



Mass Intentions

Feb.17 Saturday-Seven Founders of the Servite Order

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

Feb.18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 Felice & Filomena Terriaca - by Angelina Cameli
Giovanni/Giuseppina Custode – by Mary Mauriello
Anna,Rocco,Benny DiRienzo-by Maria DiRienzo
Raffaele, Luisa, Antonio Di Noia-by Palma Stante
Girolamo & Anna Pansino – by Carmela Pellegrino
Efisia Orsini – by the Parish of St. Ann

11:30 Dr. Carie LaRosa – by LaRosa & Salvatore families
Myrtle/Earl Gilbertson – by Angela I. Salvatore
Immacolata/Gerardo Salvatore – by
Angela I. Salvatore
Filomena/Fortunato Stracuzzi – by
Angela I. Salvatore
Giuseppina Parise – by Parise family

Feb. 19 Monday - *N O M A S S*

Feb. 20 Tuesday - *Sts. Jacinta & Francisco Marto*

8:00 Clementina Scialdone – by children & families

Feb. 21 Wednesday - *Saint Peter Damian*

8:00 Victor Krause – by friends of Emerald Ret.Home

Feb. 22 Thursday – *Chair of Saint Peter*

8:00 Luisa Falzoi–by Maria Antonietta/Tony Mazzuca

Feb. 23 Friday - *Saint Polycarp*

8:30 Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

9:30 Maria Paone – by Marianna Formica

7:00pm Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

For All the Deceased of the Parish

Feb.24 Saturday - *Blessed Luke Belludi*

5:00 Deceased of the Giagnorio & Fiorentino
Families – by Mark Fiorentino

Feb.25 Sunday - *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

10:00 Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina
Lili Martuccio-Custode – by dad Joe
Nicola & Rose Nero – by Florence & family
Jack & Nancy Golfi – by family

11:30 Alberto Antonio Addabbo – by
Rocco & Nina Girolamo

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Prayerful fasting from sensual pleasures trains the soul to a virtuous and holy life.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Il digiuno orante dai piaceri sensuali allena l'anima ad una vita virtuosa e santa.

FROM THE OFFICE of the BISHOP – Lent 2024

"In the heart of the Church, I will be Love"

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

.... On the First Sunday of Lent, we read in the Gospel of St. Mark that Jesus went into the wilderness for forty days where he was tempted by Satan. Our Lord was spiritually preparing Himself to ultimately give His life for our salvation. His entire public ministry was a journey to the cross. By His suffering and death, Jesus shows us that the greatest act of love is found in sacrifice (John 15:13).

In her autobiography, "A Story of a Soul", St. Therese of Lisieux, tells us that it was only after a great deal of prayer and reflection that God revealed to her that she was called to be love. She states, "At last I have found my vocation. In the heart of the Church, I will be love!" Let us not forget that this is also our vocation. Every baptized Christian is called to love like Christ.

Lent 2024 - *One Necessary Thing*

Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. (Luke 10:41-42)

A beloved and devoted disciple of Jesus, Martha earned her fame in scripture in the most unlikely way. She simply wanted help serving dinner. And she wanted Jesus to support her most reasonable request. That prompted a loving reprimand from the Lord, who told Martha she was "worried about many things." Jesus reminded her, "There is need of only one thing."

That's a good reminder for us, too, especially during Lent when its added spiritual disciplines may seem burdensome. Instead, Lent calls us to put aside the many things that occupy our days and focus instead on the one necessary thing - our relationship to Jesus.

This Lent, let us find in Scripture an antidote to the anxieties of daily life and a path to a deeper encounter with the Lord of all our days.

By promoting a vigorous embrace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (*attention to the needy*), please God, we may all come to a deeper sense of our need for God and the offer of reconciling love He so generously holds out to us in and through Christ.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

After his baptism Jesus spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him. Jesus resists.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start OUR journey through Lent, let us adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation.

The R. C. Diocese of St. Catharines
"Where Faith Lives"

invites all Catholics to celebrate the
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday 16th March 2024

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

In Every Catholic Church across the diocese
a priest will be available to hear
individual Confessions.

*No matter how long it has been, you are
welcome to celebrate this wonderful sacrament
of reconciliation and healing.*

For a list of parishes in the diocese go to:
www.saintcd.com/directory/parishes.html

EASTER FLOWERS FIORI DI PASQUA

For those who would like, a contribution of a potted Easter flower (\$20.00) can be made in memory of a deceased loved one. These flowers will decorate our Church for the Easter season.

The persons in whose memory the flowers are offered, will be listed in the bulletin and they will be remembered and prayed for in our Holy Week celebrations.

Envelopes for the Easter floral donations are included in this week's bulletin and they are also available at both entrances of the church if you wish to get your donations in early.

Le buste per donazione dei fiori di pasqua sono nel bollettino di questa settimana e sono anche disponibile all'entrata della Chiesa.

Please PRINT clearly on the envelopes
Scrivete in STAMPATELLO sulle buste

COFFEE SUNDAY

The next COFFEE SUNDAY will be the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd offered by Mrs. Antoinette Bortolon in loving memory of Maria DeBiasi and Vincenzo Bortolon.

LADIES' AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

This past weekend the Ladies' Auxiliary hosted a small Valentine's Bake Sale. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who baked or provided donations. We also thank the volunteers who helped in setting up and in selling all the delicious baked goods A special thank you to those who provided the Valentine-themed decorations and decorated so beautifully. We were able to raise \$950 for the church. Great job everyone

Invest ONE HOUR to save a Lifetime!

During the 40 Days for Life VIGIL WE FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE – WE FAST AND PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICE during Lent from Ash Wednesday, February 14th to Palm Sunday on March 24th. We give prayerful, peaceful witness at Niagara Falls General Hospital holding a sign, stating: PRAY TO END ABORTION from 8am – 8pm. Sign up with friends and family for ONE HOUR. Sign up through www.wpcprolife.com (click on 40 Days link).

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 SCHEDULE WINTER/SPRING 2024

February 26 th 2024	What Is Forgiveness
March 11 th 2024	Learning to Forgive
March 25 th 2024	Gifts of the Holy Spirit
April 8 th 2024	Identifying Our Losses
April 22 nd 2024	Coping with Grief
May 13 th 2024	Navigating Change
May 27 th 2024	Self Esteem
June 10 th 2024	Who Am I Now
June 24 th , 2024	Loving and Respecting Yourself

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli-Roma,
Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo,
Carmen/Maria Fabiani, Marianna Formica,
Flora Kennedy, Ethel LaRosa,
Gildo Luvison, Luigi Maruca,
Giaconda Merante, Anna Orsini,
Vincenzina Pascuzzi, Emilia Romeo,
Teresa Scozzafava, Concetta Sirianni,
Maria Tavano, Maria Visca