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**Sunday, April 10th, 2016  
 Third Sunday of Easter**

“Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.” — Jn 21:18-19

Sat. April 9	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. April 10	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
	9:30am	✠ Nina & Czeslaw Aleksiejuk (Jan & Lana)
	11:00am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Mon. April 11	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. April 12	9:30am	✠ Louis Marshall (Mike & Anne Young)
Wed. April 13	9:30am	✠ Ross Kuchyt (Ron & Wendy Kuchyt)
Thurs. April 14	9:30am	✠ Ross Kuchyt (Ron & Wendy Kuchyt)
Fri. April 15	9:30am	<b>Intention Available</b>
Sat. April 16	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. April 17	9:30am	✠ Mick Kennedy (Karen Kennedy)
	11:00am	✠ Mary Voogt (Voogt & Green Families)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.  
 Offertory April 2nd & 3rd, 2016**

80 Envelopes	\$1, 942.00
Loose Collection	\$ 155.25
Total Offertory	\$2, 097.25
Syrian Refugee Family	\$1, 300.00
Share Lent	\$ 100.00
(Total to date: \$3, 665.80)	
Holy Land	\$ 60.00
Easter	\$ 25.00

**Month of March:**  
**Income:** \$14, 827  
**Expenses:** \$15, 046

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"Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Three times, Simon Peter had denied Jesus. Now, three times, the risen Christ gives Peter the opportunity to announce his love. Although Peter was "distressed" by the Lord's repeated question, ultimately this must have been a healing moment in Peter's life. He finally had the opportunity to assure Jesus that he loved him, thereby making up for his earlier failure and weakness on the night of the Crucifixion.

Jesus' death on the cross sufficed to forgive us of our sins. But his resurrection assures us that there is new life on the other side of our sinfulness. Just as Jesus had the power to conquer death, so too through his grace we have the power to conquer our sins. We can live a resurrected life, we can have a new beginning, just as Peter did that day at the Sea of Tiberias when he pledged his faith anew.



This pledge of faith, it's interesting to note, also came with a kind of commission. Each time that Peter told the Lord he loved him, Jesus responded with a command: "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," and "Feed my sheep." Of course, we know that Jesus had already established Peter as the "rock" on which he built his church, as the first pope. Now, Jesus was emphasizing the connection between loving him—the Good Shepherd—and loving his people, his flock, his church. Peter's love for Christ was meant to be manifested in his love and care for the church, as is the case with every pope. But it's also true for every Christian. We are called not just to relish the gift of forgiveness and the grace of new life in Christ, but to take the next step of loving and serving those around us.

**Altar servers**, play an important role in the celebration of Holy Mass, and are a valuable asset to the priest and the parish community. Becoming an Altar Server is an important way to participate in parish liturgies, and to find out more about our faith. Serving is an important avenue for our young to become involved in the spiritual life of the Church. Altar Servers add to the solemnity of the Mass and make it an offering that includes all generations. It gives youth an opportunity to understand the reward of service toward others and their community. This ministry provides an opportunity for young parishioners to have a visible role in the parish community.

If your child is Catholic, in Grade 3 or above this year, has made their First Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact the parish or speak to Fr. Chad.  
**Training:** There will be training sessions after school hours before the servers are able to start serving on the altar.  
**Serving the Altar:** Our normal Mass schedule is 1 Mass per month, but servers may volunteer for more Masses if they are available. Some special occasions will involve rehearsals as well. Attendance at your scheduled time is extremely important! **We are in most need of altar servers for the 11am Mass.**

**The New Evangelization Summit, Inspiring Catholics:** Live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across North America! Streaming to Niagara Falls, April 15-16. Saint Michael Catholic High School, 866 McLeod Rd., 289-257-1086 or niagara-falls@gmail.com Tickets must be purchased in advance. For information and tickets, please visit newevangelization.ca

Please remember in your prayers the soul of ✠**Ross Kuchyt** who passed away on March 31st, 2016. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**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. In addition, Confession is available before each weekday Mass from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. Tuesday to Friday. Confessions on Saturday are available from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in addition to the usual 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. 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. **Also, at any time you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you may come to the rectory or phone to make an appointment.**

**GIANT GARAGE SALE** at Niagara Warehouse of Hope, 46 Broadway, St. Catharines, Saturday, April 23 (rain or shine), starting at 8 a.m. with bbq breakfast. Huge selection of home baking, crafts, jewelry, housewares, electronics, flowers/plants, books, toys and more. Hot lunch served. All proceeds to Niagara Warehouse of Hope, "Helping People Help Themselves." Bring along your broken or obsolete electronics for safe recycling.

**YOUTH MINISTRY APRIL EVENTS**

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April 13th, 2016 — PRAYER—The Prayer of St. Michael  
 \*Sunday, April 17th—Family Baking Auction Fundraiser  
 April 20th, 2016 — SCRIPTURE NIGHT— Crosswords: Lectio Divina  
 \*Friday, April 22nd—SOCIAL NIGHT: Landmark Cinemas, St. Catharines, Movie TBA  
 April 27th, 2016— ISSUE NIGHT—Fake Out: Popularity . First hour: begin planning float for May parade (hopefully all volunteers are able to attend!)

**YOUTH MINISTRY—FAMILY BAKING AUCTION**

On **Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, members of youth ministry are hosting a fundraiser with all proceeds supporting the missions of Elisha House and Open Arms Mission!

**Step One:** Mark Sunday, April 17th on your calendars!  
**Step Two:** After either the 9:30am Mass or the 11:00am Mass on April 17th, head downstairs for coffee and the Baked Goods Auction! **Step Three:** You will be given a bidding paddle marked with a number. **Step Four:** Let the bidding begin!  
*For example:*  
 Dessert #1: Tiramisu  
 "Bidding starts at \$5... Do we have \$5?"  
 "Okay, \$5 goes to Paddle Holder #17!... Do we have \$10?"  
 And so on...

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to bond with the parish community and support two amazing causes! If you are interested in donating a baked good to be auctioned off, or have any questions regarding the fundraiser, please contact Roberta Plantic at 905.401.0174 or email [rplantic@branchesoftheword.org](mailto:rplantic@branchesoftheword.org).

**Parish Calendar**

April 17th ...	Youth Ministry fundraiser
April 19th.....	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
April 20th....	Finance Meeting 7pm
April 21st.....	CWL meeting 7pm. Guest speaker Lorrie Hulley
April 28th.....	Confirmation meeting for Grade 7 students and their parents, 7PM <b>**NEW DATE &amp; TIME**</b>
<b>May....</b>	
<b>May 1st.....</b>	First Communion 2pm
<b>May 8th.....</b>	The Ascension of the Lord
<b>May 15th....</b>	Pentecost Sunday
<b>May 22nd.....</b>	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
<b>May 29th...</b>	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Committee & Fundraising:**  
**To date, a total of \$21, 170.00 has been donated.** We thank you for your tremendous support! We will continue to accept donations. Please use a separate envelope labelled "Syrian Refugee Family" with your name and address on it. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish". There are many details involved with this initiative. **Families have been assigned for sponsorship through our parish. Next weekend, during all Masses, members of our Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee will provide us with an update and introduce us to the families we are sponsoring.**  
**How can you assist? Does anyone have storage space available that is clean and dry to store clothing and furniture that has been collected for the families? Phone the office if you can assist and we will connect you with a member of the committee.** Once again, we are thankful and very grateful for the financial support & compassion shown in re-locating these families.  
**The next meeting of the SRRC** will be at the Fenwick Lions hall (Centennial Park –Church St) **April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Members of the St. Kevin's Refugee committee will be in attendance to give a presentation about the steps they are taking to prepare for their family.

**St. Elizabeth's Parish** (31928 Hwy. #3 Wainfleet) is having a Trivia Night in the school gym on Saturday, April 23 starting with a Pizza Supper at 6:15 PM followed by the event at 7:00 PM. Proceeds will help support the parish's construction project. The event is for adults only. Tickets are \$20 per person by calling 905-899-1699.

**Catholic Women's League News**

Our next CWL meeting will be **Thursday, April 21st at 7PM.** The guest speaker will be Lorrie Hulley who will speak to us on the topic of Advanced Directives. This will be an extension of last year's presentation on How to talk to your doctor. All ladies are welcome.  
 The CWL Annual Diocesan Convention will be held on May 24/25th. Numbers need to be in before our next meeting so please consider attending and we will collect numbers after Easter. **Other dates to note....**  
 Feast of Our Lady of Food Counsel - Pilgrimage to the Holy door at the Cathedral April 26th at 6:30.  
 Welland Evening of Reflection at St. Therese of Liseux April 27th at 6:30.

**"The Catholic Disciple"** by Fr. Bob Bedard. It is a video presentation of 10 weeks beginning Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Martin of Tours from 7 to 8.30 pm. There is no cost, everyone is welcome. For further information call Doug or Maeve at 289 780 4967, or just come and see.