



Nov.30 Saturday - Saint Andrew

4:00 Pietro LoParco – by wife Palma & family

Dec. 1 Sunday – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Angelo & Filomena Orsini – by Gus/Anna Orsini
Giuseppina & Carmine Mauriello – by Mary Anna, Rocco, Benny DiRienzo – by Maria Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & fam.
Lucia Marano – by Angelina DiRienzo

11:00 Dr. Carie LaRosa – by aunt Rose Tomasky
Joe & Maria LoBianco – by Josephine Garofalo
Laurie Tomasky – by mother Rose
Vitale Falivena – by wife Josephine & family

Dec. 2 Monday - N O M A S S

Dec. 3 Tuesday - Saint Francis Xavier

8:00 Stella Casucci – by friends & family

Dec. 4 Wednesday - Saint John Damascene

8:00 Gildo Luvison – by friends & family

Dec. 5 Thursday - Saint Sabas

8:00 Pietro Benforte – by friends & family
In Honour of St. Jude – by GNG

Dec. 6 Friday - Saint Nicholas

9:00 Vincenzo Saporito – by family
Erminio Elia – by family
Lucia Marano – by Rosa Mucciarone
Maria Cau Cho Linh Hon Ba – by Nguyen fam

Dec. 7 Saturday - Saint Ambrose

4:00 Deceased of the Giagnorio/Fiorentino families
by Mark Fiorentino
Antonietta & Felice Ferraro – by family

Dec. 8 Sunday – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Vito Zarra – by moglie Rosa & family
Angelo & Mafalda Chiaverini – by family
Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria Orsini
Luigi Iudiciani – by family
Rose Nero – by Florence & family
Immacolata Concezione – by GNG
Sacred Heart of Jesus – by Mary Mauriello

11:00 Dr. Carie LaRosa – by Rose Tomasky
Pommilio/Angelina DiEmanuele – by son Ezio
Deceased Tirabasso family – by T & N Mazzei
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Sharon Caserta – by T & N Mazzei

GOSPEL MESSAGE

To endure the difficulties of life, to stand strong and grow closer to God, Jesus advises us to pray always, everywhere and in all circumstances.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Per resistere le difficoltà della vita, per rimanere forti e per avvicinarsi a Dio di più, Gesù ci consiglia di pregare sempre, ovunque e in ogni circostanza.

WEEKLY QUOTE

"I lift my soul to the Lord, seeking his guidance and truth"

(Psalm 25)

The source of all Love

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints."
(1 Thessalonians 3:12-12)

Introduction: The Bible speaks God's word to our hearts. May we listen with faith, hope and love.

Reflection: On the 1st day of Advent, we are already into the holiday season that runs to the first of the year. Today we are beginning something new. We now join with other Christians to prepare ourselves prayerfully for the celebration of the Saviour's birth.

We participate in Advent because we know we need a Saviour, and we can not wait until December 25 to say so. We need the Lord to help us love each other and to accept love from one another. We need to be strengthened in holiness. And we need help to overcome our sins and weakness. Jesus does not wait until December 25 to help us. May our Advent prayers open our hearts to receive all that he is giving us - *right now!*

Prayer: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to your coming each day of Advent. Help us prepare to welcome you when you come in your glory. *Our Father.....*

JOURNEYING TO CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"Lord Jesus Christ, true light of the world, you guide all mankind to salvation. Give us the courage, strength and grace to build a world of justice and peace."

SPIRITUALITY

Spiritual life means savoring heavenly blessings and integration into Eternal life. If spiritual life is messed up it leads to moral corruption and loss of an enriched peaceful life.

Monthly Parish Pasta Dinner

Thursday 5th December

from 4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.

Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread/Butter, Dessert & Coffee

Take-out Tickets Available

Adults - \$15.00 - Children (10 & Under) \$6.00

*This PASTA NIGHT is being sponsored by
The St. Ann's LADIES' AUXILIARY COMMITTEE*

**THINKING OF STUDENTS IN NEED
AT CHRISTMAS – NFCE**

Poverty is often associated with developing countries when in fact, it exists right here at home. Every day in Niagara, a very large number of students goes to school hungry and waits in line for breakfast. These students are in need of our support.

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is a registered charitable foundation that assists students in need who attend Niagara Catholic District School Board schools. Your donation to purchase food cards will help brighten Christmas for students in need and their families. Receipts are issued for tax purposes. Mailing address 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON L3C 7C1. Phone 905-735-0247 ext. 210.

**Volunteer Appreciation
Evening – 5:30pm
Friday 6th December 2024**

3-MONTH REPORT

MONTHLY COLLECTION/EXPENSES

August Collections	\$ 7,573.33
August Expenses	17,704.30
September Collections	\$ 8,686.06
September Expenses	15,030.58
October Collections	\$ 9,956.64
October Expenses	17,234.25

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.

ST. MICHAEL MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

with His Excellency, Bishop Gerard Bergie – 7:30pm – Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

This month's topic: "Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around looking for someone to devour; resist him, steadfast in your faith". There will also be a blessing and distribution of Saint Michael medals. Rosary & Confessions @ 7pm, Social Hour at 8:30pm.

Gentlemen are invited to attend a spiritual talk and activity designed to strengthen our faith and fight spiritual battles; held monthly, each night will consist of a one-hour talk plus a social hour with refreshments.

Christmas Flowers Memorial Donations

You can make a contribution towards a potted Christmas flower in memory of a loved one. **We have to place our order as soon as possible for the flowers to be delivered on time** to decorate our Church for the Christmas season. We would suggest a minimum donation of **\$20.00**. Please complete the *Flowers Offering* envelope at your earliest convenience.

The deceased persons in whose memory the flowers are offered, will be listed in the bulletin and they will be remembered and prayed for in our Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

Offerta per i Fiori di Natale

A Natale la chiesa verra adornata con fiori e piante ornamentali. Chi volesse fare un' offerta per acquistare dei fiori di Natale in memoria dei suoi cari defunti, può riempire la busta *Flowers Offering* al più presto. I prezzi dei fiori \$ **20.00**.

Le anime dei defunti verranno ricordati nelle Messe durante Natale & l'Anno Nuovo e i nomi saranno pubblicati nel bollettino.

PROJECT SHARE

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items and drop them off in our PROJECT SHARE food donation bin at the entrance of the church. Project Share is always in need of food items and we drop off all donations on a weekly basis.

If you would like, you can also donate directly to PROJECT SHARE...located on Stanley Avenue. All donations are much appreciated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THE HOMEBOUND

- Ronald Bennett, Angelina Cameli,
- Rita Cameli, Domenic & Wilma Calabrese,
- Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo,
- Beatriz Disch, Carmen & Maria Fabiani,
- Sam Fiore, Jenny Green, Agueda
- Maria Melo, Vincenzina Pascuzzi,
- Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber