



**Feb. 3 Saturday - Saint Blaise**

5:00 For the Needs of All Parishioners  
For All the Deceased of the Parish

**Feb. 4 SUNDAY – FIFTH Sunday of Ordinary Time**

10:00 Serafino & Iole Puglielli – by Gus/Anna Orsini  
Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina  
Donato Pizzulo - by daughters  
John & Gilda Lombardi – by Anna &  
Joe Martino & family

11:30 Dr. Carie LaRosa–by LaRosa/Salvatore families  
Pompilio & Angelina DiEmanuele-by son Ezio  
William & Angela Mauriello-by T& N Mazzei  
Salvatore & Giovanni Damiano-by Tino/Julia  
Maria Sandolo – by children Anna, John,  
Frank Ferrara

**Feb. 5 Monday - NO MASS**

**Feb. 6 Tuesday - Saint Paul Miki & Companions**

8:00 Louis & Philamena Fiorentino – by Lisa & Jim

**Feb. 7 Wednesday - Saint Colette**

8:00 Deceased of DeFilippo Family–by DiFilippo fam.

**Feb. 8 Thursday – Saint Saint Josephine Bakhita**

8:00 Vincenzo Fruci – by wife Rosina & family

**Feb. 9 Friday - Saint Jerome Emiliani**

9:30 Max Corrigan – by grandmother Flora  
Lena Mazzotti – by Audrey Mazzotti &  
Mary Giura & family  
Giuseppe ‘Joe’ Panucci – by friends/family

**Feb.10 Saturday - Saint Scholastica**

5:00 Francesco, Maria & Giovanna Parrotta  
Giuseppe & Serafina Parrotta

**Feb.11 SUNDAY-SIXTH Sunday of Ordinary Time**

10:00 Antonietta Lombardi – by Lina, Serra &  
Rose Carlucci  
Benedetto DiRienzo – by moglie Angeliina  
Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria Orsini  
Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & family

11:30 Pietro LoParco – by LoParco family  
Alfredo & Pilar Aquino – by Alita & Ralph,  
Eric & Sarah Elefante & family  
Natalina Splendiani – by son Giorgio DiRuscio

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**There is no debate about the meaning of suffering and anxiety, but let us turn to Jesus for solace and healing.**

**MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO**

**Non c'è dibattito sul significato della sofferenza e dell'ansia, ma rivolgamoci a Gesù per conforto e guarigione.**

**MESSAGE of his HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
XXXII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

**“It is not good that man should be alone”.**

**Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships**

“It is not good that man should be alone” (cf. Gen 2:18)

From the beginning, God, who is love, created us for communion and endowed us with an innate capacity to enter into relationship with others. Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfilment through a network of relationships, friendships and love, both given and received. We were created to be together, not alone. Precisely because this project of communion is so deeply rooted in the human heart, we see the experience of abandonment and solitude as something frightening, painful and even inhuman. This is all the more the case at times of vulnerability, uncertainty and insecurity, caused often by the onset of a serious illness.

In this regard, I think of all those who found themselves terribly alone during the Covid-19 pandemic: the patients who could not receive visitors, but also the many nurses, physicians and support personnel overwhelmed by work and enclosed in isolation wards. Naturally, we cannot fail to recall all those persons who had to face the hour of their death alone, assisted by healthcare personnel, but far from their own families.

I share too in the pain, suffering and isolation felt by those who, because of war and its tragic consequences, are left without support and assistance. War is the most terrible of social diseases, and it takes its greatest toll on those who are most vulnerable.

To those who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves...

We do well to listen once more to the words of the Bible: “it is not good for man to be alone!” God spoke those words at the beginning of creation and thus revealed to us the profound meaning of his project for humanity, but at the same time, the mortal wound of sin, which creeps in by generating suspicions, fractures, divisions and consequently isolation....

Brothers and sisters, the first form of care needed in any illness is compassionate and loving closeness. To care for the sick thus means above all to care for their relationships, all of them: with God, with others – family members, friends, healthcare workers - with creation and with themselves....

The sick, the vulnerable and the poor are at the heart of the Church; they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention. May we never forget this! And let us commend ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede for us and help us to be artisans of closeness and fraternal relationships.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 January 2024 **FRANCIS**

## Monthly Parish Pasta Dinner

This past Thursday we held our first PASTA NIGHT of 2024... Our deepest gratitude to Joe Covelli and his kitchen crew as well as to all of the Parish Hall volunteers for the generosity of their time and effort.

*Together with the generous sponsorship of Mr. Ezio DiEmanuele we were able to raise \$3,515. for our parish.*

## COFFEE SUNDAY

February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Next weekend, February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> is COFFEE SUNDAY, offered by Felice and Giovanna Parrotta in memory of *Francesco, Maria & Giovanna Parrotta* and *Giuseppe & Serafina Parrotta*. You are all invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee and refreshments.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY

VALENTINE BAKE SALE – February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

During COFFEE SUNDAY on February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies' Auxiliary will be putting on a small Valentine's Bake Sale. Anyone wishing to provide homemade baked goods for sale are welcome to drop them off on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> between 10 and 12. All proceeds are to support our church.

## PROJECT SHARE

Please keep donating items such as canned goods, peanut butter, crackers, juice boxes, etc., and place them in our food bin at the entrance of the church. The need for donations is even greater now due to the cold weather. Monetary donations can also be made directly to Project Share.

## TAX DONATION RECEIPTS

The tax donation receipts for 2023 are now ready and available for pick up at the entrance of the church. They will be available at the church over the next several weekends. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience.

## 2024 ENGAGED ENCOUNTER SCHEDULE

Meetings scheduled for Catholic Engaged Encounter in the Diocese of St. Catharines are:

May 3,4,5, 2024

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc64uNMUTvhXyVkXy3uFoDUSibcg57hzs6hGg5WIMmGpWO16A/viewform>

## SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

The Diocesan Separated and Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre – 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON

For our pamphlet or information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154. Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE WINTER/SPRING 2024

February 12 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Dealing With Fear
February 26 <sup>th</sup> 2024	What Is Forgiveness
March 11 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Learning to Forgive
March 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Gifts of the Holy Spirit
April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Identifying Our Losses
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Coping with Grief
May 13 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Navigating Change
May 27 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Self Esteem
June 10 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Who Am I Now
June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Loving and Respecting Yourself

*Invest ONE HOUR to save a Lifetime!*

During the 40 Days for Life VIGIL WE FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE – WE FAST AND PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICE during Lent from Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to Palm Sunday on March 24<sup>th</sup>. We give prayerful, peaceful witness at Niagara Falls General Hospital holding a sign, stating: PRAY TO END ABORTION from 8am – 8pm. Sign up with friends and family for **ONE HOUR**. Sign up through [www.wpcprolife.com](http://www.wpcprolife.com) (click on 40 Days link).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli-Roma,  
Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo,  
Carmen/Maria Fabiani, Marianna Formica,  
Flora Kennedy, Ethel LaRosa,  
Gildo Luvison, Luigi Maruca,  
Giaconda Merante, Anna Orsini,  
Vincenzina Pascuzzi, Emilia Romeo,  
Teresa Scozzafava, Concetta Sirianni,  
Maria Tavano, Maria Visca

## NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION BENEFIT GALA

*With Honourary Guest Bishop Gerard Bergie*

Supporting: Niagara Catholic District School Board students in need and scholarships

Thursday – March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

Club Roma Event Centre

6:00pm – Tickets \$100/person

Individual Tickets available or tables of 8 or 10

Online payment can be made at [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca)

or by cheque payable to the

Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education.

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