

**Jan. 10 Saturday - Saint Gregory of Nyssa**

4:00 Andrew & Ruth Rondinella – by MaryLou Boychuk
 Fred Boychuk-by wife Mary Lou
 Deceased Marbella family-by MaryLou Boychuk

Jan 11 SUNDAY - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 Benedetto DiRienzo – by wife Angelina
 Iole Biamonte – by parents Joe & Maria Orsini
 Efisia Orsini – by Joe & Maria Orsini
 James Lorenzo – by Lorenzo family
 Gino Giallonardo – by Giallonardo family

11:00 Pompilio & Angelina DiEmanuele-by son Ezio
 Msgr.Vincent Ferrando-by Michael Simmonds
 Antoinette Candusso-LoParco-by family
 Iole Biamonte – by husband Sam & family
 Lena Mazzotti-by Audrey/Mary Giura & fam.

Jan. 12 Monday - NO MASS**Jan. 13 Tuesday - Saint Hilary of Poitiers**

8:00 Claudio Andreis – by son Gianpaolo & family

Jan. 14 Wednesday - Saint Gregory Nazianzen

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

Jan. 15 Thursday - Saint Paul the Hermit

8:00 Louis Valeri – by friends & family

Jan. 16 Friday - Saint Bernard & Companions

9:00 Luigi Anthony Marano – by Angelina DiRienzo
 Domenico Cameli – by daughters Mary & Rita
 Giuseppe Valente – by wife Ermelina
 Anthony Patrick Barone – by friends & family

Jan. 17 Saturday - Saint Anthony of Egypt

4:00 Deceased Fiorentino/Giagnorio families – by
 Mark Fiorentino
 Angelina/Pompilio DiEmanuele - by
 F. & M. Santesso
 Bruna De Blassis – by family

Jan 18 SUNDAY- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Anna, Rocco, Benny DiRienzo – by
 Maria DiRienzo
 Vito & Vita Maria Mauriello – by
 Mary Mauriello
 Pietro & Concettina Cameli - by
 Angelina Cameli
 Emido Coladonato – by Pasquale & Anna
 DelVecchio
11:00 Maria Stella Fabiani – by husband Carmen
 & family
 Armando & Amalia Leo – by Joe & Emily Leo

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Baptism is the gateway/door to belonging to the Church. It is far more than a ritual with water and blessed oils! It is the mystery of a new life and belonging. In Baptism the old self is washed clean and purified to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Baptism opens the channel of divine life in us. And Jesus's baptism shows his stand with humanity who needs healing, grace and sanctification.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Il Battesimo è la porta d'ingresso per appartenere alla Chiesa. È molto più di un rito con acqua e oli benedetti! È il mistero di una nuova vita e di un'appartenenza. Nel Battesimo, la vecchia natura viene lavata e purificata per diventare il tempio dello Spirito Santo. Il Battesimo apre il canale della vita divina che si rinnova in noi. E il Battesimo di Gesù mostra la sua alleanza con l'umanità decaduta che ha bisogno di guarigione, grazia e santificazione.

Baptism of the Lord - 11 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 - 11 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, 2026**

For this year, 2026, the prayers and reflections for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** were prepared by the Inter-Church Relations' Department of the Armenian Apostolic Church. The first Christian Ecumenical Council was 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 2026** 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)

**ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
Friday, January 16th 2026
Celebration starts at 5:00pm**

**COFFEE WEEKEND
THIS WEEKEND**

All parishioners and visitors are invited this weekend - **Saturday & Sunday – January 10th & 11th** 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**.

**NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR
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**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED
HEALING MINISTRY – Next meeting January 12th 2026
Mount Carmel - 7020 Stanley Avenue, N. Falls**

**Monthly Parish Pasta Dinner
Thursday 5th February
St. Ann Parish Hall doors open 4:30 pm
With Meatballs, Salad, Dessert & Coffee
Take-out available
**Tickets at the door: Adults \$ 15.00
Children (up to 10 years) \$ 8.00****

Sponsored by Vittoria Wikston & the Visca Family
In Memory of GINO & MARIA VISCA.

**3-MONTH REPORT
MONTHLY COLLECTION/EXPENSES**

October Collections	\$ 9,322.87
October Expenses	16,917.99
November Collections	\$ 12,972.18
November Expenses	21,459.44
December Collections	\$ 14,269.00
December Expenses	20,081.67

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.

**WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE
Sunday 8th February 2026 @ 3:00pm
With Bishop Gerard Bergie
Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria
Celebrating All Married Couples especially those
with significant 2026 Anniversaries
*Reception to Follow-No registration required***

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

Vince Anania, Mary Argenta, Giuseppe Armenti,
Leonora Ballena, 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, Jenny Green, Mark
Johnson, Nancy Mazzei, Virginia McConnell,
Patricia Millington, Tina Pupo,
Vincenzina Pascuzzi, Bettina Paola,
Teresa Scozzafava, Gregg Serles,
Mary Slovak, Deanna Spaetzel,
Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber