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**Sunday, July 2nd, 2017**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” — Mt 10:42*

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Sat. July 1	9-10am 4-4:45pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. July 2	5:00pm 10:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Mon. July 3	9:30am	✠ Armand Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Tues. July 4	7-8pm 9:30am	<b>Holy Hour</b> ✠ Fr. Tom Cresswell (Janet Battersby)
Wed. July 5	9:30am	✠ Martin Smith (Jim & Mary Smith)
Thurs. July 6	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Corey & Brandon Gilbert (Carol Gilbert)
Fri. July 7	9:30am	✠ Charles Zarb (Emily Wallace)
Sat. July 8	<b>9-10am</b> 4-4:45pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. July 9	5:00pm 10:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)

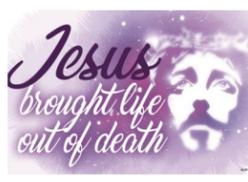
**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**

**Offertory June 24th & 25th, 2017**

72 Envelopes	\$1,642.00
Loose Collection	\$ 77.00
Total Offertory	\$1,719.00

**Feast of St. Ann Celebration—Community BBQ:** will take place on **Sunday July 30th** following the 10am Mass. It will be a one day event consisting of an indoor Mass at 10am followed by a free community BBQ/picnic behind St. Ann School. There will be face painting and everyone is welcome to participate in games. We will need volunteers to assist the morning of the event Beginning at 9am to set up the picnic area and help clean up after. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*“Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”* When Jesus says paradoxical things like this, we can still trust him. Even when he makes claims that, at first glance, seem impossible, we know that he’s not talking gibberish. Why? Because Jesus lived the ultimate paradox: he brought life out of death. His resurrection proves for us that things are not always as they appear. The Crucifixion, which looked like the end of Jesus’ influence, was actually a tremendous new beginning. So when Jesus promises that we will find life through a kind of death, we shouldn’t question his claim.



Of course in today’s Gospel, Jesus isn’t necessarily talking about physical death, although the “red” martyrs who suffer for him do in fact find their reward in eternal life. “White” martyrdom, on the other hand, is a kind of death to self that doesn’t involve bloodshed. It means putting love and generous service ahead of our own self-gratification. It means doing these things for the sake of Christ. When he tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is what he’s talking about. So, how can we be white martyrs today? How can we sacrifice our desire for perfect comfort, or entertainment on demand, or status or pleasure or sleep or whatever else for the sake of serving another person? In our families, in our schools and workplaces, in our parishes, in our neighborhoods and our communities, there are myriad opportunities to “lose our lives” for the sake of Christ. But don’t forget, in dying to ourselves, we will find our lives in a new way! The fulfillment Christ offers us in return, both now and in eternity, will be far better than anything we try to cling to on our own.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention Month of July:**  
**Evangelization:** *Christians In Africa*—That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.



O Lord, we gather together in your presence on this Canada Day. We read of your “dominion” in Psalm 72, and claim this promise—that your will would prevail in this land. We pray for the movement of your Holy Spirit across this nation and for the work of your church in every city and village. O Lord, make us mindful of your generosity, and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honourable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride, arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us, who come from many different backgrounds and countries, a united people – one in purpose and vision. Give our government a spirit of wisdom and compassion that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, lead us to thanksgiving, and when times are troubled, lead us to a deepening trust in you. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**ST. ANN’S MIGRANT MINISTRY PROGRAM UPDATE & THANK YOU!** On behalf of our parish friends from Mexico who are working at Willowbrook Nurseries -- THANK YOU! With your generous support and donations, our friends have luggage, backpacks, clothes, and toiletries. A special thank you to a parishioner who funded the purchase of Spanish Missals and St. Ann’s St. Vincent de Paul Committee who donated funds towards the purchase of 9 bicycles through Broken Spoke, a program run by students at Port Colborne High School and refreshments/munchies following St. Ann’s monthly Mass in Spanish. Thank you for your outstanding support. Any questions, please contact Anne Marie Cargnelli – [amcargnelli@hotmail.com](mailto:amcargnelli@hotmail.com) or St. Ann’s Church Office.

**Sunday, July 9th, 2017**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”*

— Mt 11:28-30

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Mon. July 10	9:30am	✠ Christopher Beck (John & Diane Szydlowski)
Tues. July 11	7-8pm 9:30am	<b>Holy Hour</b> ✠ Fr. Tom Cresswell (Janet Battersby)
Wed. July 12	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Thurs. July 13	9:30am	✠ Michael & Bryan Brazeau (D. Jim & Judy McLaughlin)
Fri. July 14	9:30am	Special Intention (Karen & Michael)
Sat. July 15	<b>9-10am</b> 4-4:45pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. July 16	5:00pm 10:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Ugo & Anonietta Scurci (Scurci & Devine Families)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*“Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”* Is there anyone to whom this doesn’t apply? Don’t we all have to labour at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren’t we all burdened in some way at some time? Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today’s Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls. The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a “yoke” upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, *“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”* Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that **not** working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be *“meek and humble of heart.”* Jesus’ work is to do what God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, *“My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work”* (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God’s work—with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task—we will *“find rest”* for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.

**Coming up THIS SUMMER at Youth Ministry**

**Burgers with the Bishop – July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 Bishop Bergie is coming to St. Ann parish on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Mass at 5:00pm with Father Chad, and to join St. Ann Youth Ministry afterwards for a BBQ! Our youth ministry team will be organizing this exciting event, and will be looking for volunteers to help out. All are welcome to this special night.

**Vacation Bible School – August 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 St. Ann Parish is once again running Vacation Bible School this summer from August 14<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to noon each day. The theme this year is “Weird Animals – How Jesus Love is One of a Kind!” The camp is free to all who register, and a free will donation will be collected at the end of the week. Registration forms are available at the parish office, at the back of the church, and at the school. All students are welcome. ELKP to Grade 6 will be campers, and Grades 7 and 8 will be team leaders. We are still looking for volunteers to help run camp activities: bible study, snack time, crafts, and games. **This is a great opportunity for volunteer hours for high school students, and a really fun way to spend a week of your summer!**  
**August 2nd– A meeting for all volunteers for VBS 6:30pm.**  
**August 8 & 9—Prop Days to prepare for VBS. Volunteers needed for each day from 1-4pm (youth or adults).**

**Summer Lock-In – Fri. August 25<sup>th</sup> - Sat. August 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 At the request of our St. Ann Youth Ministry students, we will be hosting a Summer Lock-In from Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday August, 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will gather at the parish on Friday evening after dinner, around 7:00pm. We will play lots of games and participate in activities. Later in the evening we will participate in a Midnight Prayer Service. Weather permitting, we will be camping out in the field behind the church and having a bon fire. Snacks will be provided throughout the evening and we will make breakfast together in the morning in the parish hall. If any parents are interested in chaperoning for this event please let me know. Also we are looking for families who can bring/ provide tents. Each student will be responsible for their own sleeping bag and pillow.



**Congratulations to our Grade 8 students of St. Ann School who graduated last week and to the students of our community who have graduated from our local high schools.** Best wishes and much success as you embark on a new phase of your education. Special congratulations to St Ann, Grade 8 students, **Emily Tremeer** who received the CWL award from our parish and **David John Gillies**, recipient of the Knights of Columbus Award. Also, congratulations to Notre Dame Grade 12 student, **Kristen Goossen**, recipient of the St. Ann Parish scholarship award.

**Parish Calendar**

<b>July 2nd....</b>	Spanish Mass 1pm
<b>July 7th .....</b>	Visitation of the sick and homebound
<b>July 15th....</b>	Youth Ministry—Burgers with the Bishop following 5pm Mass.
<b>July 18-28...</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Masses cancelled
<b>July 17th....</b>	Holy Hour Cancelled
<b>July 22nd.....</b>	Reconciliation 9-10 cancelled
<b>July 24th....</b>	Holy Hour Cancelled
<b>July 30th.....</b>	Feast of St. Ann celebration after 10am Mass