



Mass Intentions

Feb. 14 Saturday - Saints Cyril & Methodius

4:00 For All the Deceased of the Parish
For the Needs of All Parishioners
Pietro LoParco – by family

Feb. 15 SUNDAY-SIXTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Giovanni & Giuseppina Custode – by
Mary Mauriello
Felice & Filomena Terriaca – by
Angelina Cameli
Lili Martuccio-Custode – by dad Joe & family
Gaetano & Maria Nero – by Florence Nero
Rita & James Goldfinch – by Florence Nero

11:00 Raffaele, Luisa, Antonio DiNoia – by
Palma Stante

Feb. 16 Monday - NO MASS - FAMILY DAY

Feb. 17 Tuesday - Seven Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 Jan Szpakowski – by wife Irena

Feb. 18 Wednesday - ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 For All the Intentions of Parishioners
For All the Deceased of the Parish
Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm *Mass Distribution of Ashes*

Feb. 19 Thursday - Saint Conrad of Piacenza

8:00 Gaetano Nero – by Mary Mauriello
Bruna & Modesto Forte – by Ferruccio Fort

Feb. 20 Friday - Sts. Jacinta & Francisco Marto

9:00 Rosa, Alfredo, Nicolina Mucciarone – by
Angelina DiRienzo
Nicola Vaccaro – by Mary Mauriello
Peter & Anna Nguyen – by family

9:30 Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

7:00pm Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

Feb. 21 Saturday - Saint Peter Damian

4:00 Deceased of Fiorentino & Giagnorio families
- by Mark Fiorentino

Feb. 22 Sunday - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 Anna, Rocco, Benny DiRienzo- by Angelina
Carmine Elia – by Adelina Muraca
Jack & Nancy Golfi - by family
Giovanni Scozzafava – by moglie Grazia
Clementina Scialdone – by children & family

11:00 Savina & Domenic Chiarella – by
Calabrese family
Giovanni & Anna Lucia – by Palma Stante

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Love moves forward by inclusion, and if there is exclusion, then love is not perfect.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

L'amore avanza con inclusione, se c'è esclusione, allora l'amore non è completo.

FAMILY DAY – CANADA – 16th February

Family Day is observed in the provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario & Alberta.

This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people and their communities.

A FAMILY PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live.

May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family, and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

GIORNATA DELLA FAMIGLIA– 16 Febbraio

PREGHIERA PER LA FAMIGLIA:

O Santa Famiglia di Nazaret, vissuto nel totale abbandono nelle mani di Dio, testimone della misericordiosa bontà del Signore, benedici tutte le famiglie del mondo. Suscita santi desideri nei cuori dei giovani. Metti lo Spirito di purezza e di rispetto vicendevole nell'anima dei fidanzati. Radica un amore saldo e generoso nell'intimo degli sposi. Sviluppa il senso della maternità e paternità nella vita dei genitori. Rendi tutte le famiglie cristiane segni eloquenti dell'amore di Dio per il mondo, piccole chiese domestiche, dove la grazia possa produrre copiosi frutti di santità. Amen.

Lenten Reflections - Ash Wednesday

Rend your hearts, not your garments...(Joel 2:13)

What is it about Ash Wednesday that resonates so deeply with people that even those who have been away from church feel compelled to return and be reminded of their own mortality in the form of an ashen cross? It's more than just ritual or obligation. It's primal—a spiritual practice that brings us back to our very core, that pulls us away from the worldly concerns that typically occupy our time and forces us to face the truth we so often want to avoid. We are dust, and to dust we shall return.

What spiritual plans have you made for Lent? Are they more focused on outward sacrifices or inward change? While the former is challenging, the latter can be downright intimidating. And yet, that is what we are called to do. What one thing can you do over the course of the next few weeks that might create a permanent change in your life? What would make you whole? Use the sacrifices and prayers of this season to open your heart, mind and soul to what God has in store for you.



Mercoledì delle Ceneri – 18 Febbraio**Il Digiuno che Salva**

«Lasciatevi riconciliare con Dio! ... Ecco ora il momento favorevole, ecco ora il giorno della salvezza» (2 Cor 5:20)

«Convertitevi e credete al Vangelo!» (Mc 1,15)

Con questi due imperativi la comunità cristiana è convocata per accogliere l'azione misericordiosa di Dio e ritornare a Lui. Il rito di imposizione delle ceneri può essere considerato una specie di un gesto di ingresso nello stato di penitenti. Nei testi della liturgia la penitenza si esplicita nella pratica del *digiuno*.

Se non cambia il cuore non cambia nulla

Per il cristiano il digiuno è segno della disponibilità al Signore e alla sua Parola. Astenersi dai cibi è dichiarare qual è l'unica cosa necessaria, è compiere un gesto profetico nei confronti di una civiltà che insinua sempre nuovi bisogni e crea nuove insoddisfazioni. Prendere le distanze dalle cose futili e vane significa ricercare l'essenziale: affidarsi umilmente al Signore, creare spazi di risonanza alla voce dello Spirito. Il digiuno perciò riguarda tutto l'uomo/donna ed esprime la conversione del cuore. Rinnegare se stessi (Mt 16,24) è cessare di considerare se stessi come centro e valore supremo. In questo decentramento da sé, Cristo attua ancora la sua vittoria sul male e l'uomo/donna viene rinnovato a somiglianza di Lui.

Every Friday during Lent

9:30 a.m. – Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

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LIFE NIAGARA 'PRO-LIFE 101'

The Diocese of St. Catharines in partnership with Choose Life Niagara invite teens to join us for a 'Pro-Life 101' evening with Katie Somers on Sunday 22nd February from 6 – 9pm at St. Alexander Church in Fonthill. We will learn facts and apologetics on abortion, play games, and spend time socializing with other pro-life youth! Holy Mass at 6pm with the rest of the program starting at 7:00pm. Please email: infor@chooselife.ca or youth@saintcd.com.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

Mount Carmel - 7020 Stanley Avenue, N. Falls

February 23rd 2026

March 9th 2026

What is Forgiveness

Learning to Forgive

LEGACY DONATIONS

When 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.

GRATITUDE - MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We would like to express our gratitude to those families who have chosen to direct donations from the various funeral homes in Niagara to Saint Ann Church. Our most heartfelt condolences to Grazia Scozzafava and her family in the loss of Giovanni. We would like to thank them for donations of \$900 directed to St. Ann.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Begins on Ash Wednesday 18th February and continues to Palm Sunday 29th March. It is an internationally coordinated 40 day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayerful and peaceful witness. Locations, contacts and sign-up information:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-search.aspx>

SAINT ANN LADIES' AUXILIARY PRESENTS**WINE TASTING EVENT**

Sunday – March 1st 2026 @ 2:00pm

St. Ann Parish Hall – 5731 Desson Avenue

3 Wines & Icewine Tastings

Finger Foods - Cheese & Crackers

Fruit & Desserts- Coffee & Tea

Tickets (\$25) Call: Church Office – 905-358-9333

OR – Maria 905-321-7176

(All monies collected are for the benefit of our church)

SERRA CLUB OF ST. CATHARINES presents MURDER MYSTERY FUNDRAISER

Saturday 25th April 2026 @6:30pm – 5:30 Doors Open
Club Roma Starlight Room

125 Vansickle Rd. St. Catharines

\$85pp or \$750 per 10-Guest Table

BONUS Charleston Dance Lesson 4:30-5:30 only \$10.

For Tickets or more details EVENTS@SERRASTC.CA

UPCOMING EVENTS - in the Parish Hall

March 13th 2026 – Fish Night April 24th 2026 – Rabbit Nt.

May 22nd 2026 – Osso Buco Night

Organized & Hosted by Mike, John, Mo

More details and ticket information to follow

NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION – BENEFIT GALA
Thursday – March 5th www.niagaracatholic.ca**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, Angelina DiRienzo,
Maria DiRienzo, Adrianna DiRisio,
Mario DiBiasi, Frank Dorazio, George Ellis,
Carmen Fabiani, Jenny Green,
Nancy Mazzei, Virginia McConnell,
Patricia Millington, Tina Pupo,
Bettina Paola, Teresa Scozzafava, Gregg Serles,
Mary Slovak, Deanna Spaetzel,
Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber