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Sunday, May 22nd, 2016 The Most Holy Trinity

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” — Jn 16:13-14

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Sat. May 21	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Cancelled Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. May 22	5:00pm 9:30am	Missa Pro Populo † Tina Conley (Family)
	11:00am	† David Green (Green & Voegt Families)
Mon. May 23	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. May 24	9:30am	† William Young (Mike & Anne Young)
Wed. May 25	9:30am	† Mother Mary Angelica (Racz Family)
Thurs. May 26	9:30am	† Fr. LeRoy Lee (Ginny & Reg Green)
Fri. May 27	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Gerard Kennedy (Michael & Karen)
Sat. May 28	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Cancelled Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	† Aladino Magazzeni (Family)
Sun. May 29	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo † Mary Wood (Joan & Tim Crowther)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
 Offertory May 14th & 15th, 2016**

80 Envelopes	\$1, 658.30
Loose Collection	\$ 228.75
Total Offertory	\$1, 887.05

Prayer to the Holy Trinity: Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God. Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven. Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty. Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

The Most Holy Trinity

"The Spirit of truth... will take from what is mine and declare it to you." Jesus says in today's Gospel that the Spirit declares something to US. We actually have a kind of share in the blessed life of the Trinity through this spiritual declaration. In particular, God gives us the gift of his truth. Traditionally, we say that God—the Blessed Trinity—is the source of all truth, beauty, and goodness. Today's reading reminds us that truth exists, that it comes from God, and that we can know it, hear it, and live according to it. "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

This is so important to remember in today's cultural climate. These days, the very idea of truth is a touchy subject. Because there is so much focus on tolerance and not offending anyone, we tend to shy away from discussions about "absolute" truth. Instead, we hear a lot of talk about "what's true for me" or "what's true for you." Too often we get confused about how to respect others' differing beliefs while still maintaining our own. Instead of embracing the fact that there is real truth—like, for example, the truth that God became man and was born of Mary—it is more popular to refer to "beliefs" and "traditions" and "practices," emphasizing that these things differ among people. Yes, those things differ. But truth does not change. Either Jesus is God, or he isn't. Either his claims were true or they weren't. It's not a matter of personal opinion.

The Holy Spirit helps to convince us of what is really right. But we needn't fear that this will lead us to be intolerant. It is this same Spirit within us that brings the fruits of love, peace, patience, kindness, and generosity.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy : In response to our Bishop's request, St. Ann's has a Prayer Hour for Mercy with Eucharistic Adoration every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Confession is available during that time until 7:55 p.m. when we will have Benediction. It is my hope that this Year of Mercy will be a time of increased prayer and increased reception of the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, so that we may grow much closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and better appreciate and put into practice the great love and mercy He shows us.

Diocese of St. Catharines Day of Discernment: God is Calling. Will you answer? For High School and Post-Secondary students. Meet recently ordained priests, seminarians, religious men and women. **Saturday, June 4th, 10am-2pm**, Catholic Centre, Merrittville Hwy, Thorold. Mass, Informal Discussion, Q & A, Lunch. Contact Fr. Michael Basque 905-899-1699 vocations@saintcd.com

Catholic Engaged Encounter Needs You! Catholic Engaged Encounter presenters in the Diocese of St. Catharines, believe that a difference can be made by providing this program to engaged couples. It is a life-giving preparation towards establishing a committed and loving Catholic marriage. Please consider helping share this vision. Amazingly, it becomes a fantastic experience. In reaching out to engaged couples, it enriches ones own relationship. Contact 905-684-0805 or ceeniagara@gmail.com for information.

Notre Dame College School is hosting a Fair Trade Fair in their Main Foyer outside Dillon Hall (Smith St. entrance) on Thursday May 26th. The sale will take place between 9:30am - 1:00pm. Please be a conscious consumer and support fair trade whenever possible.



Fort McMurray Disaster Relief: In an effort to support the people in Alberta who have been impacted by the wildfires in Fort McMurray, the Diocese of St. Catharines is accepting funds that will be channeled through the Canadian Red Cross. The Government of Canada has made an initial commitment to **match contributions for donations received by May 31, 2016** to the Canadian Red Cross to assist those in need. If parishioners wish to make a financial contribution they can do so through the parish. Cheques can be made payable to St. Ann Parish, clearly marked Fort McMurray Fires – Disaster Relief. Your donation will be added to the parish charitable donation receipt for 2016.

