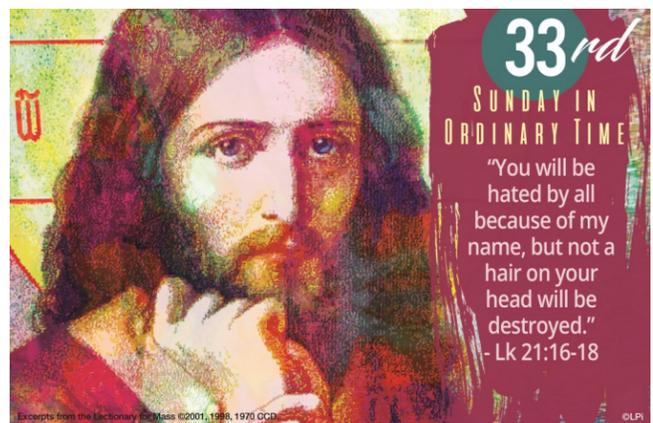


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 Office Administrator



Sunday, November 17th, 2019



Sat. Nov 16	9-10am	Confessions
4	-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession Confirmation
	5:00pm	✠ Martin Nenadovich (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
Sun. Nov 17	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Gerard & Delores Kennedy)
Mon. Nov 18	9:30am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Nov 19	9:30am	✠ Joanie Flanagan (Racz Family)
Wed. Nov 20	9:30am	Intentions of Art & Beth Bergman (Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Nov 21	9:30am	Special Intention (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Fri. Nov 22	9:30am	Lara Huynh (Ava & Austin Wilson)
Sat. Nov 23	9-10am	Confessions
4	-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Agnes & Martin Nenadovich (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
Sun. Nov 24	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Maria Forte (Ferrara/Haynes Families)

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

Offertory November 9th & 10th, 2019

68 Envelopes	\$1, 700.00
Loose Collection	\$ 229.15
Total Offertory	\$1, 929.15
Maintenance	\$ 270.00

Young Adults, ages 19-39, are invited to attend the next monthly **FEED YOUR FAITH FRIDAY** being held on **November 29, 2019** at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merritville Highway, Thorold beginning at 6:00 pm. Join us for supper, faithful discussions, and prayer. For more information, call Terri at 905-684-0154, #209 or check out the Diocesan Facebook page.
A reminder- Our website domain name has changed to the following: www.stannfenwick.com

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 "You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name." This is not a pleasant prophecy. On the contrary, Jesus' somber words may strike us with a bit of fear and make us wonder if we will ever actually face such a tragic scenario. We are fortunate to live in a country where religious freedom is tolerated, and of course we hope that this continues to be the case. But the sad fact is that right now, there are Christians in other parts of the world who are living out the reality of these prophetic words. For these men, women, and children of faith, the name of Jesus truly is a cause of persecution and martyrdom.



Let us imagine for a moment that the tables were turned. Suppose we were the ones suffering from the violent advances of anti-Christian forces. Suppose we were the ones losing our homes, fleeing for our lives, tending to our wounded loved ones, or worse. Where would we look for help? To other Christians, most likely, to those who would sympathize with our commitments but who still had the resources to assist us.

We ARE those other Christians. We are the ones who share a common faith with these suffering brothers and sisters on the other side of the globe. We are the ones with the resources to help them, even if it is just in a small way. Our prayers for their protection and peace cannot be underestimated, but neither can we dismiss the significance of contributing in any way possible to those organizations that are working on the front lines to assist the suffering Church throughout the world. May we all do what we can to bring relief to those who need it most.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The First Sunday of Advent will be on the weekend of **November 30th/December 1st.** Families or individuals are asked to volunteer to light the candles during each of the weekend Masses of Advent. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. You may choose a Mass during any of those weekends.

The four candles of the Advent Wreath represent the period of waiting during the four weeks of Advent, which themselves symbolize four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. The purple candles represent the royalty and majesty of Jesus Christ as King of Kings. Purple also represents prayer, penance, and preparation. The rose candle (Candle of Joy) is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday. Advent is a time for preparing the Way for Christ, as we await Christmas and the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Please support the Deo Gratias Collection of November 16/17, 2019. All revenue will go to our Clergy Aid Society. We are grateful to God, and to our retired clergy in the Diocese of St. Catharines who, from the time of their ordination, have cared for us and our spiritual needs. In thanksgiving to God for them and their years of faithful service, your generous support of the *Deo Gratias* collection will enable us to care for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. The revenue from this collection does not go into an endowment fund but goes directly to the Clergy Aid Society which provides an income for our retired clergy. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use a plain envelope. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish."** Thank you.



CONFIRMANDI CLASS 2019
Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 9th.

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| Olivia Butera | Mikaela Minor |
| Mia Colangelo | Lucas Riley |
| Michael Giguere | Merek Triano |
| Kayleigh Bain Gillies | Justin Van Der Lee |
| Adrianna Hayes | |

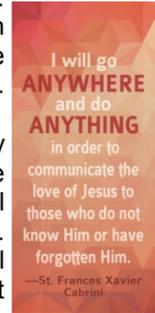
Thank you to everyone who assisted with preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. It was a beautiful celebration for our students, their families and our parish community. Thank you also to the CWL for the beautiful gifts for the children and the beautiful cake.



Many years ago, my wife and I traveled to New York City with friends of ours from South Carolina. They had never seen a Broadway show before so we landed some seats to see "Les Misérables." It was a perfect night filled with excitement, fun, and a sense that the Big Apple was a magical place.

That is until we started walking back to the ferry station so we could get to our car in New Jersey. I had been to the city several times, so as we proceeded to walk down some streets that perhaps were not the best choices in some minds, I had little fear. But for our friends, suddenly prayer seemed essential to our survival. The pace of the walk increased, as did the pace of their beating hearts. Of course, we did get to the ferry without an altercation and all was well. We laughed as we created an extra memory from our adventure.

As Christians, we will walk through hostile territory and darkened streets throughout our lives. The dangers that surround us will be real and will provide us with causes for caution and concern. The defense we try to mount for ourselves will never be enough for our victory. It is the Father that will give us the wisdom to refute and resist our enemies. It is the Father that will prepare a defense for us, one that no power will prevail against. But we must persevere, trust in God, and surrender all to him. Then we will never need to surrender to anyone or anything ever again, and one day, we will find the streets that were dark and scary will be turned to gold and filled with the Light.



Parish Calendar

- Nov 17th.... Special Collection– Deo Gratias
 - Nov 24th.... Christ the King
 - Nov 23/24.... 2020 Offertory boxes available to pick up
- First Sunday of Advent.....December 1st.**
Youth Ministry Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm. All Youth in Grades 5-12 are invited to attend.
Bingo every Thursday 7pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Kindergarten Open House and Online Registration 2019: November is Kindergarten Registration month across Niagara Catholic. Open House at St. Ann School will be **Wed., November 20th, 2019 from 9am-6pm. 905-892-3942.** Online registration is available throughout the school year and through the board website or by visiting the school.



On Saturday, November 23rd, join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts **Regenerated 2019** with an urgent theme, "You are Called". Keynote speakers will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call! **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. If you are interested in purchasing **tickets** or for more info about these conferences visit: branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000

Reasons to Attend

- To grow in your understanding of relevant topics to our Catholic faith
 - To challenge your own doubts and misgivings about Church teaching
 - To experience the excitement of your faith in a dynamic setting
 - To be regenerated and allow God to speak to your heart
 - To "Get Connected" with your Catholic family
- We come to be educated. We come to be regenerated.**



THIRD WORLD DAY OF THE POOR -33th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17 November 2019

The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever- (Ps 9:19). These words of the Psalm remain timely. They express a profound truth that faith impresses above all on the hearts of the poor, restoring lost hope in the face of injustice, sufferings and the uncertainties of life. **For a full excerpt of Pope Francis' message on the Third World Day of the Poor, visit <http://w2.vatican.ca>.**

PRAYER FOR THE POOR: God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen.

Cathedral Appeal: It has now been six months since we launched our Cathedral Appeal, and as of October 31, 2019, our appeal has raised \$532,442.19 in cash donations and \$132,009.35 in pledges. This brings our **total raised to \$664,451.54** or 55% of our \$1,200,000 goal. We continue to thank God for the generosity of so many. Could this be the time that you too play a part in this historic event and undertaking in our diocese? Visit us on the web at www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today. May God bless you! **Our own parish to date has donated \$5350.** Donations can be made at any time.

