



**Mass Intentions**

**Mar. 1 Saturday - Saint David of Wales**

4:00 Antonio Elia – by Phillip Pinziotto  
Special Intention – St. Jude – by GSG

**Mar. 2 EIGHTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & family  
Luigi & Anthony Marano – by Angelina DiRienzo  
Marianna Formica – by Domenic/Wilma Calabrese  
Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria Orsini  
Teresa Brockwell – by family

**MADONNA DI PORTO - Comitato**

11:00 Pompilio & Angelina DiEmanuele-by son Ezio  
Deceased Leo & Iorio families – by family  
Giovanni & Lucia Stante – by nuora Palma  
Ben Salvatore – by Barb, Angela & B.J.  
Angelo & Angela Leo & fam. – by Joe Leo

**Mar. 3 Monday - N O M A S S**

**Mar. 4 Tuesday - Saint Casimir**

8:00 Nannina & Antonio Manco – by family  
Lidia Ann Mannella – by Emma Ramos

**Mar. 5 Wednesday - A S H W E D N E S D A Y**

8:00 Nadine Lalani – by friends  
*Distribution of Ashes*  
7:00pm *Mass Distribution of Ashes*

**Mar. 6 Thursday - Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Parades**

8:00 Deceased of DiNuccio/Scialdone fam.-by family

**Mar. 7 Friday - Saints Perpetua & Felicity**

9:00 Benito, Franchino, Gerardo DiMartino-L.Leone  
Gioacchino Cerminara – byAntoinette Panucci

9:30 Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

7:00pm Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

**Mar. 8 Saturday - Saint John of God**

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

**Mar. 9 Sunday - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina  
Gerardina Annichiarico – by Mary Mauriello  
Maria Vaccaro/Frank Nero – by Florence Nero  
Efisia Orsini – by Joe & Maria Orsini  
Rosina & Pasquale Costantino – by Maria/Frank  
Caterina/Giovanni Sgarrella–by Maria/Frank

11:00 Ed Desson – by daughter Sandra  
Giuseppe Polletta – by Angela/Tony Romano  
John & Joseph Tirabasso – by T & N Mazzei  
Deceased Merante family – by Merante family  
Giovanni & Maria Bove & figli-by Emily Leo  
Giaconda Merante – by Calabrese family

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

Today's readings reflect on important lessons about "how we speak, how we act, and how we live" as Christians. Our usage of words and our vocabulary reveal our true selves. Good words reflect good heart. Bad words reveal inner problems. Jesus teaches us that we must address our own faults before correcting others, because self-examination leads to true humility.

**MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO**

Le letture di oggi riflettono sulle lezioni importanti: come parliamo, come ci comportiamo, e come viviamo. Il nostro uso delle parole e il nostro vocabolario rivelano chi siamo noi. Le buone parole riflettono un buon cuore. Le parole cattive rivelano problemi interiori. Gesù ci insegna che dobbiamo affrontare i nostri difetti prima di correggere gli altri, perché esaminare la nostra coscienza ci conduce alla vera umiltà.

**WEEKLY QUOTE**

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

*Speaking kindly and truthfully shows our faith and love for others!*

**DEVOZIONE ALLA MADONNA DI PORTO**

Oggi - Domenica 2 Marzo alle ore 9:00 a.m.

Nella Chiesa Sant'Anna

Una Messa per ricordare il ricupero del Quadro della Madonna di Porto Trafugato dai Francesi nel 1807

Una data Memoriale per Tutti Devoti della Madonna

**Lenten Reflections - Ash Wednesday**

You are invited "Yet even now," says the Lord, "return to me with your whole heart ...." (Joel 2:12)

The Lenten journey begins with two small, but amazing, words: "Even now." God does not merely say, "Return to me ..." as in 'Even now, after being away for years .... Even now, after everything you have said and done .... Even now, though you have given up hope.'

This is an invitation without reservation, ,, as in 'Even now ..... *fill-in-your-own-story-here.*

There is no point in waiting to reply to God's invitation. If not now, when? God wants you back, above all if you are among those who are convinced that no one, especially God, could love such a person. He wants you back, even now.

