

**Apr. 26 SATURDAY - Our Lady of Good Counsel**

5:00 Deceased of Fiorentino & Giagnorio families-
by Mark Fiorentino
Pompilio/Angelina DiEmanuele-by F M Santesso

Apr. 27 Second Sunday of Easter – DIVINE MERCY

9:00 Lili Martuccio-Custode – by dad Joe & family
Luigi & Anthony Marano – by Angelina DiRienzo
Anna, Rocco, Benny Di Rienzo – by Maria DiRienzo
Maria Visca – by Domenic/Wilma Calabrese
Efisia Orsini – by Joe & Maria Orsini
11:00 Domenico Cameli – by daughters Mary & Rita
Pompilio & Angelina DiEmanuele – by son Ezio
Andrew Rondinella – by daughters Andrea,
Mary-Lou and grandchildren
Tommaso/Serafina Paonessa-by Giuseppina Garofalo
Special Intention – **Sacred Heart** – by N.M.

Apr.28 Monday - NO MASS

Apr.29 Tuesday - Saint Catherine of Siena

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

Apr.30 Wednesday - Saint Pius V

8:00 Diamondo Mannella – by friends & family
Souls of Purgatory – by Vicente Escobar

May. 1 Thursday - Saint Joseph the Worker

8:00 Anthony Patrick Barone – by Maria Pellegrino

May 2 Friday - Saint Athanasius

9:00 Antonio 'Tony' Ventresca – by friends/family
Antonio Elia – by Pauline & Sam Sacco
Francesco Carrera – by friends & family

7:00pm Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

May 3 SATURDAY - Saints Philip and James

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

May 4 SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 Nicola & Lina DelBuono – by Mary Mauriello
Bruno & Teresa Villella – by Raffaella Villella
Iole Biamonte – by genitori Joe & Maria Orsini
Gino & Maria Visca – by family
Domenico Cameli – by moglie Angelina
11:00 Giovanni Romano – by Tony/Angela Romano
Vincent Vadacchino-by Fred/Flora Scordino
Ben Salvatore – by Barb, Angela & B.J.
Maria & Giovanni Bove & Figli – by Emily Leo

NEOPHYTE MASS – May 4, 2025

12:00 Noon

Bishop Gerard Bergie, Presider

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria
67 Church Street – St. Catharines

*Invitation to all those received in full Communion into the Church,
their sponsors, families, friends,
pastors and catechists*

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is a Roman Catholic solemnity celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter, the Octave of Easter. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that **Saint Faustina Kowalska** reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church.

This feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from Jesus himself the biggest promises of Grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. In specific Jesus states *"that the soul that goes to Sacramental Confession (the confession may take place some days before), and receive Holy Eucharistic Communion on that day, shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment."*

The devotion to Divine Mercy Sunday grew rapidly after its designation by **Pope John Paul II** and is now widely celebrated by Catholics.^[16] The Divine Mercy image is often carried in processions on Divine Mercy Sunday, and is placed in a location in the church so that it can be venerated by those who attended the Mass.

Festa della Divina Misericordia

La **Festa della Divina Misericordia**, chiesta da Cristo in una rivelazione privata a **Santa Faustina Kowalska**, si celebra dall' anno 2000 nella Seconda Domenica di Pasqua, come ha stabilito **Papa Giovanni Paolo II**.

«Figlia Mia, parla a tutto il mondo della Mia inconcepibile Misericordia. Desidero che questa festa sia di riparo e rifugio per tutte le anime e specialmente per i poveri peccatori. In quel giorno sono aperte le viscere della Mia Misericordia, riverserò tutto un mare di grazie sulle anime che si avvicinano alla sorgente della Mia Misericordia. L' anima che si accosta alla Confessione ed all' Eucaristia, riceve il perdono totale delle colpe e delle pene. Che nessuna anima tema ad avvicinarsi a Me, anche se i suoi peccati fossero come porpora. Questa causa è Mia ed è scaturita dal seno della Santissima Trinità, che attraverso il Verbo vi fa conoscere l' abisso della Divina Misericordia. Desidero che questa Festa venga celebrata solennemente la prima Domenica dopo la Pasqua. »

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker - 1 May

Pope John Paul II during the noon prayer - 1982

The singular experience of St. Joseph - "**just man**" - is reflected in some way in the life of each worker. Although the work to which they aspire may be different, their activity is always aimed to meet some human need and is geared to serve the people. The believer knows, that Christ chose to live in every human being, stating explicitly that "**whatever you do for a brother too small, it is as if you did the same to him**". (Mt 25:40) In every job it is therefore possible to "serve Christ", fulfilling the recommendation of St. Paul and imitating the example of St. Joseph, guardian and servant of the Son of God.

My affectionate thoughts go especially to all workers of the world, urging them to gain a new awareness of the dignity which work inspires: through their effort they serve the brethren, and in man, serve Christ. St. Joseph will help them put into perspective the nobility of work which will instill a strong motivation to fall back on in difficult times.

