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**The Diocese of St. Catharines
 60th Anniversary—1958-2018**

“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets.” (Lk 5:4)

**Sunday, June 24th, 2018
 Nativity of St. John The Baptist**

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, “No. He will be called John.” — Lk 1:57, 59-60

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Sat. June 23	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. June 24	9:30am	✠ James Blackett (Kerr Family)
	11:00am	✠ Robert Vaillancourt (Shirley Milo & Family)
Mon. June 25	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Any Jankovich (Jankovich Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. June 26	9:30am	Intentions of Randy Lampman (Walters Family)
Wed. June 27	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Laurence Noel (Donna & Jean Larocque)
Thurs. June 28	9:30am	✠ Atholean Gray (Voogt & Green Families)
Fri. June 29	9:30am	✠ Dorothy Racz (Racz Family)
Sat. June 30	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. July 1	10:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
 Offertory June 16th & 17th, 2018**

70 Envelopes	\$1, 618.00
Loose Collection	\$ 127.45
Total Offertory	\$1, 745.45
Education of Seminarians	\$ 25.00

The month of June has traditionally been dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus.** “In that divine heart beats God’s love for everyone, for each one of us individually.”—St. John Paul II

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
 Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. “What will this child be?” It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. “What will this child be?” This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John “became strong in spirit.” As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we are reminded of the great humility required of parents: the character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices... Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life’s circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. “What will this child be,” especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist’s story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents — that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK: As we celebrate today’s feast, we are reminded that God creates and fashions each one of us with intent and purpose. We are not random accidents. We are special creations and wonderfully made. Each of us brings a unique twist to the one shot at life that we are given. As people of faith and children of God, we are asked to use our specialness to announce God’s kingdom. Each of us reveals a unique part of God’s face. Each day presents opportunities to communicate our faith to others and to reveal God’s mercy. We have the means to point the way to Christ. How can we show Jesus to others today?

Everyday Stewardship: What power lies in a name? Have you ever met a “David,” “Holly,” or “Jack” and said, “They don’t look like a David, Holly, or Jack”? Sometimes our name actually adds something to our person. Peculiar people sometimes have peculiar names. Some people of tremendous strength have names that we deem strong as well. Sometimes we give nicknames to people because of some attributes they exhibit. In the Bible, names mean a lot. Saul changes his name to Paul when he converts. Adam means “man,” as in the first man. Eve means “to live” or “to breathe.” Elizabeth took great care to name her son John as God commanded, even if other family members did not understand because such a unique name was not found in their lineage. It was a unique name for a child who had a unique future of preparing the way for the Messiah. We have our baptismal names, our surnames, our Confirmation names, and our maiden names. But all disciples of Jesus also bear the same name: Christian. Unfortunately, too often those who bear this name don’t resemble the characteristics embodied in the name. Simply, a Christian looks like Christ. A Christian acts like Christ. A Christian truly is Christ to a world that seeks to uncover the true meaning of his name.



“What will this child be?”



Summer Mass Hours
Beginning the weekend of June 30th/July 1st weekend Masses will be celebrated on SATURDAY @ 5PM, & SUNDAY @ 10AM . This schedule will be effective for weekends in JULY AND AUGUST ONLY. Regular weekend Mass hours resume Labour Day weekend—September 1/2. **Beginning the first weekend of July, the bulletin will be published every 2 weeks to the end of August.** **Children’s Liturgy** will continue throughout the summer months (July and August) **during the 10am Sunday Mass.** If your child has not received the Sacrament of First Eucharist, he/she is welcome to attend. Children’s Liturgy leaders spend time with the children reviewing the day’s Gospel at their level of understanding using picture and literature resources.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Phone the office if you can assist.
Church Cleaners
 Our parish of St. Ann’s relies weekly on the generosity of a few very hardworking and meticulous volunteers to do church cleaning. We are very grateful for the work they do! A few more teams would help alleviate the workload of those currently on the list. Responsibilities include cleaning the main body of the church, the sanctuary, the church entrance and stairs on a rotating schedule, usually a Friday or before a wedding or funeral. If needed, hymn books in the pews are also tidied and any flowers arrangements cleaned up. Teams of two persons works well and speeds up the cleaning time although this is not a requirement. Because cleaners may be exposed to sensitive information and possibly children, a Police Vulnerable Sector check is required. Let us know soon if you would to help out or if you have any questions. Thank you!

Children’s Liturgy Leaders
 Children’s liturgy is designed to introduce children to the word and allow them to participate fully in the liturgy. A Children’s Liturgy Leader leads children in a separate liturgy of the word downstairs during the Sunday 9:30 Mass. He/she is expected to provide age appropriate liturgical readings to the children from approximately age 3 and up until they have received First Communion. The Children’s Liturgy Volunteer is to meet the children for their teachings at the back of the church after the presiding priest has addressed them. It is his/her responsibility to perform the lesson then return with the children after the Creed has been recited. This is a very creative, but skillful position. Since children’s liturgy leaders are with children, a police background and vulnerable sector screen are necessary. **Responsibilities:** Children’s liturgy leaders organize, prepare and celebrate Sunday liturgies with the children. They are expected to arrive on time, adhere to a seasonal schedule and prepare their liturgies in advance. Other duties may include attending scheduled planning meetings and assisting youth in a leadership role within this ministry.

Catholic Women’s League: Our last gathering before the summer will be after morning Mass on June 27th at the Grill on Canboro in Fenwick with a short information meeting and brunch. **We hope many of you will be able to attend.** If you are able to join us, please phone the office and let us know you are coming so that we can give the restaurant a number.

Parish Calendar
 June.....
 June 27th... CWL Mass 9:30am followed by breakfast social at Grill on Canboro. All ladies welcome!
 July
 July 1st.... Spanish Mass 1pm
 July 6th.... First Friday Holy Communion to sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
 July 16th.... Holy Hour cancelled
 July 16-25.... Weekday Masses cancelled
 July 26th.... Parish Feast of St. Ann. Mass 9:30am
 July 31st.... Finance Council meeting 6:30pm

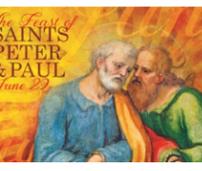
Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program
 There is always a need for new or gently used items; sweaters, light coats, socks, work gloves, new toiletries. Please contact the office or leave in the church hall.

Elisha House Pregnancy & family Support Centre— Celebrating 30 Years campaign runs from **MAY 13 JUNE 17 (Father’s Day).** Bottles are now due back. Please bring them to the parish as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

“FATAL FLAWS” FILM SCREENING: THE DANGERS OF MEDICAL ‘AID’ IN DYING LAW. Are assisted dying laws leading society down a dangerous path? It’s time to learn about the issue as it is experienced in lived reality. Local filmmaker, Kevin Dunn, has spent the past three years travelling throughout Canada, the Netherlands, Belgium and the USA to learn more about the answer to this important question. Critics say “FATAL FLAWS” ‘is a must-see for every patient, person or medical caregiver who wants to understand the difference between medical killing and medically-responsible caring.’ The film is produced by DunnMedia in association with the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Learn more on Monday, June 25 at 7pm at SilverCity Hamilton Mountain Cinemas. Tickets can be purchased online, or/and to find out how to bring the film to your area contact FatalFlawsFilm.com or by emailing margaret@dunnmedia.ca.

Congratulations to **Nicole Power and Joshua Rose** who were married in our parish on Saturday, June 16, 2018. Best wishes for a long, happy and blessed life together.

50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Italy – St. Padre Pio September 16-27, 2018. Join Fr. Tom Sullivan on a faith filled pilgrimage to Rome, Vatican Museum, Assisi, Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael’s Cave, Lanciano, Loreto, Greccio and much more! Cost (\$3995.00 + taxes) includes all travel accommodations and two meals daily. For more information and/or registration contact Louise Kunkel, Tour Leader at 905-664-1871 / 289-941-1938, email: louisekunkel@yahoo.ca



Feast of Saints Peter and Paul—June 29th
 “In their apostolic mission, Saints Peter and Paul were obliged to face difficulties of every kind. But, far from deterring their missionary activity, these difficulties reinforced their zeal for the Church’s welfare and for the salvation of mankind. They were able to overcome every trial because their trust was not based on human resources but on the grace of the Lord, who delivers his friends from every evil and saves them for his kingdom. May our holy patrons, Peter and Paul, sustain us and obtain for us that missionary zeal which made them witnesses of Christ to the ends of the then-known world” (Saint Pope John Paul II).
SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. ‘Loving and Respecting Yourself’, (June 25). Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls.