Today, at this very moment, God extends a tender invitation. Answer him. Pause and gather together all those secret sins that weigh so heavily on your shoulders. Then bundle them into your own "even now" like this -

*"Lord I want to return to you, even now."*

**Every Friday during Lent**

9:30 a.m. – Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

**Mercoledì delle Ceneri – 5 Marzo****Il Digiuno che Salva**

«Lasciatevi riconciliare con Dio! ... Ecco ora il momento favorevole, ecco ora il giorno della salvezza» (2 Cor 5:20) «Convertitevi e credete al Vangelo!» (Mc 1,15)  
 Con questi due imperativi la comunità cristiana è convocata per accogliere l'azione misericordiosa di Dio e ritornare a Lui. Il rito di imposizione delle ceneri può essere considerato una specie di un gesto di ingresso nello stato di penitenti. Nei testi della liturgia la penitenza si esplicita nella pratica del digiuno.

**LENT 2025 – OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we approach another season of Lent, there is no question that our world faces many challenges. In our own country of Canada, there is high anxiety and uncertainty. It seems so easy to feel overwhelmed, however, we don't have to feel this way.

We are also in the midst of a Jubilee Year that focuses on the virtue of hope. I believe that this is precisely what we need at this moment in time. We need to be 'pilgrims of hope'.

In his letter of introduction to the Jubilee Year entitled “Hope Does Not Disappoint”, Pope Francis states, “In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.”

There are some pundits who say that the threats facing our nation are not all bad. They believe that there is also a positive side to what we are experiencing. It seems that people are coming together as we focus on what unites rather than divides. Relationships are being strengthened on many levels.

In a similar way, Lent is able to do the same for us, although not in a threatening way. As people of faith, we enter these forty days unified in our hope that, in the end, relationships will be strengthened. This happens when we focus on the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Lent promotes greater union with God, ourselves, and others. In Prayer, we focus on our relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. We allow ourselves to be immersed in divine love. In Fasting, we discipline ourselves so that we can say no to self and yes to Christ. We grow in discernment and self-knowledge. In Almsgiving, we focus on others in a spirit of love and generosity. We use our time, talent, and treasure to assist those in need.

Ultimately, the forty days of Lent enkindle hope as we spiritually consider ‘the good things to come’. Those good things are found in what we celebrate at the end of Lent: the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

It is St. John who reminds us that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life”. This is the mystery of salvation, and it provides the greatest hope in this life and in the life to come. We are loved, so we need not be afraid.

During these challenging times let us make this Lent a true ‘pilgrimage of hope’. **Bishop Gerard Bergie, D.D.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
MASS TIME CHANGE – March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Next weekend - March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we will be reverting to Daylight Savings Time. Therefore, effective Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> the 4:00pm Mass will return to 5:00pm.

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE – JUBILEE 2025  
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE SITES**

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria-St. Catharines  
 St. Vincent de Paul Church – Niagara-on-the-Lake  
 Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine–Welland, ON  
 Gethsamane Ministries – Wellandport, ON  
 Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre-Niagara Falls, ON

**RABBIT DINNER – March 27<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Presented by Chef Mike & Co.  
St. Ann Hall Hosts**

**MENU:** *Antipasto – Polenta with Rabbit –  
 Roasted Rabbit with Vegetables & Potatoes  
 Salad / Fruit & Dessert Station - Coffee*  
**\$50/pp. – RESERVATIONS ONLY – Please Call:  
 John M: 905-374-1757 Moe V: 905-329-2097**

**MONTHLY PARISH PASTA DINNER  
FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**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.*

Sponsored by Paul & Theresa Forte / Ferruccio Forte

In Memory of Vito & Mary Ann Forte

**COFFEE SUNDAY - MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup>**

All parishioners and visitors are invited the weekend of **Saturday & Sunday – March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** for Coffee and Refreshments in the Parish Hall. This Coffee Weekend is being sponsored by **Gianpaolo, Christine & Marina** in loving memory of **Claudio Andreis**. Please join us after each Mass for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

**ST. JOSEPH TABLE – March 16<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00am Mass, Fr. Kessete will be blessing a Table dedicated to St. Joseph (Feast Day March 19<sup>th</sup>) Anyone wishing to bring in breads and/or baked goods to be blessed, for their own use, may do so by dropping them off in the Parish Hall prior to the 9:00am Sunday Mass. We are also accepting DONATIONS of baked goods from our many talented bakers, which we will be selling as a church fundraiser during COFFEE SUNDAY

**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