.** Please join us after each Mass for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

PILGRIMAGE – April 6th – 19th 2026

Please contact Fr. Ronnie at (709) 690-4946 or Ray Karborani from Biblical Journeys Canada Travel Agency (289) 990-9841 or biblicajourneyscanada@yahoo.com

ST. MICHAEL Men's Speaker Series With Fr. Ronald Angervil

Monday 3rd February at 7:30pm @ St. Julia Church. This month's topics: The significance of numerology in our spiritual life and Ongoing purification and redemption. Also - Blessing of candles and throats.- Bring your own bread, wine & water to have blessed in honour of St. Blaise. Some candles will be for sale. **Gentlemen of all ages are invited** to this monthly talk about a spiritual topic designed to strengthen our faith and fight spiritual battles. Held at a different church each month in order to bring together men from across the diocese. **Contact Jeff at 905-866-7423.**

Monthly Parish Pasta Dinner FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH

Thursday 6th February

St. Ann Parish Hall doors open 4:30 pm

Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Dessert & Coffee

Take-out available

Tickets at the door: Adults \$ 15.00

Children (up to 10yrs) \$ 6.00

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

February Pasta Night sponsored

by Johnathan Koles

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS JUBILEE YEAR

All married couples, especially those celebrating significant anniversaries, are invited to attend a Mass commemorating the 2025 World Day of Marriage. This special liturgy will take place on February 9th 2025 at 2:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines). A coffee social will follow Mass. A congratulatory certificate will be mailed to couples who register and will celebrate their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ special anniversary in 2025. To receive this special certificate, please complete a registration form available from the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THE HOMEBOUND

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