



**Mass Intentions**

**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.

**Feb. 10 Monday - NO MASS**

**Feb. 11 Tuesday - Our Lady of Lourdes**

**8:00** Deceased of DeFilippo family – by family  
ANOINTING OF THE SICK after the Mass

**Feb. 12 Wednesday - Saint Apollonia**

**8:00** In Thanksgiving – by Olga Lucia Marin Vicino

**Feb. 13 Thursday-Saint Giles Mary of Saint Joseph**

**8:00** Frank & Elizabeth Simmonds–by son Michael

**Feb. 14 Friday - Saint Cyril & Methodius**

**9:00** Sal Pietrangelo - by wife Rita & family  
Pietro Benforte – by family & friends  
Gildo Luvison – by family & friends  
Angelina Cerminara – by family & friends  
Couples' Blessing and Renewal of Vows

**Feb. 15 Saturday - Saint Claude de la Colombière**

**4:00** For All the Deceased of the Parish  
For the Needs of All Parishioners

**Feb. 16 SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00** Luigi/Anthony Marano–by Anna DiRienzo  
Giovanni/Giuseppina Custode - by Mary Mauriello  
Efisia Orsini –by Joe & Maria Orsini  
Gino & Maria Visca – by family

**11:00** Raffaele, Luisa & Antonio DiNoia –  
by Palma Stante  
Maria Stella Fabiani – by Carmela Stallone  
Domenico Cameli – by daughters Mary & Rita

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

God has chosen brave individuals to be instruments of his message. Let us not feel unworthy to be called by God to be “fishers” of love, justice and peace. Though many nets of consumerism and material needs drain our energies, in order to be instruments of peace, let us respond: “Here I am Lord, send me!”

**MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO**

Dio ha scelto persone coraggiose per essere strumenti del suo messaggio. Per essere “pescatori” di amore, giustizia e pace, non sentiamoci indegni perché Dio ci chiama a ognuno di noi. Anche se il consumerismo e esigenze materiali svuotano le nostre energie, rispondiamo: “Eccomi Signore, manda me!” per diventare strumenti della pace.

**33<sup>rd</sup> WORLD DAY OF THE SICK-February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**“Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5)**

**But strengthens us in times of trial**

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

We are celebrating the 33<sup>rd</sup> World Day of the Sick in the Jubilee Year 2025, in which the Church invites us to become “pilgrims of hope”. The word of God accompanies us and offers us, in the words of Saint Paul, an encouraging message: “Hope does not disappoint” (*Rom 5:5*); indeed, it strengthens us in times of trial.

Let us stop for a moment to reflect on how God remains close to those who are suffering in three particular ways: through *encounter, gift and sharing...*

...**ENCOUNTER:** When Jesus sent the seventy-two disciples out on a mission (cf. *Lk 10:1-9*), he told them to proclaim to the sick: “The kingdom of God has come near to you” (v.9). He asks them, in other words, to help the sick to see their infirmity, however painful and incomprehensible it may be, as an opportunity to encounter the Lord.

...Sickness, then, becomes an occasion for a transformative encounter, the discovery of a solid rock to which we can hold fast amid the tempests of life, an experience that, even at great cost, makes us all the stronger because it teaches us that we are not alone.

...**GIFT:** More than anything else, suffering makes us aware that hope comes from the Lord. It is thus, first and foremost, a gift to be received and cultivated, by remaining “faithful to the faithfulness of God”, in the fine expression of Madeleine Delbrel (cf. *La speranza è una luce nella notte*, Vatican City 2024, Preface).

...Indeed only in Christ’s resurrection does our own life and destiny find its place within the infinite horizon of eternity...

...**SHARING:** Places of suffering are frequently also places of sharing and mutual enrichment. How often, at the bedside of the sick, do we learn to hope! How often, when we care for those in need, do we learn to have faith! How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love! We realize that we are “angels” of hope and messengers of God for one another....

Dear Brothers and sisters who are ill or who care for the suffering, in this Jubilee you play an especially important part. Your journey together is a sign for everyone: “a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope” (*Spes Non Confundit*, 11)....

The whole Church thanks you for this! I do as well, and I remember you always in my prayers. I entrust you to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, in the words that so many of our brothers and sisters have addressed to her in their hour of need:

**We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.**

**Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.**

I bless you, along with your families and loved ones, and I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 14 January 2025*

**Francis**

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES – Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings.

Look upon me with mercy.

When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen!

*There will be the Anointing of the Sick after daily mass.*

**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<sup>th</sup> 2025      Overcoming Loneliness
- February 24<sup>th</sup> 2025      Understanding Loss/Grief
- March 10<sup>th</sup> 2025        Facing Fear
- March 24<sup>th</sup> 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!*

**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!*

**COFFEE SUNDAY TODAY**

All parishioners and visitors are invited THIS WEEKEND Saturday & Sunday – February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

3-MONTH REPORT	
MONTHLY COLLECTION/EXPENSES	
November Collections	\$10,932.95
<b>November Expenses</b>	<b>13,165.84</b>
December Collections	\$ 14,646.40
Christmas Collection	3,060.00
<b>December Expenses</b>	<b>23,963.87</b>
January Collections	\$ 11,861.19
<b>January Expenses</b>	<b>19,570.51</b>

**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.

**Monthly Pasta Dinner**

This past Thursday we held our monthly Pasta Supper. Our deep gratitude goes out to Joe Covelli and his kitchen crew as well as all of the other Hall volunteers who selflessly show up every month to ensure the success of this event.

*We are grateful to Mr. Johnathan Koles for his support and sponsorship.*

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**MONTHLY SPONSORSHIPS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**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