Alternatively, parishioners can donate directly (not through their parish) to the Diocese of St. Paul in Alberta. Bishop Terrio has confirmed that one-half of contributions will go to assist the Catholic parishes and parishioners of Fort McMurray, while the other half will be forwarded to the Fort McMurray Ministerial Association for ecumenical assistance to those who have lost homes and jobs. These donations made payable to the Diocese of St. Paul are to be forwarded to: Ms. Janice Atwal, Financial Officer, Diocese of St. Paul, 4410 – 51st Avenue, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A2

Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee To date, a total of \$22, 910.00 has been donated. We thank you for your tremendous support! **STORAGE SPACE NEEDED.**—the committee is looking for storage space for items being collected for the Syrian Refugee families. If you have space or know of someone who could assist us, please phone the office. The committee is also looking for volunteers to help setup the hall on June 11th. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church. If you have any questions contact Rose Mary Hunter. (905) 892-2170) There are only about 8 tickets left for the dinner on June 11th. If interested contact Rosemary Hunter (905) 892-2170).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Coming this Summer—Vacation Bible School

“Join us this summer for St. Ann's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016, **Cave Quest**, where kids will gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure, grounded in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times. Created for students from ELKP to Grade 6, **Cave Quest** will be held at St. Ann, Fenwick Catholic Parish from **Monday August 8th-Friday August 12th, 9:00am - 12:00pm each morning.** The program is run by donation, collected on the last day. Registration forms can be found online at www.saintannfenwick.com (click on the Youth Ministry tab), at the St. Ann School Main Office, or at the back of the parish. For more information contact Roberta Plantic at rplantic@branchestheword.org or call/text 905.401.0174. The registration deadline is June 17th! ALL are welcome—invite friends!

Youth Ministry Events.... **May 25th**—Issue Night, **May 27th**—Parade. **June 1st**, Social Justice—Love One Another: Corporal Works of Mercy. **June 3rd**, Bingo Night—Lookout Ridge, **June 8th**, Creed— Call to Holiness and Sainthood, **June 15th**—Scripture Night—Loving God in Our Families, **June 22nd**—Issue Night— Waiting with a Patient Heart, **June 29th**—Movie Night. **Friday, July 1st**, - Canada Day— **Bingo Night CANCELLED.**

Youth Ministry summer programming: TBA

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Donations of yarn for this ministry would be much appreciated. Drop off at the parish office. If you are willing to crochet or knit a shawl, that also would be appreciated.

Parish Calendar

May....	
May 22nd.....	The Most Holy Trinity
May 26th	Feast of St. Ann meeting 7pm
May 29th...	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
May 28th....	Reconciliation cancelled 9-10am
May 30th	Holy Hour Cancelled
May 30th– June 3rd...weekday Masses cancelled	
June.....	
June 1st....	Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
June 11th....	Syrian Refugee Fundraising dinner– Fenwick Fire Hall.
June 11/12....	Two week bulletin begins to end of August.
June 13-28...	Office closed. Messages will be checked Regularly.
June 15th....	St. Ann School year end Mass 9:30am
June 15th.....	Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
June 19th....	Strawberry Fair 10am-1pm
June 29th...	Confirmation class 5-6:30pm



STRAWBERRY FAIR JUNE 19TH, 2016, 10AM-1PM

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist. This event is one of our major social events of the year bringing together our parish community and the community at large. Your support is most appreciated!!

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

If you would like to assist, there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. **Positions to be filled:**

- Pancakes: 2 to begin at 9:30am
- Bake Table: 1 person to assist and help with relief
- Inside Sales: 2 person
- Outside sales: 1 person

As well, volunteers are needed for cleaning the berries on **Saturday, June 18th from 9-11am.** Your help would be greatly appreciated. Our next planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 8th @ 7pm.**

ELISHA HOUSE — CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE

CAMPAIGN : Between Mother's Day, May 8th, 2016 and Father's Day, June 19th, 2016, you can fill a Baby Bottle with change, bills or even a cheque. This will help support Elisha House in its ministry to men, women and families in our community. The bottles will be available at the back of the church beginning the weekend of **May 7th/8th.** Please return them to the parish by the Father's Day weekend. Your support is very much appreciated. **Last year, our parish donated \$719.11 for this campaign.**

Catholic Women's League News : The CWL Diocesan Convention Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30pm at St. Alfred's Parish. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Feast of St. Ann—July: A meeting will be held in the parish on **Thursday, May 26th, at 7pm** to discuss plans for this year's event. We will make decisions regarding the events we would like to have for the weekend of July 23/24 and whether there are enough volunteers to assist. If you cannot attend but would like to help, please phone or email to let us know.

Facing the threat of physician-assisted suicide: As our country faces the moral and social threat of physician-assisted suicide, you are invited to call upon federal, provincial and territorial legislators to defend and protect the lives of all, to renew efforts to guarantee accessible home care and palliative care, and to protect the conscience rights of healthcare providers and agencies refusing to be part of euthanasia and assisted suicide. To share your concerns with your legislators, visit <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>.