Festa di S. Giuseppe Artigiano - 1 maggio*Giovanni Paolo II - la preghiera Regina Coeli - 1982*

L'esperienza singolare di san Giuseppe - "**uomo giusto**" - si riflette in qualche modo nella vita di tutti i lavoratori. Per quanto diverso, sia il lavoro a cui essi attendono, la loro attività è sempre volta a soddisfare qualche necessità umana, e a servire l'uomo. Il credente sa bene, che Cristo ha voluto nascondersi in ogni essere umano, asserendo esplicitamente che "**qualunque cosa si faccia per un fratello anche piccolo, è come se la si facesse a lui medesimo**". (Mt 25,40) Nel lavoro è dunque possibile "servire Cristo", adempiendo la raccomandazione di san Paolo e imitando l'esempio di san Giuseppe, custode e servitore del Figlio di Dio.

Il mio affettuoso pensiero va in modo speciale a tutti i lavoratori del mondo, esortandoli a prendere rinnovata coscienza della dignità che è loro propria: con la loro fatica essi servono i fratelli: e, nell'uomo, Cristo. Li aiuti san Giuseppe a vedere in questa prospettiva il lavoro, per valutarne tutta la nobiltà e non mancare mai di motivazioni a cui fare ricorso nei momenti difficili.

**EXCERPTS FROM THE "URBI ET ORBI"
MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS – Easter 2025**

...From the empty tomb in Jerusalem, we hear unexpected good news: Jesus, who was crucified, "is not here, he has risen" (Lk 24:5). Jesus is not in the tomb, he is alive!

...The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. Thanks to Christ – crucified and risen from the dead – hope does not disappoint! *Spes non confundit!* (cf. Rom 5:5).

...I would like us to renew our hope that peace is possible! From the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of the Resurrection, where this year Easter is celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox on the same day, may the light of peace radiate throughout the Holy Land and the entire world. I express my closeness to the sufferings of Christians in Palestine and Israel, and to all the Israeli people and the Palestinian people.

...Let us pray for the Christian communities in Lebanon and in Syria, presently experiencing a delicate transition in its history. ...I also think in particular of the people in Yemen, who are experiencing one of the world's most serious and prolonged humanitarian crisis because of war, and I invite all to find solutions through a constructive dialogue.

...May the risen Christ grant Ukraine, devastated by war, his Easter gift of peace, and encourage all parties involved to pursue efforts aimed at achieving a just and lasting peace.

...In the Lord's Paschal Mystery, death and life contended in a stupendous struggle, but the Lord now lives forever (cf. *Easter Sequence*). He fills us with the certainty that we too are called to share in the life that knows no end, when the clash of arms and the rumble of death will be heard no more. Let us entrust ourselves to him, for he alone can make all things new (cf. Rev. 21:5).

A SHORT TRIBUTE TO POPE FRANCIS*Fr. Kessete*

In a chaotic world longing for peace, light and guidance, Pope Francis, you stood as a beacon; guiding Christianity not with power, but with compassion, humility and unwavering moral courage. Thank you Pope Francis for being a humble servant Pope, not only for the Church but for all people and for the entire world. Your legacy will echo in our hearts!

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Our world, shaken by uncertainty and endless conflicts, has sown fear and uncertainty. Wild hunger for power and competition for dominance has destroyed lives, resources and history. The fear created by all these is holding us back and curbed our spiritual growth. In light of this Jesus comes to herald us a sacred gospel blessing heralding His presence beyond understanding, even in the midst of fear and doubt. A Divine Peace that calms fear and heals the soul, the gift of divine power! "Peace be with you...Receive the Holy Spirit!"

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Il nostro mondo, scosso dall'incertezza e da conflitti senza fine, ha seminato paura e insicurezza. La fame afrenata di potere e la competizione per il predominio hanno distrutto vite, risorse e storia. La paura creata da tutti ciò ci rallenta e frena la nostra crescita spirituale. Alla luce di ciò, Gesù viene ad annunciarci una sacra benedizione evangelica che annuncia la Sua presenza al di là di ogni comprensione, anche in mezzo alla paura e al dubbio. Una Pace Divina che placa la paura e guarisce l'anima, il dono del potere divino! "Pace a voi...Ricevete lo Spirito Santo!"

**MONTHLY PARISH PASTA DINNER
FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH**
Thursday 1st May 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

The MAY PASTA DINNER is being sponsored by**The Covelli and Mazzone families****Next Coffee Weekend**

All parishioners and visitors are invited this weekend - **Saturday & Sunday, 3rd and 4th of May** for light refreshments in the Church Hall after all the Masses. Enjoy the company of your faith community and catch up with the events in the parish over coffee or tea prepared by our Welcoming Committee!

This coffee weekend is being sponsored by the **Ladies' Auxiliary Committee** of St. Ann.

SITE FOR DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Although it took a while to set up, we are finally able to receive church donations directly deposited to the church account via our email: office@churchofsaintann.ca.

Your transaction will show at your bank as a payment to: RCEC Diocese of St. Catharines – St. Ann Church.

This feature will hopefully encourage donations especially for those parishioners who are unable to attend mass on a regular basis. All e-transfer donations will of course be recorded and receipts issued on an annual basis.

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

Giuseppe Armenti, Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli,
Domenic Calabrese, Iole & Gus Crescenzi,
Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo, Beatriz Disch,
Carmen Fabiani, Sam Fiore, Jenny Green,
Nancy Mazzei, Virginia McConnell
Agueda Maria Melo, Patricia Millington,
Geraldine Parker, Vincenzina Pascuzzi,
Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber