



Mass Intentions

Mar. 22 Saturday - Saint Nicholas Owen

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

Mar. 23 Sunday – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 Lili Martuccio-Custode – by dad Joe & family
 Luigi, Maria, Rosetta Mauriello – by Mary M. Antonio, Maria, Emidio Coladonato – by Anna & Pasquale DelVecchio
 Stella Casucci - by sister Lina Fazio & family
 Francesco Scialdone – by children Nina, Saverio & families

11:00 MADONNA ADDOLORATA - by Comitato

Mar. 24 Monday - NO MASS

Mar. 25 Tuesday - Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 Theresa Lococo – by friends
 Mary Beth Sciandra – by Marites

Mar. 26 Wednesday - Saint Catherine of Genoa

8:00 Marcelo Muñoz – by grandson Vicente Escobar

Mar. 27 Thursday - Saint Gregory of Narek

8:00 Giovanna 'Jav' Cook – by Assunta Iammarino

Mar. 28 Friday - Saint Catherine of Bologna

9:00 Saverio 'Sam' Leone – by parents Pietro/Lucia Giulia Pietrocarlo & family – by Emily Leo Antonio Elia – by Giacomo & Alda Cristiano

9:30 Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

7:00pm Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

Mar. 29 Saturday - Saint Ludovico of Casoria

5:00 Mary Ferro – by family
 Jan Szpakowski – by wife Irena & family

Mar. 30 Sunday – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 Alessandra Terriaca – by Angelina Cameli Beniamino/Giuseppina Elia-by Adelina Muraca Lidia, Gerardo, Donato DelVecchio - by Anna & Pasquale DelVecchio
 Vito Zarra – by moglie Rosa & famiglia
 Gaetano/Ada Ingribelli-by Ingribelli family
 Saverio 'Sam' Leone-by parents Pietro & Lucia

11:00 Domenico Cameli – by daughters Mary & Rita Frank Elia – by moglie Assunta Iole Biamonte – by husband Sam Gino & Maria Visca - by family Joy In Thanksgiving to **St. Jude**-by Rose Tomasky Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria Orsini

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Change and growth does not come easily, but require time and nurturing. For spiritual nurturing leads to transformation. The plea of the gardener in today's gospel is an act of compassion. He advocates for mercy offering the fig tree a chance to change and be productive.

In the Lenten season, we are called to turn away from our selfish lifestyle and make our Christian journey fruitful. We are asked: "to remove the sandals from our feet, for the place where we stand is a holy ground."

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Cambiamento e crescita non sono facili, ma richiedono tempo e nutrimento. Perché il nutrimento spirituale garantisce trasformazione. La supplica del giardiniere nel Vangelo di oggi è un atto di compassione. Egli invoca la misericordia offrendo al fico la possibilità di cambiare ed essere produttivo.

Nel periodo quaresimale, siamo chiamati ad allontanarci dal nostro stile di vita egoistico e a rendere fruttuoso il nostro cammino cristiano. Ci viene chiesto: "togliere i sandali dai piedi, perché il luogo sul quale stiamo è suolo sacro".

WEEKLY QUOTE

"...silence the sounds of arms,...overcome division,...tear down walls of division and dispel hatred..."

(Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbe 2024)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Those between wants will be restless

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. - Exodus 20: 2-4

Sometimes we behave like dissatisfied or spoiled children. No matter what is given us, we always want more. But the many options can confuse us and create in us an enormous restlessness. Someone may say, "Well, what do you want? You can choose one thing. Make up your mind," and, we do not know what to choose.

As long as our hearts keep vacillating among these many wants, we cannot move forward in life with inner peace and joy. That is why we need disciplines, to get beyond these wants and discover our mission in life.

What are our spiritual priorities? How do they impact our daily lives?

LENTEN FRIDAYS – Days of Abstinence – No Meat

In Canada, by decree of the Canadian Bishops, first preference is abstaining from meat but *"on Fridays it is permitted to substitute abstinence or fasting with other forms of penance, especially works of charity."*(c.1253

PILGRIMS OF HOPE - 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

3^a Domenica di Quaresima

Dio non ci salva senza di noi - Due fatti di cronaca (i morti in rivolta contro i Romani, il cedere della torre che seppellisce alcuni cittadini) offrono a Gesù l'occasione per un appello a conversione. Il vangelo (Lc 12,35) insiste sul tema della vigilanza e sulla lettura dei segni dei tempi, per cui vi è logica connessione tematica. Gesù da una parte vuole sfatare il pregiudizio che lega la sventura terrena a colpe personali/collettive, dall'altra dichiara che la vera disgrazia è l'impenitenza, il rifiuto della conversione. I fatti della vita, compresa la morte, sono un linguaggio di Dio che bisogna saper interpretare, un provvidenziale avvertimento a rinnovare l'esistenza in questo tempo che è il tempo della pazienza divina. «L'anno di attesa è l'intera vita prima del giudizio. Dio ce la dà come il tempo di conversione. Ma non intende dire: c'è sempre tempo per convertirsi; vuol ricordare invece: ogni giorno dell'anno è tempo di conversione».

MESSAGES OF HOPE – SPEAKER SERIES

April 30th 2025 – Speaker: Fr. Peter Rowe,
 Pastor-St. Vincent de Paul,
 73 Picton Street Niagara-on-the-Lake

May 24, 2025 – Speaker Dr. Joseph Lombardi –
 Associate Professor & Associate Dean –
 St. Augustine's Seminary - Place: O.L.
 of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Pt. Colborne

June 14, 2024 – Speaker: Cardinal Thomas Collins,
 Archbishop Emeritus Toronto –
 Place: Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport

Please visit the 'Around the Diocese' page of the diocesan website or Facebook page for more information.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

On Saturday-April 5, 2025 in every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10am - 2pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing

In preparation for this Diocesan Day of Reconciliation, you are invited to read "Step by Step: The Rite of Reconciliation" and "How to Make a Good Confession" which can be found on page 5 of the current edition of The Vineyard available on the Diocesan website.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Be part of a very successful, International movement of prayer and fasting to end abortion. The 40 Days for Life began Ash Wednesday in front of the Greater Niagara General Hospital, 5546 Portage Road, Niagara Falls where abortions are committed, sometimes up to 40 per week! We will continue until Sunday, April 13th. Please commit to one hour or more as part of your Lenten prayer and fasting. To sign up: www.wpcprolife.com. Info: Angela angelabraum@live.com or Stef stefilee0007@proton.me

MONTHLY PARISH PASTA DINNER FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH

Thursday 3rd April 2025

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.

This month's Pasta Dinner is being sponsored by

Mr. Chuck Antonio

EASTER FLOWERS FIORI DI PASQUA

For those who would like, you can make a contribution of a potted Easter flower in memory of a deceased loved one. These flowers will decorate our Church for the Easter season. The donation cost for a potted flower is \$ 20.00.

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 will be included in the bulletin in the coming weeks but they are already available at both entrances of the church if you wish to get your donations in early.

Le buste per donazione dei fiori di pasqua saranno nel bollettino nelle prossime settimane ma, se volete, sono già disponibili all'entrata della Chiesa.

COFFEE SUNDAY – NEXT WEEKEND

The next COFFEE SUNDAY (for April) will be on the weekend of March 29th and 30th. You are all invited to the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. This Coffee Weekend is being offered by the Welcoming Committee of St. Ann.

We Christians identify the Cross as a symbol of salvation, grace of God's love for humanity, not just a sign of hardship and suffering.

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

If you wish to add the name of a family member or friend please call the office.