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**Sunday, June 12th, 2016**  
**Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." — Lk 7:48-50

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Sat. June 11	9-10am 4-4:45pm 5:00pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation ✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Family) ✠ Nicola Colangelo (Family)
Sun. June 12	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Mon. June 13	7:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation</b>
Tues. June 14	9:30am	✠ Elizabeth Maria Reus (Leo & Emmy Reus)
Wed. June 15	9:30am	<b>St. Ann School Mass</b> ✠ Eleanor Ford & John Damen (St. Ann School Staff)
Thurs. June 16	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Maria Cozzi & Family)
Fri. June 17	9:30am	✠ David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Sat. June 18	9-10am 4-4:45pm 5:00pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Missa Pro Populo
Sun. June 19	9:30am 11:00am	✠ Elizabeth Cecco (Anna & Domenic Cecco) ✠ Joseph & Christopher Rybiak (Barbara & Sophie Rybiak)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**  
 A Mass will be offered in Spanish on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm.

**Offertory June 4th & 5th, 2016**

68 Envelopes	\$1, 838.00
Loose Collection	\$ 268.55
Total Offertory	\$2, 106.55
Spanish Mass	\$ 62.90
Maintenance Requirements	\$ 155.00
Syrian Refugee Family	\$ 200.00

**Syrian Refugee Families: Donations to Date: \$25,607.25**

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 "Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears." This woman gave everything she had to Jesus in her courageous display of public repentance.  
 The flask of ointment, for starters, was undoubtedly very expensive. To anoint Jesus in this way was to pamper him with a luxury. Thus she honored Jesus with the best gift she could give. But more than this external offering, the woman also "gave" Jesus her tears. She wept for her sins, for the hope of forgiveness, and for the love of Christ. She literally poured herself out before Jesus as she revealed the depths of her soul. Also, to wipe his feet with her hair was to give the gift of her humility. Cleaning someone's feet is a lowly task to begin with; but to use her own hair for the job revealed that she did not think of herself as "too good." Simon the Pharisee, on the other hand, had



exactly that problem.  
 Jesus used the opportunity to distinguish between those who love much, and those who love little. The self-righteous, like Simon, have little room in their hearts for love of others because they are so full of the love of themselves. They feel they have nothing to repent for. This woman, however, acknowledged her weakness humbly and was all the more ready and willing to love.  
 We, of course, are challenged to be as generous, courageous, and humble as this sinful woman. We are called not to compare our sins to others' that are "worse" than ours, but rather to honestly recognize where we have failed. Then, like this woman, we can show great love to Christ by giving him the very best of what we have.

**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.

**Summer Mass Hours**  
**Beginning the weekend of July 2/3, 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 3/4.**  
**Beginning the weekend of June 11/12, 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.  
**Youth Ministry** will continue throughout the summer months. Programming for this ministry will be announced.  
**The Church office** will be closed from June 13th to June 28th. Messages will be checked regularly and calls will be returned.

**Outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery:** All are welcome to join with Bishop Gerard Bergie as he celebrates the 4th annual Outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, on **Saturday, June 25th, 2016 at 11.** Rain date is **Saturday, July 9th.**

**Sunday, June 19th, 2016**  
**Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

"Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." — Lk 9:18b-20

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Mon. June 20	7:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation</b>
Tues. June 21	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt (Voogt & Green Families)
Wed. June 22	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon & Joseph Racz (Racz Family)
Thurs. June 23	9:30am	✠ Elizabeth Maria Reus (Leo & Emmy Reus)
Fri. June 24	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo
Sat. June 25	8:30-9:30am 4-4:45pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Deacon Patrick O'Brien (Michael & Karen)
Sun. June 26	9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo ✠ Bryan Brazeau (Paul & Angie DiMarco)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**Coming this Summer—Vacation Bible School**  
 "Join us this summer for St. Ann's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016, **Cave Quest, Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>-Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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@branchesoftheword.org](mailto:rplantic@branchesoftheword.org) or call/text 905.401.0174. ALL are welcome—invite friends!  
**Youth Ministry Events....**, June 22nd—Issue Night—Waiting with a Patient Heart, June 29th—Movie Night. **Friday, July 1st, - Canada Day—Bingo Night CANCELLED.**  
**Youth Ministry summer programming: TBA**

**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine,** 4706 Miller Rd. Port Colborne, operates May—October. Every Thursday at 7pm, the rosary is recited and Mass is celebrated. On June 23rd, Bishop Bergie will preside at the Mass. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Cathy Kruger 905-735-7479 or visit: [www.rosaryshrineniagara.com](http://www.rosaryshrineniagara.com)

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY:** 'Loving and Respecting Yourself' (June 27). Meetings are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. No registration required. **The meetings of the Separated and Divorced Healing Ministry will break over the summer and resume in September.** For information please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com)

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 "Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him..." The first line of today's Gospel presents a strange image. Jesus was both by himself and with others. He was somehow experiencing the solitude of personal prayer, but was also close enough to his followers to engage in conversation with them.  
 Although we don't know exactly what the details were of this situation, it does suggest for us an example of what we might call spiritual "balance." Here we see Jesus taking time to be alone in prayer, but also taking time to engage in spiritual reflection with the other members of his community. He didn't sacrifice one for the other. He found a way to have both.



We are called to do the same. Developing the habit of personal prayer is an essential part of our spiritual lives. Like Jesus, we too need to set aside time and space to pray by ourselves, connecting as individuals with our Father in heaven. Whether it be a few quiet moments in the morning, or time to pray at night, this kind of prayer keeps us connected to God. It enables us to give our own answer the poignant question Jesus poses today, "But who do you say that I am?" Personal prayer alone, however, is not enough to fulfill us spiritually. We are also meant to participate in the larger community of believers, joining together with others in communal prayer and reflection.  
 This, of course, happens every time we attend Mass as we gather together at church and join in the liturgy. For some, "sacrificing" our Sunday mornings week after week may seem like too much to ask. But this is one way we can carry out the challenging command of Christ to take up our cross and follow him.

**Feast of St. Ann Celebration—Community BBQ:** Plans are underway to proceed with this event on **July 24th.** It will be a one day event consisting of an indoor Mass at 10am followed by a free community BBQ. behind St. Ann School with games, face painting and other activities. We need approximately 10-12 people to assist with various events for the day. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Please consider offering your assistance for this special day!

**Parish Calendar**

**June.....**  
**June 11/12....** Two week bulletin begins to end of August.  
**June 14th....** Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee meeting 7pm  
**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  
**June 30th ....** CWL meeting and social, 7pm

**ELISHA HOUSE — CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN :** Please return your bottles as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!  
**Happy Father's Day: A Prayer for Fathers- God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.** We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the **God of compassion** walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen