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## Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."  
 The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,  
 you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted  
 in the sea,' and it would obey you." — Lk 17:5-6

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Sat. Oct 1	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Oct 2	9:30am	✠ Ugo & Antonietta Scurci (Scurci, Devine & Gregoris Fam.)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Karen & Robert Franko)
Mon. Oct 3	7:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation Cancelled</b>
Tues. Oct 4	9:30am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Wed. Oct 5	9:30am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Thurs. Oct 6	9:30am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Fri. Oct 7	9:30am	<b>Mass Cancelled</b>
Sat. Oct 8	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation Cancelled</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Oct 9	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Raffaella Uscio)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Patricia Knafelc)

**Weekday reconciliation cancelled.**  
**Offertory September 24th & 25th, 2016**

74 Envelopes	\$1,478.00
Loose Collection	\$ 135.75
Total Offertory	\$1,613.75
Needs of Canadian Church	\$ 370.00

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Begins this weekend. Baskets at the back of the church. Donations to Pelham cares appreciated.

**The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee:** The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 11th at 7pm** at the Fenwick Lions Club. There will be a guest speaker from St. Kevin's Parish how their family is a guest speaker from St. Kevin Parish will tell us how their family is adjusting to life in Canada. All are welcome.

### Twenty Seventh SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded."



God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative. Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free *not* to practice this obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we *ought* to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obligated to do. But, let's not forget that we are also free *to do more*. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the bare-bones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I *have* to do, we would do well to ask, what *else* can I do? What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly *profitable* servants.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions Month of October:**  
**Universal:** *Journalists*—That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.  
**Evangelization:** *World Mission Day*—That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

**Bishop's Charities Dinner: Saturday, October 22, 2016,** Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd., St. Catharines. Reception 6pm, Dinner 7pm with the proceeds going to Catholic charities. Tickets \$50 each payable to **Knights Bishops' Charity Association**. Door prize is a Smart TV. For information contact Bill Amodeo 289-456-7888; Albert Craig 905-988-1222; Chuck Johnston 905-646-5099; Christopher Turner 905-643-3375; Martin Marko 905-401-5646.

**The Legion of Mary:** Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Beloved Mother? Are you being called to help the Church through prayer and works? The Legion of Mary is seeking active and praying members in our parish. Come and join this wonderful organization. **Next meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 7pm.**

**The Catholic Women's League :** The fall bazaar fundraiser in November will be a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available. If you would like to purchase tickets or sell them, contact us and we will be happy to accommodate your request. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

**Regenerate(d) 2016:** Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries, Regenerated 2016 will take place again at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. [branchesoftheword.org](http://branchesoftheword.org) or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

### ST. ANN MINISTRY FAIR 2016

Come Follow Me...

**"If anyone would serve me," Jesus says in the Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?**

A Ministry Fair weekend is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various ministries, committees, organizations and educational opportunities that are available with the parish community. In three weeks, our parish will host a ministry fair which will allow parishioners the opportunity to ask questions, discern their many gifts and talents and learn how they can share their gifts within a particular parish ministry. For those already involved in ministry, parishioners are afforded an opportunity to recommit their time and talent for the parish. On the weekend of **October 15th /16th** look for a promotional flyer in the bulletin and an interest form on the back. Take some time to view the various ministry opportunities available at St. Ann's Parish and what would best suit your talents and time. On the following weekend of **October 22nd & 23rd**, our Volunteer Ministry Fair will take place in the parish hall. Bring your form with you and visit the various tables set up for each ministry and committees in the parish. A representative from each ministry and committee will be available to answer your questions and provide you with information.

**The following are some of the ministries which you can become involved with....**  
**Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, music ministry, children's liturgy; Youth Ministry; Legion of Mary; Usher Ministry; Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee; Feast of St Ann Event (summer); Parish cleaning and maintenance; Bingo; Development and Peace; St. Vincent de Paul; Strawberry Fair (June event); Responsible Faith Ministry; Catholic Women's League and their annual fall bazaar.**

Please consider taking the first step and join us after masses the weekend of October 22nd & 23rd. Your active participation in our parish community is vital to the life of the Church. Following that weekend, volunteers will be contacted regarding orientation and training.

**Diocesan Anniversary Mass and Dinner:** Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th anniversary in the year 2016 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, **Friday, November 25th, 2016, 5:30pm** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. To register and receive a formal invitation from Bishop Gerard Bergie, contact the parish office to fill out a registration form by October 14th. **A dinner will be held at Club Roma, St. Catharines, 7pm.** Details of dinner cost will be included in the formal invitation.

**Confirmation Prayer Partners— Sign up Sheet at the back of the church.** Your role as a prayer partner is to offer a prayer of your choice every day from now until the day of the student's confirmation which will take place in our parish on **Saturday, November 12th at 5pm.** Your prayerful commitment will be a rich spiritual blessing for you as well as for the student. The Sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Please consider being a prayer partner— 12 individuals are needed.

**Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come :** The ten week Bible study series will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Alexander Parish in Fonthill, between 7 and 9 p.m. beginning October 18 in the Hospitality Room, ending December 20, 2016. All are invited. Please contact Irma Ruiter at 905-650-2580 or at [iruiter@branchesoftheword.org](mailto:iruiter@branchesoftheword.org) to register.

### Parish Calendar

<b>October.....</b>	
<b>Oct 1st....</b>	Altar Server Practice 10:30am
<b>Oct 2nd....</b>	Spanish Mass 1pm
<b>Oct 4th-6th....</b>	<b>Communion Service 9:30am</b>
<b>Oct 5th....</b>	Youth Ministry resumes 6:30-8:30pm
<b>Oct 11th....</b>	Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee Meeting, 7pm, Fenwick Lions Hall
<b>Oct 11th –13th....</b>	<b>Communion Service 9:30am</b>
<b>Oct 12th....</b>	Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
<b>Oct 22nd-23rd....</b>	<b>MINISTRY FAIR— more to follow</b>
<b>Oct 23rd....</b>	World Mission Sunday
<b>Oct 26th....</b>	Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
<b>Oct 24th....</b>	<b>Holy Hour Cancelled</b>
<b>Oct 25th &amp; 26th..</b>	<b>Weekday Masses Cancelled</b>

**First Eucharist:** An information and Registration evening will take place on **Wednesday, November 9th at 7pm** in the parish. All parents/guardians of children planning to receive the sacrament, are expected to attend.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**YM starts on Oct 5 for grades 5-8 and Oct 14 for grades 9 – 12. Anyone interested in attending please print and fill out the registration form on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>. Anyone interested in joining YM or volunteering with us can check out our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email me [gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org](mailto:gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org)**

The next Chosen Confirmation prep course will take place on Wednesday, **October 12th from 5-6:30pm.** A reminder that these classes will continue to March 22nd, 2017. Dinner will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you all there as we continue on the journey towards Confirmation!



**October— Month of the Rosary:** The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7th. The month of October is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method of honoring Mary.

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said: "Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary".