



### Mass Intentions

#### Jan. 11 Saturday - *Blessed William Carter*

4:00 Francis Jeff Castillo – by sister Katherine  
Francis Tambel Villegas – by sister Katherine  
Bruna DeBlasis-by husband Frank & family  
Vito Forte – by Paul & Theresa Forte

#### Jan 12 SUNDAY - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 Benedetto DiRienzo – by moglie Angelina  
Luigino Maruca – by Maruca family  
Msgr. Vincent J. Ferrando – by Michael Simmonds  
Efisia Orsini – by Joe & Maria Orsini

11:00 Giovanni & Elisa Tirabasso– by T & N Mazzei  
Antoinette Candusso-LoParco – by family  
Orlando Garofalo– by wife Josephine & family  
Iole Biamonte – by husband Sam

#### Jan. 13 Monday - *NO MASS*

#### Jan. 14 Tuesday - *Saint Gregory Nazianzen*

8:00 Claudio Andreis – by Gianpolo, Kristine, Marina

#### Jan. 15 Wednesday - *Saint Paul the Hermit*

8:00 Krystina Soltys – by Pat & Renata Covelli  
Jan Szpakowski – by wife Irena & family

#### Jan. 16 Thursday - *Saint Berard & Companions*

8:00 Salvatore'Sam'Cerenzia-by Angela/Angelo Visca

#### Jan. 17 Friday - *Saint Anthony of Egypt*

9:00 Domenico Cameli - by wife Angelina  
Deceased of the Anello & Fruci families –  
by Rosina Fruci  
Vito & Marianne Forte – by Ferruccio Forte

#### Jan. 18 Saturday - *Saint Charles of Sezze*

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

#### Jan 19 SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00 Pietro & Concettina Cameli – by  
Angelina Cameli  
Anna, Rocco, & Benny DiRienzo – by  
Maria DiRienzo  
Vito & Vita Maria Mauriello – by Mary Mauriello  
Emidio Coladonatio – by Anna/Pasquale DelVecchio

11:00 Domenico Cameli – by daughters Mary & Rita  
Giuseppe Convertini – by son Joe  
Gildo Luvison – by friends & family  
Pietro Benforte – by friends & family  
Paul J. Aleo – by friends & family

### GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Baptism of Jesus marked the beginning of his public ministry. The Heavens are opened and God's voice declared him "beloved Son". This recalls our own baptism as well. We are beloved children of God called to holiness. We are invited to avoid sin and rise to a new life of grace and service.

### MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Il Battesimo di Gesù segna l'inizio del suo ministero pubblico. Il Cielo si apre e la voce di Dio lo dichiara "Figlio prediletto". Per la quale, anche il nostro battesimo richiama ad aggiornamento. Noi siamo figli amati di Dio chiamati alla santità. Siamo invitati a evitare il peccato e a risorgere a una nuova vita di grazia e servizio.

### Baptism of the Lord - 19 January

John the Baptist, knowing that Jesus has no sin to cleanse and thus no need for baptism, is understandably reluctant to baptize Our Lord. Jesus nevertheless insists, as he desires to identify with sinners and align himself with God's plan.

Just like Our Lord submitted completely to the Father's will, we too, with meekness, humility, and great love, must accept the mission Our Father gives to us, even if it proves difficult.

How do we react to an unexpected pregnancy, or to the presence of a handicapped person, or to a frail family member who needs much assistance?

Do we treat life's surprises as hindrances to our plan, or do we accept everything, even the seemingly bad, as a gift? If we learn to let go, the Father will be moved and pleased to accept our offering.

Let us pray for those they who suffer illness, loneliness, or depression - may know that they belong to Jesus Christ, and find peace in Him.

### Battesimo del Signore - 19 Gennaio

Il Battesimo è l'inizio della vita spirituale, che trova la sua pienezza per mezzo della Chiesa. Nell'ora propizia del Sacramento, mentre la Comunità ecclesiale prega e affida a Dio un nuovo figlio/figlia, i genitori e i padrini s'impegnano ad accogliere il neo-battezzato sostenendolo nella formazione e nell'educazione cristiana. E' questa una grande responsabilità, che deriva da un grande dono! Perciò, incoraggiamo tutti i fedeli a riscoprire la bellezza di essere battezzati e appartenere alla grande famiglia di Dio, e a dare gioiosa testimonianza della propria fede, affinché essa generi frutti di bene e di concordia.

Lo chiediamo per intercessione della Beata Vergine Maria, Aiuto dei cristiani, alla quale affidiamo i genitori che si stanno preparando al Battesimo dei loro bambini, come pure i catechisti. Tutta la comunità partecipi alla gioia della rinascita dall'acqua e dallo Spirito Santo!

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
**January 18-25, 2025**

For this year, 2025, the prayers and reflections for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** were prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. This year marks the 1,700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council; a faith that remains alive and fruitful in our days. The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025** offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

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

**COFFEE WEEKEND**  
**January 11 – 12 Gennaio - 2025**

All parishioners and visitors are invited this weekend for Coffee and Refreshments in the Parish Hall. This Coffee Weekend is being sponsored by **Rosie Damiani & Nina Girolamo** in loving memory of their parents **Francesco & Clementina Scialdone**.

**PRAY FOR ALL PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE**

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those called to share your priesthood. With our love and prayers, we join you in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out his gifts of holiness, compassion and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an **"Ambassador of Christ"**, bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mary, Mother of all Priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen!

O Loving God, inspire your people to promote and to answer the call to Religious Life.

Remove fears and doubts from their hearts.

Give them the Spirit's gifts of wisdom and courage.

We ask this in Jesus's name. AMEN!

**Monthly Parish Pasta Dinner**  
**FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH**

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

**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.*

**February Pasta Night sponsored by Johnathan Koles**

<b>3-MONTH REPORT</b>	
<b>MONTHLY COLLECTION/EXPENSES</b>	
October Collections	\$ 9,956.64
<b>October Expenses</b>	<b>17,234.25</b>
November Collections	\$10,932.95
<b>November Expenses</b>	<b>13,165.84</b>
December Collections	\$ 14,646.40
Christmas Collection	3,060.00
<b>December Expenses</b>	<b>23,963.87</b>

**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.

**NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
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**PILGRIMAGE – April 6<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2026**

Fr. Ronnie Tagnines from Our Lady of the Scapular Parish in Niagara Falls is leading a pilgrimage from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. The trip will include Venice, Padua, Pisa, Florence, Assisi, Cascia, Loreto, Padre Pio & Rome. The cost based on double occupancy - \$5499. Please contact Fr. Ronnie at (709 ) 690-4946 or Ray Karborani from Biblical Journeys Canada Travel Agency (289) 990-9841 or [biblicajourneyscanada@yahoo.com](mailto:biblicajourneyscanada@yahoo.com)

*The Diocese of St. Catharines is seeking a full-time Financial Assistant. A detailed job description can be found at: <http://saintcd.com/employment>. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 to John O'Brien, CFO ([jobrien~saintcd.com](mailto:jobrien~saintcd.com))*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THE HOMEBOUND**

Ronald Bennett, Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli,  
 Domenic Calabrese, Angelina DiRienzo,  
 Maria DiRienzo, Beatriz Disch, George Ellis  
 Carmen & Maria Fabiani,  
 Sam Fiore, Jenny Green, Virginia McConnell  
 Agueda Maria Melo, Patricia Millington,  
 Vincenzina Pascuzzi,  
 Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber