



**Mass Intentions**

**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  
Pasquale & Anna 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

**Mar. 31 Monday - NO MASS**

**Apr. 1 Tuesday - Saint Hugh of Grenoble**

8:00 Antonio Elia – by Mabel & Yamil Chang

**Apr. 2 Wednesday - Saint Francis of Paola**

8:00 Irma & Tony Castrilli – by Olga Fiello  
Nicola Romagnano – by moglie Maria & fam.

**Apr. 3 Thursday - Saint Benedict the African**

8:00 Jeannie Pagano – by friends

**Apr. 4 Friday - Saint Isidore of Seville**

9:00 Maria Saporito – by family  
Paul J. Aleo – by family & friends  
Francesco Carrera – by family & friends

9:30 Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

7:00pm Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

**Apr. 5 Saturday - Saint Vincent Ferrer**

5:00 Umberto Spinosa – by wife Enza & family  
Lidia Ann Mannella – by Emma Ramos  
Porfirio Concepcion – by Emma Ramos

**Apr. 6 Sunday – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 Carmine & Giuseppina Mauriello – by niece  
Mary Mauriello  
Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & fam.  
Benedetto DiRienzo – by moglie Angelina  
Giuseppe Gulla – by moglie Gilda & famiglia  
Antonietta Armenti – by F. & M. Santesso  
& family

11:00 For All the Deceased of the Parish  
For the Needs of All Parishioners

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

The story of the Prodigal Son teaches us that abusing our freedom, living a selfish lifestyle and squandering family resources, brings disgrace and spiritual hunger.

We human beings are not created for pleasure, but for glory. We are glorified to be temples of the Holy Spirit!

**MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO**

Las storia del Figlio Prodigio ci insegna che abusare della nostra libertà, vivere uno stile di vita egoistico e sperperare le risorse familiari, porta vergogna e fame spirituale.

Noi uomini non siamo creati per il divertimento, ma per la gloria. Siamo glorificati per essere tempio dello Spirito Santo!

**WEEKLY QUOTE**

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

*(Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbe 2024)*

*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.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
LAETARE SUNDAY**

Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent; Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is known as *Laetare Sunday* for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon, *Laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy, our foretaste of Easter joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose-coloured vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults and the Easter vigil.

The First Reading (*Joshua, 5:9,10-12*) recounts the celebration of the Passover in the Promised Land by Joshua and those who had sojourned with him in the desert for 40 years.

The Second Reading (*Cor., 5:17-21*) The reconciliation of mankind with God has been brought about by Christ's death on the cross. Jesus, who is like men in all things "yet without sinning" bore the sins of men and offered himself on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for all those sins, thereby reconciling men to God; through this sacrifice we became the righteousness of God.

**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

## 4<sup>a</sup> Domenica di Quaresima

### Un padre attende il ritorno del figlio

La parabola del vangelo odierno mette di fronte tre protagonisti che potrebbero contendersi il titolo del brano: il padre misericordioso, il figlio prodigo, il figlio maggiore. Forse impropriamente è stata chiamata come «parabola del figlio prodigo»; in realtà il primo prodigo è il padre, talmente «prodigo nell'amore» da scandalizzare il figlio maggiore.

In Gesù che accoglie i peccatori, gli stranieri, le donne di strada, gli esclusi, in Gesù che siede a mensa con gente disprezzata e impura si manifesta un Dio che a tutti offre la sua ospitalità, il suo perdono e la capacità di rinnovarsi perché sono da lui amati. Se nella parabola c'è un rimprovero, esso è rivolto al primogenito e a chi come lui pensa che l'osservanza esteriore della legge sia fonte di merito e autorizzi il disprezzo nei confronti dei fratelli peccatori. Il peccato sta anche nel servire «con l'animo del mercenario» (B. Maggioni), nel rimanere in casa senza apprezzarne il dono, nel respingere e condannare senza appello il fratello che ha sbagliato.

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE 2025

#### TURN DEBT INTO HOPE

Collection Next Week – April 6<sup>TH</sup> 2025

...As the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, *Development and Peace – Caritas Canada* provides an ideal way to offer alms to those most in need through their annual SHARE LENT campaign. The theme of this year's campaign is Turn Debt into Hope. This inspires and challenges us to reflect on God's call to us all to live in the way of *righteousness* by how we care for one another, and especially for the poorest and most unfortunate in our global human communities. Let us join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South who face insurmountable debts for which they are not responsible. Since 1967, the CCCB has set aside the fifth Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday. Please be generous in next week's collection in support of Development and Peace's *Share Lent* campaign. Contributions can also be made online at [www.devp.org/sharelent](http://www.devp.org/sharelent), by mailing a cheque, or by calling 1-888-234-8533.

### MESSAGES OF HOPE – SPEAKER SERIES

April 30<sup>th</sup> 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

### MONTHLY PARISH PASTA DINNER FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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 – THIS WEEKEND

Today you are all invited into the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. This Coffee Weekend is being offered by the Welcoming Committee of St. Ann.

### PROJECT SHARE

Thank you for continued donations of unperishable food items to our bin at the entrance of the church. Tony Romano delivers all items to Project Share each week. Your donation helps ensure that all of our neighbours stay healthy, housed and fed. Your donations also help provide healthy living and training opportunities and other special support. You can also donate directly to PROJECT SHARE.

### 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.