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Twenty Ninth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" The widow in today's parable didn't give up. She kept "bothering" the judge by coming to him and asking for a decision in her favor. Ultimately, her persistence caught his attention and influenced his behavior. Jesus seems to be teaching us today that this quality of faithful persistence is a good one to have. Thus, he advises us to call out to God not once, not twice, but "day and night." This is a fitting image for the idea of continual prayer; it goes on all the time without ceasing.

As this Gospel reading says in the opening line, Jesus wanted to teach his disciples how to "pray always without becoming weary." It's interesting that the method he used for this instruction was to emphasize the reward of such persistent prayer. The parable's conclusion assures us that for those who pray without giving up, God "will see to it that justice is done for them speedily." Perhaps this attractive promise is supposed to keep us from losing hope, from throwing in the towel, from becoming "weary" when our requests don't seem to be getting heard.

Following the example of this determined widow, we need not fear to repeatedly make our requests known to God. In fact, we should make a point of it! If we only offer our prayers of petition halfheartedly, without real conviction, persistence, or sincerity, they are not as powerful as they could be. But when we truly commit to taking these requests before the Lord, day after day (and night after night!) then we are displaying a kind of profound faith in God's ability to act on our behalf. So, full of hope and trust, let's keep "bothering" this truly just Judge!

All Souls' Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2nd, 2016: Everyone is invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on the **special envelopes (if you wish to make a donation)** available at the back of the church or write the names on the sheet of paper. Place the envelopes in the offertory over the next few weeks or bring to the parish office. The names will be written in a **Book of Remembrance** which will be on display as a reminder to pray for those who have passed before us and left an impact on our lives. **Please print the names clearly. If making a donation, include your name and offertory number.**

October- Month of the Rosary: The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. This 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.**

St. Ann's Catholic Elementary School- Trivia Night & SilenAuction Fundraiser. Friday November 4, 2016, Fenwick Firehall 766 Welland Rd., Reception 6:30/Trivia begins 7:00pm, Tickets: \$25 per person. Price Includes pizza, munchies, fruit & veggies, To book your space or table please message me or email: stannstrivia@gmail.com, *All proceeds will go to our school library*, (hosted by Catholic School Council)

World Food Day—October 16th: A World Food Day has been promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization since 1981. The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world, remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgement of the nations, "...I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." (Mt 25.35)

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.

Next weekend, 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. This weekend, **October 15th /16th** look for a promotional flyer in the bulletin. 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. Following that weekend, volunteers will be contacted regarding orientation and training.

World Mission Sunday: Theme: "Church, Family, let us me merciful." Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the world will celebrate this unique Sunday. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. Please be as generous as possible to the collection for the Propagation of the Faith, for more than 1200 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and some of our Canadian dioceses that depend on the World Mission collection.

CWL Membership: We would like to INVITE ALL LADIES OF OUR PARISH to join or renew as members of our Catholic Women's League. Memberships are due as soon as possible for the coming year ahead. Please submit your envelope in the collection plate at mass or to the church office no later than the end of November as all information and money must be sent to our national office. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 6th or you may use a plain envelope. FEES ARE \$25.** Please ensure your FULL MAILING ADDRESS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS is included on your envelope with your payment. If you are joining us from another parish, please include that info as well as the year that you joined. We look forward to your active participation in our league!

Notre Dame College School in Welland Pilgrimage for the Developing World—Sunday, Oct. 30th. Registration is at 8:30. Departure prayer 9am, Pilgrimage Eucharist at approximately 1pm. Donations can be made online at www.ntoredamewelland.com or to a student in our parish.

Parish Calendar

- October.....**
Oct 18th & 19th ...Assistance needed making pieogies for CWL Bazaar. (See info below)
Oct 22nd-23rd.... **MINISTRY FAIR**
Oct 23rd..... World Mission Sunday
Oct 25th & 26th... Assistance needed making pieogies for CWL Bazaar. (See today's bulletin)
Oct 26th..... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
Oct 24th..... **Holy Hour Cancelled**
Oct 25th & 26th.. **Weekday Masses Cancelled**
November.....
Nov 1st.... Solemnity of All Saints. Masses 9:30am & 7pm
Nov 2nd... All Souls' Day, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Masses 9:30am & 7pm
Nov 5/6... New Sunday Missals available for sale.
Nov 9th.... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
Nov 9th..... **First Communion Registration and Information Meeting in the parish, 7pm**
Nov 12th.... Confirmation 5pm
Nov 14-17.... **Monday Holy Hour and Reconciliation & Weekday Masses cancelled**
Nov 19th.... CWL Bazaar 9am-1pm
Nov 21st... First Reconciliation, Grade 2 Class
Nov 23rd.... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
Nov 23rd.... Liturgy Committee Meeting 7pm
Nov 26/27.... 2017 Offertory Boxes available for pick up
Nov 27th.... First Sunday of Advent
Nov 27th.... St. Ann School Advent Brunch following morning Masses
Nov 29th.... **Morning Mass cancelled**

Catholic Women's League

Upcoming Events....
Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 19th., 101m-1pm. The fall bazaar fundraiser will include a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available following masses or contact us and we will be happy to accommodate your request. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

The CWL is asking for **assistance** making the pierogies. We will meet on **Tues., Oct 18th @ 9am** to peel potatoes and make the filling. The following day, on **Wed., Oct 19th at 9am** am, the dough will be prepared and the pierogies completed. If you can spare a couple of hours, please help with this part of the event. **The next dates are Oct 25th & 26th. A sign up sheet has been placed at the back of the church.** **More information to follow in coming weeks regarding the bazaar and how you can assist.**

Wed. Oct 26th - CWL Welland Region Fall Evening of Reflection will take place at St. Alexander Parish in Fonthill. 6:30pm. Topic will be "Angels". **The CWL meeting originally planned for Oct 20th has been cancelled. It would be wonderful for our members to gather for the evening of reflection. Hope to see everyone there!**

Thurs. Nov 10th, 7pm- Mass will be celebrated for all deceased members of the CWL, and more specifically those who passed away this year. St. Helen Parish, Beamsville.

YOUTH MINISTRY: YM for grades 5-8 Wed. evenings, 9 – 12, Friday evenings. Anyone interested in attending please print and fill out the registration form on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>. If you would like to volunteer, check out our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email me gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org

Sunday, October 16th, 2016
Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" — Lk 18:7-8

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Sat. Oct 15	9-10am	Reconciliation Cancelled
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Teresa & John Sporbeck
Sun. Oct 16	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Blessings & Health for Patricia Spink (Joan & Tim Crowther)
Mon. Oct 17	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation Cancelled
Tues. Oct 18	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Wed. Oct 19	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt (Voogt & Green Families)
Thurs. Oct 20	9:30am	✠ Roger Rosinski (Olga & Family)
Fri. Oct 21	9:30am	✠ Kelly Morellato (Racz Family)
Sat. Oct 22	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Oct 23	9:30am	✠ Silvano Lucchetta (Cargnelli Family)
	11:00am	✠ Beverly Rosilie (Sherry Lancione & Family)

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

65 Envelopes	\$1,499.75
Loose Collection	\$ 221.05
Total Offertory	\$1,720.80
Needs of Canadian Church	\$ 20.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 30.00

Confirmation Prayer Partners– Sign up Sheet at the back of the church. The Sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Please consider being a prayer partner– 12 individuals are needed. Confirmation which will take place in our parish on **Saturday, November 12th at 5pm.**