

**Dec. 6 SATURDAY - Saint Nicholas**

4:00 Concetta Profeta – by Mirella Provenzano

Dec. 7 SUNDAY – Second SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Anna, Rocco, Benny DiRienzo – by Maria
 Giuseppina/Carmine Mauriello – by Mary
 Domenico Cameli – by wife Angelina
 Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & family
 Vito Zarra – by wife Rosa & family
 Felice Ferraro – by daughter Anna & family

11:00 Deceased Tirabasso family – by T & N Mazzei
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 Joe & Maria LoBianco – by Giuseppina Garofalo
 Italia Pelusi – by Emily Leo
 Francesco & Maria Pellegrino – by Angela

Dec. 8 Monday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception**Dec 9 Tuesday - Saint Juan Diego**

8:00 Louis & Philamena Fiorentino-by Lisa & Jim
 Immaculate Conception – by G.S.G.

Dec.10 Wednesday - Blessed Adolph Kolping

8:00 Antonio Elia – by family & friends
 Souls of Purgatory – by Francesca Azzano

Dec.11 Thursday - Saint Damascus I

8:00 Anthony Patrick Barone – by family & friends

Dec.12 Friday - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 Pat Ferro – by Donna Caldwell
 Erminio Elia – by family
 Michele Lombardi – by Philamena Currado
 Antonietta Lombardi – by Philamena Currado
 Carmela D'Angelo – by Philamena Currado

Dec.13 SATURDAY - Saint Lucy – Santa Lucia

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

Dec.14 SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Vince & Gerarda Custode – by Mary Mauriello
 Lili Martuccio-Custode – by dad Joe & family
 Benedetto DiRienzo – by wife Angelina
 Luigino Maruca – by family
 Saverio 'Sam' Leone – by parents Pietro & Lucia
 Santa Lucia – by Lucia Leone
 Santa Lucia – by Maria DiRienzo

11:00 Luigi Scozzafava – by wife Teresa
 Giuseppe Gigliotti – by wife Giovanna
 Domenico Cameli – by daughters Mary & Rita
 Sharon Caserta – by T & N Mazzei
 Ben Salvatore – by Barb, Angela, B.J.
 Louie Valeri – by family & friends

GOSPEL MESSAGE

At the crossroads of this busy and noisy world, Advent season reminds us to wake up from our spiritual laziness. We are advised to lift our eyes from the glittering 'material', lift our ears from the disturbing noise and raise our soul from spiritual sleep. Christ the King will not ask for our perfection but for our attention.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Al crocevia di questo mondo frenetico e rumoroso, il periodo dell'Avvento ci ricorda di risvegliarsi dalla nostra pigrizia spirituale. Ci viene consigliato di distogliere lo sguardo dalla 'materialità' scintillante, distogliere l'orecchio dal rumore inquietante e di elevare l'anima dal sonno spirituale. Cristo Re non chiederà la nostra perfezione, ma la nostra attenzione.

WEEKLY QUOTE

"Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone. Take time to care. Let your words heal, and not wound."
 Unknown

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**A Good Work**

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil 1:16)

Introduction: God created the whole world, and
 God creates us anew every day.

Reflection: Did you ever see the poster that reads,
 "Be patient. God is not finished with me yet"?
 There is a great deal of truth in that saying. Created in the image and likeness of God, all of us, through the power of the Holy Spirit at work since our baptism, are growing in holiness.

Is that the way it seems to you? Or do you think instead about how often you fall short of the goal? Well, we all get discouraged sometimes, but St. Paul wanted the Philippians to trust in the work that God was doing in them. We are not perfect, but God isn't finished with us. Trust in him, open your heart to him, respond to him and believe that when Jesus comes, you will be made ready.

Prayer: Eternal God, may your Holy Spirit, alive in our hearts, help us wait in joyful hope throughout this Advent. Trusting in God's appointed time for the coming of the Kingdom. *Amen!*

MESSAGES OF HOPE SPEAKER SERIES**Dr. Stephanie Kafie**

"Hopeful Dying: Reframing Hope at the End of Life"
 St. Alexander Parish (50 Pelham Town Square-Fonthill)
 Tuesday – December 9th 2025

Immaculate Conception - 8th December

In order for Mary to give a free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace. For centuries the Church has become more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of conception. That is what the Immaculate Conception dogma proclaimed (*Pope Pius IX 1854*). Mary was, from the first moment of conception, by a singular grace and privilege of God and by virtue of the merits of Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." (*Catechism # 490-491*). The Church teaches that because Mary was chosen to bear the Son of God within her womb, she herself was free from sin from her conception. Mary is the perfect Advent model. Let us pray that, in imitation of her faithfulness, we say "yes" to God's invitation to bring Christ to the world.

