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Sunday, January 22nd, 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

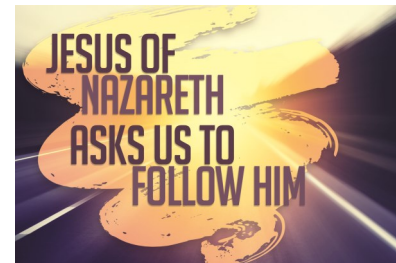
As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." — Mt 4:18-19

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Third SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." Peter, Andrew, James, and John's lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business--fishing on the Sea of Galilee--when Jesus approached them and said, "Come after me." And that's just what they did. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Such a quick response to such a radical request!

What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that he would make them "fishers of men." Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ himself who drew the men. There must have been something utterly attractive about him, and completely trustworthy. Otherwise, it seems unbelievable that these men would have been so quick to respond to his call.



This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear his voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through his Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth who asks us to follow him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by his voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives?

If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.



St. Ann's Church - Seasonal Agricultural Worker Support Program...in need of VOLUNTEERS!

Farm workers have been coming to Canada under the Federal Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program since 1966 from Mexico or other Caribbean countries. About 16,000 overseas workers come

to Ontario throughout the year, with over 2,800 of them working on Niagara farms, orchards and greenhouses.

Last year, parishioners from St. Ann's Church provided more than 40 bicycles and luggage to seasonal farm workers in our community. Most seasonal farm workers will start to arrive early March and will not come prepared for our colder temperatures. **To better support and welcome our seasonal workers to St. Ann's Church, we are in need of the following new or gently used items: sweaters, coats, hats, gloves, socks, bicycles, luggage, toiletries (e.g. new toothbrush/toothpaste/soap, etc.). Please drop off items in church basement. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE & SUPPORT!**

Stay tuned for more program details. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Anne Marie Cargnelli – amcargnelli@hotmail.com or St. Ann's Church.

Catholic Women's League

A meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, January 26th following morning Mass.** All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend! Come and learn about the activities of the CWL in your parish.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated

January 18-25, 2017.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other?

Answer:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (the previous date for the feast of the Chair of St. Peter) and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The celebration was begun by Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest who eventually became a Catholic priest. Suggestions for prayer and education for the week are distributed each year at geii.org, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer. The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition; Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians.



Inter-Denominational Prayer Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Bishop Gerard Bergie

... Christ, who cannot be divided, wants to draw us to himself... we may not regard divisions in the Church as something natural, inevitable in any form of human association. Our divisions wound Christ's body; they impair the witness which we are called to give to him before the world. (Pope Francis, homily, January 24, 2014) **Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, 3:00 pm, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria 3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines.** (followed by light reception)

YOUTH MINISTRY: YM for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings has resumed. (CANCELLED FEB. 1ST.) Registration form is 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@branchestheword.org

Youth Ministry Winter Festival: Bake sale and Bake auction Feb 11/12. Please support this Youth Ministry event to raise funds for Lift Jesus Higher Rally in March and the Steubenville youth conference in July. Our youth ministry participants will contribute baked items, but would also appreciate donations for their bake table and auction. Please drop off your baked goods Feb 17 during office hours or before Masses on the weekend. Our youth will also be making bracelets which they will be selling. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. This month's topics are 'Journey from Anger to Forgiveness' (Jan. 23). The presenter for both is Kathryn McMorro. Meetings are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. No registration required. For information call 905-356-4113.

Parish Calendar

- January.....**
 - Jan 26th....** CWL meeting following morning Mass
 - February.....**
 - Feb 1st.....** Youth Ministry Cancelled
 - Feb 3rd.....** Feast of St. Blaise
 - Feb 4/5....** Blessing of Throats following all Masses
 - Feb 4/5.....** Charity Tax receipts available to pick up
 - Feb 7th.....** Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee Meeting 7pm, Lions Club Fenwick
 - Feb 11th.....** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick
 - Feb 11/12** Youth Ministry bake sale/auction fundraiser
 - Feb 12th.....** Anointing of the Sick following 11am Mass (More to follow)
 - Feb 12th....** SVDP Meeting following 11am Mass
 - Feb 15th.....** Confirmation Class 6:30pm.
 - Feb 19th.....** CWL shower for Syrian Refugee Initiative (More to follow next weekend)
 - Feb 23rd.....** First Communion Parents Meeting 7pm
- If you would like to make a donation to our own Syrian Refugee initiative, you may do so at any time. New information has been posted to our website.**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Ann's Conference
The St Ann's Conference of The Society of St Vincent de Paul is active and seeking new members. The

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. The Mission of the Society is that as Vincentians, we see Christ in anyone who suffers; come together as a family; have personal contact with the poor; help in all possible ways. If you are interested in becoming a member of this rewarding vocation, or would like to learn more about the Society, please contact the office. As our conference moves forward, we will be looking for ways to serve both our local community, and the broader Pelham and Welland communities. If you wish to make a donation to the Society, the collection box is at the back of the church following all masses. Any amount is appreciated and is used to assist those in need. If you or someone you know is struggling financially, please contact the office. All calls are confidential.

Next meeting—Feb 12th following 11am Mass all welcome

St. Vincent de Paul (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660) was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. He was canonized in 1737. He was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity and is known as the "Great Apostle of Charity".

PLEASE CONSIDER ASSISTING STUDENTS IN NEED: Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is a registered charitable foundation. Within its mandate is to financially assist students whose families may have some difficulty, from time to time, in providing essentials for school life. Receipts are issued for income tax purposes. Please make cheques payable to Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. NFCE's address is 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 7C1. Phone (905) 735-0247 ext. 210. Email jim.marino@nfce.org.

2017 Bishop's Gala: The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is hosting the 14th annual Bishop's Gala **April 1, 2017, 5:30pm** at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd., St. Catharines. The event supports scholarships and students in need throughout the Catholic Schools of the Niagara Catholic district School Board. For information contact Linda Marconi, 905-735-0240 Ext 214.

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| Sat. Jan 21 | 9-10am | Reconciliation |
| | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation |
| | 5:00pm | Missa Pro Populo |
| Sun. Jan 22 | 9:30am | ✠ Nicola Colangelo (Stan & Gloria Rutyna) |
| | 11:00am | ✠ Anthony John Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family) |
| Mon. Jan 23 | 9:30am | ✠ Kelly Morellato (Rachel, Jordon & Davis Racz) |
| | 7-8pm | Holy Hour & Reconciliation |
| Tues. Jan 24 | 9:30am | Intention Available |
| Wed. Jan 25 | 9:30am | ✠ Phil & Marie Schertzing (Horton Family) |
| Thurs. Jan 26 | 9:30am | Special Intentions for CWL Members (St. Ann CWL) |
| Fri. Jan 27 | | Intention Available |
| Sat. Jan 28 | 9-10am | Reconciliation |
| | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation |
| | 5:00pm | Missa Pro Populo |
| Sun. Jan 29 | 9:30am | ✠ Ivan & Tereza Balazic (Mike Blazic & Family) |
| | 11:00am | ✠ Wendy Wytke (Meyo Family) |

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

Offertory January 14th & 15th, 2017

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| 81 Envelopes | \$1, 829.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 173.25 |
| Total Offertory | \$2, 002.25 |

Offertory boxes 2017: If you have not picked up your boxes, they are available in the church hall. **2016 tax receipts will be available the weekend of Feb 4/5. Please pick them up at the back of the church to avoid mailing costs. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**