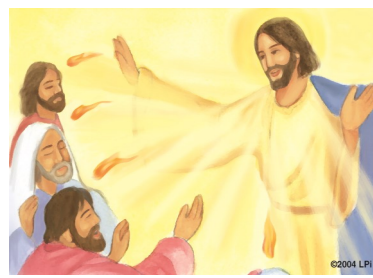


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**Sunday, May 15th, 2016
 Pentecost Sunday**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." — Jn 20:21-23

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Sat. May 14	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. May 15	9:30am	✠ Mary MacLean (Marilyn & Harry Ebert)
	11:00am	✠ Fr. LeRoy Lee (Ginny & Reg Green)
Mon. May 16	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. May 17	9:30am	Intention Available
Wed. May 18	9:30am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Thurs. May 19	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt (Voogt & Green Families)
Fri. May 20	9:30am	✠ Cleo Gagno (Racz Family)
Sat. May 21	9-10am	Reconciliation Cancelled
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. May 22	9:30am	✠ Tina Conley (Family)
	11:00am	✠ David Green (Green & Voogt Families)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
 Offertory May 7th & 8th, 2016**

84 Envelopes	\$1,758.10
Loose Collection	\$ 210.90
Total Offertory	\$1,969.00
Maintenance	\$ 310.00

The responsibility to protect one another's life: The teaching of the Catholic Church and the stance of the Catholic Bishops of Canada affirm the sacredness and dignity of human life. Suicide and euthanasia are contrary to the most profound natural inclination of each human being to live and preserve life. Furthermore, they contradict the fundamental responsibility that human beings have to protect one another and to enhance the quality of health and social care which every human life deserves, from conception to natural death.

Pentecost Sunday

"And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." Pentecost fulfilled this promise. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and nothing was ever the same again.

This event is often referred to as the "birthday" of the Church. It took Pentecost—and the power of the Spirit—to embolden the apostles to begin their ministry of preaching and baptizing. Conversions began to happen and the early church began to grow. And all of this took place without Jesus' earthly presence among them.

This is one of the most encouraging elements of the practice of our Christian faith. We believe that through the Holy Spirit, God dwells within us and empowers us. We believe that even though we never walked with Jesus and the apostles, we are nonetheless accompanied by the same Spirit who is always available to us! We only need to stir up this Spirit within our souls by praying sincerely, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

The special hymn of today's feast, called the sequence, does just this. It also expresses well the package of "benefits" that come from the presence of the Advocate among us: "You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe." And not only do we receive these personal blessings, but the Church herself also receives a tremendous gift. As Jesus said, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." It is only through this divine guidance from on high that the Church has the power and privilege to teach and guide us who are still here below.

Ordinations: Deacon Ronald Joseph Angervil, Deacon Stephen Mark Innamorati, Deacon Trevor Daniel Plug, and Deacon Gregory Alfred George Schmidt have petitioned to receive the Sacred Order of Priest & Bishop Bergie has accepted their petitions. Their ordination will take place at St. Alfred Church on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:30 am. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of ✠**Nicola Colangelo** whose funeral mass was celebrated in our parish on Saturday, May 14th. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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.

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.

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! The next committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 17th, 7pm** at the Fenwick Lions Club. **A fundraising dinner** will be held on **Saturday, June 11th** at the Pelham Fire Station #2, 766 Welland Road, Fenwick. Cash bar and silent auction 6:30, dinner 7pm. Adults \$45, Children 8-12, \$20. Join us for an authentic Syrian Dinner and support this great cause! Tickets will be available following all Masses this weekend. Some can be purchased through the office as well.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—VBS is run primarily by a group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for Cave Quest, please contact Roberta. We will have a VBS volunteer meeting on Sunday, May 15th after the 11:00am Mass. For the program to run successfully, we are in need of at least 8 adult volunteers, and 4 youth volunteers (Grade 7-12). Volunteer hours are allotted for students in need of community service hours. Thank you in advance for your support!"

Youth Ministry Events.... May 18th— Scripture Night, **May 25th—** Issue Night, **May 27th—** Parade.

Parish Calendar

May....	
May 15th....	Pentecost Sunday
May 17th....	Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee meeting, Fenwick Lions Club 7pm
May 18th....	Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
May 21st....	Reconciliation cancelled 9-10am
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. See bulletin for details or phone office.
June 11/12....	Two 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 those who were able to attend our first meeting this past week. We are in the planning stages and will need volunteers to fill various jobs for the day. **Next weekend, there will be a sign up sheet for various positions and they will be listed in the bulletin.** This annual event is one of our major social/fundraising events of the year bringing together our parish community and the community at large. Your support is most appreciated!!

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 : Last week, CWL members in the Diocese gathered to pray the rosary in support of Palliative care. St. Ann CWL members participated in this worthwhile cause in our parish.

On Friday, May 20th, following morning Mass, CWL members will gather in the church hall to package home made cookies & squares for the reception following the ordinations of Deacon Ronald Joseph Angervil, Deacon Stephen Mark Innamorati, Deacon Trevor Daniel Plug, and Deacon Gregory Alfred George Schmidt at St. Alfred's parish. If you would like to assist, please meet at the parish. Donations of baked goods would also be appreciated. 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 this year's plans for this 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.