PARISH PASTA NIGHT

We are grateful for all of the hard work and dedication of Joe Covelli and his kitchen crew as well as all the other volunteers who diligently show up every month to ensure the success of this monthly fundraising event.

This Pasta Night was sponsored by
David, Helen, Kevin & Pat Delaney
In Memory of Patrick V.A. Delaney

NEXP PASTA NIGHT – February 5th 2026

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED
HEALING MINISTRY –** Next Meeting – 8th December 2025
Mount Carmel - 7020 Stanley Avenue, N. Falls

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
AND -Join us to learn more about our Catholic Faith
and deepen our faith in God. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Under the leadership of Fr. Kessete and other community leaders, we will walk with and guide those who may be interested in learning more about God and the Catholic Church. *If you are interested please register by contacting Fitas at 416-880-7395 or e-mail: office@churchofsaintann.ca.*

COFFEE WEEKEND – December 13th & 14th

All parishioners and visitors are invited for Coffee and light refreshments in the Parish Hall after all the Masses next weekend of December 13th & 14th. Enjoy the company of your faith community and catch up with the Parish events over coffee or tea prepared by our Welcoming Committee!

*This coffee weekend is being sponsored by-Fran Valeri
In Loving Memory of Louie Valeri
and John Campigotto*

**2026 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT
THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH
...until January 4th 2026
Please pick them up as soon as possible**

Christmas Flowers Donations

Offerta Fiori di Natale

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 in time** to decorate our Church for the Christmas season. Cost of each floral donation **\$20.00**. Please complete the Flower Donation Envelopes included in this week's bulletin. Extra envelopes are available at both church entrances. The person 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.

PROJECT SHARE - THANKS

Project Share has extended their gratitude to all of our parishioners who continually contribute food items. The need is ever-present, especially during this holiday season:
Canned Goods, Peanut Butter, Jams, Pasta and Sauces, Toothpaste, shampoo, soaps, etc.

SEA PILGRIMAGE: 2026 "Mediterranean Peregrination" Iberia and Africa, Malta and Italy

Join padre/guide Fr. Peter Rowe and travel escort Ineke Brinkman aboard Holland America's MS Oosterdam travelling May 31st to June 14th 2026 from Lisbon/Lisboa (incl. Fatima), visiting en route Cadiz/Sevilla, Tanger/Tanjah, Valencia, Valletta (in Malta), before arriving in Rome. To reserve, call Ineke (9054-684-0888).

THINKING OF STUDENTS IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a joyous time of year for most, but with families facing financial hardship it can be anything but merry. It's hard to believe that every day, one in five students goes to school hungry and waits in line to receive a breakfast. Your donation will provide a needy student with a breakfast and nourishing snack daily for a school week. Your support to help students in need would be greatly appreciated.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THE HOMEBOUND

Vince Anania, Mary Argenta, Giuseppe Armenti,
Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli, Domenic & Wilma
Calabrese, Iole & Gus Crescenzi, Estelle Critelli,
Mario DeBiasi, Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo,
Adrianna DiRisio, Frank Dorazio, George Ellis,
Carmen Fabiani, Rocco Girolamo, Jenny Green, Mark
Johnson, Nancy Mazzei, Virginia McConnell,
Patricia Millington, Geraldine Parker, Tina Pupo,
Vincenzina Pascuzzi, Bettina Paola,
Teresa Scozzafava, Gregg Serles,
Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber

**ACCOUNTING OF THE - 2025
GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

INCOME

Vendor Tables	\$1,700.00
Christmas Crafts Sales	300.00
Penny Table Sales	1,750.00
Grand Prize Table Sales	950.00
Bake Table/Soup Sales	1,825.00
Concession Foods	400.00

TOTAL: \$6,925.00

EXPENSES

Wholesale Club	325.79
Party Connection(Table Rentals)	396.92
Costco	247.11
Lococo	59.65
Dollarama/GT French	241.58
Grand Prizes	465.00
DaVinci Pizzeria	210.00
Miscellaneous (Decorations,etc)	117.50

TOTAL: \$2,063.55

DIFFERENCE: \$4,861.45

**GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS
of Saturday - November 29th 2025**

Maria Anania	Nina Girolamo
Donna Caldwell	Stella Dik
Jenny Fabiano	Theresa Forte
Rita Iammarino	Sarah Iammarino
Mike Lettieri	Josephine Lettieri
Mary Mauriello	Antoinette Nero
Florence Nero	Teresa Nero
Teresa Notarianni	Diamante Roperti
Anna Pizzulo	All Student Volunteers

All Volunteers who pitched in at the last minute.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO FR. KESSETE FOR HIS
INSPIRATION AND GUIDANCE LEADING UP TO
AND ON THE DAY OF THE BAZAAR!**

A SPECIAL EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

This event was a project many months in the making. It took hard work, passion, dedication and drive. All of these qualities Maria Anania possesses in abundance. Her dedication, together with the input of the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, is what drives the great effort required to put on such an event. This year we had 33 Vendors who participated, a fabulous BAKE SALE (all homemade from our talented bakers), and over 50 prizes for the PENNY TABLE. We thank all who came - with a special note of thanks to OUR parishioners who generously took the time to come and show their support for our church.

Thank you to DAVID ANTHONY for
entertaining us with his wonderful singing
AND for DONATING his time.

Thank you to Santa Claus for taking time out of his
busy schedule to make an unexpected visit to our
Christmas Bazaar & surprise all the children.
Great job Guy DeBenedetti!

**PARTICIPATING VENDORS- 2025
GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

- It is What it Is – Lind Harker
- DaBomb Sisters – Nadia Santo & Laura
- Cole's Crochet – Nicole E
- Carmen's Crafts – Melanie Neamtz
- Niagara Custom Leather-Rosie Treiber
- Marisita's Creations-M. Thibodeau & Teresa F
- Naturally Wicked – Catharine Sovar
- Divine Essence – Josie Spadafora
- The Chic Boutique – Roseanne
- Tupperward – Linda Bird
- Sylvia's Mother Products – Sylvia Smith Empey
- Mary Kay – Debbie Crick
- Morning Star Soap – DeeAnn Borys
- 3SisterZ – Katrina Chaisson
- Kraze Creations – Tina Clarke
- Acorn Natural Concepts – Marilyn Saliccioli
- Little Rocks by Pam – Pam Dobos
- Godfrey's Gifts – Linnea Godfrey
- Quiet Inspiration by Antonietta – A. Nobile
- Norwex – Mary Gallagher
- Mandi with an I – Mandi Corbi
- Morning Jams & Jelly – Fabia Z
- Lizzies Gift Shop – Elizabeth Lobbezoo
- Simply "EAR"resistables – Megan Traver
- She's All Glass – Debbie Scott
- Marko Honey Bees – Marion
- From the Heart Homemade Treasures
- Babas Creation – Baba
- Fifth Avenue – Tina Smith & Flo Maruca
- Any Occasion Gnome – Bonnie Wesolowski
- Alica Z – Alica Ziakova
- Dolcini di Casa – John Pellegrino
- Maria Constantino

PENNY TABLE PRIZE WINNERS

1. Joseph's Estate Wines – Wine - *Anthony Pupo*
2. Picard's Christmas Basket – *Mary Jo Serravalle*
3. Herender Estate Wines-Basket – *Sue Anello*
4. Bettina Paola-Gingerbread House-Gloria Schmidt
5. Anonymous-Espresso Set- Tim Horton's Card
Jill Vloets
6. Maria Anania-Statue Joseph/Mary/Jesus –
Mike LaFratta
7. Rita Walters-Champagne & \$25 LCBO Card –
Gayle Hagan
8. Ardene - \$25 Gift Card – *Lee Neufeld*
9. Commisso's \$50 Gift Card - *Karen Reutter*
10. Lucia's Boutique – Necklace – *Taylor Watton*
11. Anonymous – Gingerbread Tree & 2 Mugs –
Lorraine
12. Anonymous – Gingerbread Christmas –
Cookie Jar/Tray - *Theresa Forte*
13. Rita Iammarino-Kitchen Knife Set-*Cherie Lamis*
14. Flavio Iammarino of Personal Growth & Development
Mug Set, Mini Donut Maker – *Karen Reutter*
15. It is What it is – Linda Harker- *Mark Schmidt*
16. Da Bomb Sisters – Nadia Santo – *George Black*
17. Cole's Crochet – Nicole Eslinger – *Carmela Pellegrino*
18. Carmen's Crafts - Carmen(Melanie) Neamtz –
- *Stacey Porter*
19. Niagara Custom Leather – Rosie Treiber –
- *Brian Shulist*
20. Marisita's Creations – Michelle Thibodeau
& Teresa F. - *Catherine DeGiorgio*
21. Naturally Wicked-Catharine Savar *Sarah L*
22. Divine Essence – Josie Spadafora- *Unknown*
23. The Chick Boutique – Rosanne B. – *Maria Anania*
24. Tupperware – Linda Bird – *Paul Croteau*
25. Sylvia's Mother's Products-Sylvia Smith Empey
- *Jennifer Savage*
26. Mary Kay – Debbie Crick - *Maurice Hoag*
27. Morning Star Soap – DeeAnn Borys -*Juan Velez*
28. 3-SisterZ-Katrina Chaisson – *Juan Velez*
29. Kraze Creations – Tina Clark – *Lori Ivnikovich*
30. Acorn Natural Concepts-Marilyn Saliccioli –
Stephanie Colucci
31. Little Rocks by Pam – Pam Dobos –
Jennifer Savage
32. Godfrey's Gifts – Linnea Godfrey –
Tricia Schaefer
33. Quiet Inspirations by Antonietta (Nobile)-
Juan Velez

34. Norwex – Marie Gallegger – *Debbie Crick*
35. Mandi with an I-Mandi Corbi-*Maria Quaranta*
36. Morning Jams & Jelly – *Fabia-Elaine Smith*
37. Lizzies Gift Shop – Elizabeth Lobbezoo –
Mary Martin
38. Marko Honey Bees – Marion Marko –
Linnea Godfrey
39. No Vendor was able to come
40. Babas Creations-Baba - *Theresa Forte*
41. Fifth Avenue – Tina Smith/Flo Maruca-
Mary Lou Gallardi
42. Teresa Denis – Giant Gin – *Florence Nero*
43. Anonymous-Keurig Coffee Maker-*JoAnn Simons*
44. Anonymous-Kid's Basket – *Clayton Perry*
45. Megan Traver-Simply"EAR"resistables –
Leanne Spelier
46. Debbie Scott-She's All Glass – *Carmen Vitaterna*
47. Bonnie Wesolowski-Any Occasion Gnome-*Linda Bird*
48. Anonymous – Kid's Basket - *Queenie*
49. Mary Zarafonitis – Baby Basket-*Denise Savage*
50. Mary Zarafonitis – Baby Basket- *Jill Violet*
51. John Pellegrino – Dolcina di Casa-*Jennie Bologna*

BIG RAFFLE DRAWS

1. WROUGHT-IRON AND WALNUT SIDE TABLE –
Donated by: John & Edmay St. Angelo
Leslie Morris
2. Appetizer Serving Boards & Zehrs Gift Card
Lisa Ferrantelli
3. Christmas Nativity Set - *Theresa Forte*
4. Gngerbread Themed Set & Franks's Pizzeria -
Gift Certificate - *Lisa Ferrantelli*
5. Ninja Air Fryer - *Sharon Angotti*
6. Electric Pizza Oven - *Florence Nero*

FREE DRAWS

- 1) Gingerbread House-*Guy DeBenedetti*
- 2) French Coffee Press – *Mary Mauriello*
- 3) Picard's & Christmas Mug Set – *Lidia Romeo*
- 4) Two-Mug Set – *Roman Ziak*
- 5) Bake and Build Holiday House – *Monique Julacz*
- 6) Basket of Goodies – *Conrad*
- 7) Bowl & Candy Dish – *Jackie Roy*
- 8) Rosary – *Dale Waters*
- 9) 2-Decorative Frames – *Teresa Scheaffer*
- 10) Christmas Card Box Set – *Rosetta Elia*

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GUESSING GAMEPRIZE:
Gingerbread Basket, Blanket,
Winner: Elsie Waters