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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, November 11th, 2018

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.” — Mk 12:42-43

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Sat. Nov 10	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Confirmation
		✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Nov 11	9:30am	✠ Martin Kolenko Jr. & Sr. (Joe & Teresa Hozjan)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Nov 12	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation Cancelled
Tues. Nov 13	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Wed. Nov 14	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Thurs. Nov 15	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Fri. Nov 16	9:30am	✠ Joseph Racz (Racz Family)
Sat. Nov 17	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Nov 18	9:30am	✠ Carole Price (Joan & Tim Crowther)
	11:00am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
 Offertory November 3rd & 4th, 2018**

71 Envelopes	\$1,695.00
Loose Collection	\$ 92.05
Total Offertory	\$1,787.05
Maintenance	\$ 445.00

St. Joseph 2019 Missals— If you would like one for your personal use, they are available to purchase - \$3 each. If you are a lector or musician, please take one at no cost.

Confirmation 2018: This weekend on Saturday, November 10th, during the 5pm Mass, our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by His Excellency Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In 1 Samuel, God advises the prophet Samuel not to observe as men see but as God sees. He tells him to “look to the heart.” This is the movement of this Sunday’s Gospel reading. “Beware the scribes,” Jesus advises. He points out their public greetings and “seats of honour,” which stands in sharp contrast to their private greed. For the Jewish people of Jesus’ day, honour resides at the top. Power and prestige created a high profile back then as it still does today. After his warning, Jesus turns his disciples’ attention elsewhere: a poor widow.

“She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had.”



While the scribes donated large sums to the temple, they did so “from their surplus wealth.” This woman — in her faith and devotion — offers “her whole livelihood.” Jesus invited his disciples to see with God’s eyes, to recognize a holy life in people the world overlooks. Here — in the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized — God waits hidden.

Today’s Gospel begs a few questions. What do we see? Whom do we value? Are we impressed by the pomp and circumstance of modern day Pharisees? Do we ignore their self-righteousness because it looks impressive, even seems somewhat helpful? The point isn’t to judge the scribes, of course. God can see their hearts as well, and those assessments are firmly his responsibility. The point is to turn our eyes from the typically honoured to the rarely respected. Are we disinterested in the poverty of the modern day widows? Do we ignore their faith because we forget to look for it? This Sunday, consider the widows in your own life. Who can you see with God’s eyes?



Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The First Sunday of Advent will be on the weekend of **December 1/2**. Families or individuals are asked to volunteer to light the candles during each of the weekend Masses of Advent. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. You may choose a Mass during any of those weekends. The four candles of the Advent Wreath represent the period of waiting during the four weeks of Advent, which themselves symbolize four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. The purple candles represent the royalty and majesty of Jesus Christ as King of Kings. Purple also represents prayer, pertinence, and preparation. The rose candle (Candle of Joy) is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday. Advent is a time for preparing the Way for Christ, as we await Christmas and the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Please support the Deo Gratias Collection of November 17/18, 2018. All revenue will go to our Clergy Aid Society. We are grateful to God, and to our retired clergy in the Diocese of St. Catharines who, from the time of their ordination, have cared for us and our spiritual needs. In thanksgiving to God for them and their years of faithful service, your generous support of the Deo Gratias collection will enable us to care for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. The revenue from this collection does not go into an endowment fund but goes directly to the Clergy Aid Society which provides an income for our retired clergy. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use a plain envelope. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to “St. Ann Parish.”** Thank you.

Remembrance Day November 11, 2018



The Royal Canadian Legion has invited faith groups across the country to take part in a unique remembrance initiative to mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of Armistice which ended the First World War. With this initiative, entitled **Bells of Peace: A Remembrance of Those Who Served in the First World War**, the Legion has invited churches and houses of worship equipped with bells to toll them **100 times at sunset on November 11, 2018**. Bells call us to wake, to pray, to work, to arms, to feast and, in times of crisis, to come together. On November 11, 1918, the ringing of church bells erupted spontaneously across the country, as an outpouring of relief that four years of war had come to an end. The Bells of Peace initiative is designed to emulate that moment of remembrance in honour of our veterans who served in WWI and to prompt a moment of silence and reflection on the loss of life and suffering caused by war. **Our parish will participate in this initiative on Sunday, November 11th along with 4 other churches in Pelham.**



“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God!” (Matthew 5.9)

Today we try to remember. We remember the victims of war and all those who have died to help bring freedom and to help make the world a better place to live in. **Prayer.....**O God, our ruler and guide, In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land, and for those who laid down their lives to defend them. We pray that we and all people, Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace, Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen...
.....At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them....

Annulment Facts and Myths - Fr. Ben Weber and Margaret Jong, canon lawyers from our diocesan Marriage Tribunal, will discuss true facts and false claims about Catholic marriage annulments. The presentation will be offered once in each deanery, and is open to anyone interested in applying for an annulment or learning about annulments and the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal. More info 905-687-8817 or email tribunal@saintcd.com. All meetings are 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at St. Mary, Welland. Thursday, November 15, 2018 at St. Thomas More, Niagara Falls.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. This month’s topics are ‘Pastoral Care’, Fr. Chris Kulig, presenter (Nov 12th); and ‘Sadness and Depression’, (Nov 26th). Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Vincent’s loves Volunteers: Do you have 2-4 hours per week that you could spare? Vincent’s Thrift Store, 5970 Lundy’s Lane, Niagara Falls would love to hear from you. We have a variety of “jobs” to do, and wonderful people to work with. We also could use a person with a truck who is willing to pick up or drop off items from time to time. Volunteer opportunities are open to persons of all ages, including students, and hours can be adjusted to suit your schedule. If interested ask to speak with Andrea: 289 296 3807

Parish Calendar

November	
Nov 10th....	Confirmation 5pm
Nov 12th....	Holy Hour cancelled
Nov 12th—15th ..	Weekday Masses cancelled
Nov 14th....	Youth Ministry cancelled
Nov 15th.....	Bingo cancelled
Nov 17th....	CWL Bazaar 9am-1pm
Nov 18th....	Special Collection—Deo Gratias
Nov 25th....	Christ the King
Nov 26th....	Diocesan 60th Anniversary Mass 5:30pm, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines

Bible Study—Tuesdays 7-9pm
First Sunday of Advent—Dec 2nd

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE



Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 17th., 9am-1pm. The fall bazaar fundraiser will include a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available through the office or after Sunday Masses. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR TICKET STUBS AND MONEY IN BY NOVEMBER 14TH. YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

Christmas Gift Baskets— Donations of new items with a theme (or not) which volunteers can use to make gift baskets. Please bring to the church (**unwrapped**) no later than November 14th. **NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE. If you have empty baskets you don’t use, donations would be welcome.**

Silent Auction & Penny Sale—Items would be appreciated. Drop off any time during office hours or after masses. Put on tables in church hall. **NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE.**

Gift Table—Small items (**NEW**) which can be sold separately. Mugs, frames, teacher gifts, etc. Do not have to be wrapped.

Bake Table & Produce —Drop off items on Friday, November 16th or early Saturday morning.

LUNCH WILL SERVED FROM 10:30-1- Home Made soups, Sausage on a Bun with Sauerkraut & Onions.

PIEROGIES FOR SALE: Don’t miss out! They go fast!! \$7/dozen or 3 for \$20.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE DAY OF THE BAZAAR. A SIGN UP SHEET HAS BEEN PLACED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. Thank you for your support!

CWL Membership fees are now due. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes dated Nov. 4th, 2018 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. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed: Immediate need for Children’s Liturgy and Church cleaning. Looking ahead.....volunteers are also needed for garden maintenance from spring to fall and our Seasonal Agricultural worker ministry will resume in the spring. A co-ordinator for this ministry is especially needed. Phone the office and we will provide details.

