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Sunday, April 30th, 2017
Third Sunday of Easter

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. — Lk 24:33-35

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Sat. April 29	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. April 30	9:30am	✠ Mario & Ann Cupido (Deacon Jim & Judy McLaughlin)
	11:00am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
	2:00pm	First Communion
Mon. May 1	9:30am	Special Intention (Horton Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. May 2	9:30am	✠ Joseph Wagner (Karen & Michael)
Wed. May 3	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)
Thurs. May 4	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Fri. May 5	9:30am	✠ Sabina Maczynska (Karen & Michael)
Sat. May 6	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. May 7	9:30am	✠ Nick Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
	11:00am	✠ Silvana Colaprete (Meyo Family)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory April 22nd & 23rd, 2017

84 Envelopes	\$1,960.00
Loose Collection	\$ 185.60
Total Offertory	\$2,145.60
Easter	\$ 25.00
Share Lent	\$ 25.00

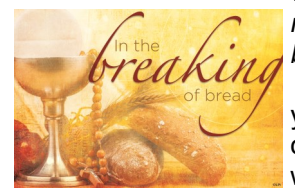
This weekend, On Sunday April 30th, at 2pm, our Grade Two students will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

We welcome in Baptism, Cassidy Leanne Faiazza, daughter of Roberto Faiazza and Chantal Matteson. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

Third SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." The disciples on the road to Emmaus had already heard reports about Jesus' resurrection. It was at the forefront of their minds, but in spite of this, they did not recognize Jesus when he stood right before them.

Why not? Perhaps because they weren't looking for him. Maybe they didn't really believe that he was alive. Or it could be that his appearance was not the same as it had been before. Whatever the case, it's very interesting to learn that it was actually while celebrating the Eucharist that these men finally realized who was right there with them! "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread."



Living as we do some two thousand years later, it is easy to imagine that recognizing Jesus was a snap for those who walked the earth when he did. We can run the risk of feeling sorry for ourselves that we don't get to see Jesus in person the way **they** did. But look here! It was through the Eucharist that Christ was made known to them, and we too have that gift right in front of us. We celebrate every week the same "breaking of bread" at the altar during Mass. Jesus is present with us, body, blood, soul, and divinity, **even if we don't recognize him!** He is there, present in our midst.

If our eyes of faith are feeble, we can pray that the Lord will help us to know his presence in the Eucharist. Just as he came to comfort and accompany his first disciples, he wants to do the same for us through the Most Blessed Sacrament. We only need to be sure that we are always on the lookout to find him in our midst.

Prayer Intention Month of May: Evangelization—Christians in Africa—That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

God is Calling. Will you Answer? Day of Discernment, Saturday, May 27th, Catholic Centre. High School and post secondary students. Meet priests, seminarians, consecrated men and women who will share their stories, answer your questions and help you discover God's will for your life. 10am-2pm, Lunch provided. 3400 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold. RSVP by May 19th—Fr. Michael Basque. 905-899-1699 or vocations@saintcd.com

May 1st is International Worker's Day and celebrated in many countries. Today we recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

On Thursday, May 4, 2017, The Catholic Women's League of Canada is once again organizing a day of prayer called "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" planned to take place throughout Canada. The St. Ann CWL will gather to pray the Rosary that day beginning at 5:40pm. All are welcome!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Brazeau, son of Gary and Colleen. Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. Mon. May 8 'Dealing with Grief', Dino Sicoli, presenter, 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

Catholic Education Week— April 30– May 5th, 2017



Catholic Education Week 2017 begins on Sunday, April 30. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly-funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly-funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Walking Forward Together."

The 2017 CEW theme and its five sub-themes are drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the need for reconciliation and renewal – in our lives, with our families, in our relationships with others and in our relationship with our environment and our common global future.

The first is the 2016 response of the Canadian Catholic Bishops to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission that we need to heal past injustices by "Walking Forward Together." The second is the 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* by Pope Francis, that emphasizes the cultural roots of our ecological problems and advocates an urgent world collaboration for the care of our common global home. The third document, *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love* is a 2016 Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, which applauds our dedication and concern shown to children, families, migrants, the poor, the elderly, and to persons with special needs, as a sign of the Spirit. These supportive relationships are a test of our commitment to show mercy in welcoming others and to help the vulnerable, to be fully a part of our communities.

St. Ann School Catholic Education Week Activities

- All week – Ronald McDonald House Food and Awareness Drive
- May 1 - Catch the Spirit Award at Blessed Trinity Secondary School, 7:00 p.m.
- May 2 – The Living Rosary
- May 3 – Kindergarten Open House 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. & Grandparents/Special Friend Day 1:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- May 4 – School Community Appreciation Tea
- May 5 – Niagara Catholic Distinguished Alumni Luncheon

Niagara Catholic Elementary Spring Open House, Wed, May 3, 2017, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Register at your neighbourhood Catholic elementary school. Please bring your child's birth certificate, baptism record, health card, immunization record and proof of address. <http://www.niagaracatholic.ca/join-us/elementary.html>

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Does your celebration of the Eucharist ever transform you? Today we are presented with the story of what happened on the road to Emmaus. The disciples are simply journeying with Jesus, whom they do not recognize, talking about all that happened over the past days. They were quite bewildered as they did not know what to think about the empty tomb. Each year, we gather to celebrate the Resurrection and many of us wonder, what does it all mean? Jesus journeys with us every moment of our lives, yet we often do not recognize him. When we gather each week, the word of God, the homily that is preached, and the Eucharist that is received all help us lift the veil that often hides the wonder, power, and presence of God. Will you be open today to being taught, led, and transformed by Christ? He is walking with us, eager to open our eyes so that we can see.

Parish Calendar

- April.....**
- April 30th.....** First Communion, 2pm
- May.....**
- May 2nd.....** Strawberry Fair meeting 6:30pm
- May 2nd.....** Syrian Refugee Resettlement C. meeting 7pm
- May 4th.....** Rosary to pray for Palliative Care, 5:40pm
- May 5th.....** Visitation of the sick and homebound
- May 7th.....** St. Vincent de Paul meeting after 11am Mass
- May 13th...** Reconciliation 9-10am cancelled
- May 10-19...** **Weekday Masses cancelled**
- May 20th.....** Reconciliation cancelled 9-10am
- May 21st....** Special Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works
- May 26th.....** Youth Ministry Trivia Night Fundraiser (more to follow)
- May 28th.....** Ascension of the Lord
- May 30-June 2...** **Weekday Masses cancelled (Priest retreat)**



Strawberry Fair First Planning Meeting: Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30pm.

Volunteers are needed to plan, organize and assist the day of the event. Please plan to join us for this meeting. **The date of the event will be June 11th.** If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to assist in any way, please phone or email the office. This event has been a part of our social activity in the parish for many years. A great way to begin the summer season ahead. Your assistance is most appreciated! Thank you!

During the Year of the Rosary, you are invited to the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on **Saturday, May 13,** the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. His Excellency, Bishop Gerard Bergie will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm with the recitation of the Rosary following.

Adoration at the Rosary Shrine : Celebrating 100th Anniversary of 1st Fatima Apparition & Diocesan Year of the Rosary, Saturday May 13, 2017, Adoration from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Benediction at 9:45 p.m. Rosary will be recited every hour on the hour. If you or your group wish to sign up for leading the Rosary at a particular time, or for more details – contact Cathy Kruger at 905-732-7479, or cathykruger37@gmail.com **For map and directions see the website: rosaryshrineniagara.com**

ELISHA HOUSE — CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN :

Between Mother's Day, May 14th, 2016 and Father's Day, June 18th, 2017, you can fill a Baby Bottle with change, bills or even a cheque. This will help support Elisha House in its ministry to men, women and families in our community. The bottles will be available at the back of the church beginning the weekend of **May 6th/7th.** Please return them to the parish by the Father's Day weekend. Your support is very much appreciated. **Last year, our parish donated \$625.09 to this campaign.**

Notre Dame College School was recently named Canada's 13th Fair Trade School.

To celebrate, it is hosting its 5th annual Fair Trade Fair on Thursday May 4th - just in time for International Fair Trade Day AND Mother's Day! Lots of great gift ideas to choose from. The sale will take place between 9:30am - 1:30pm in the front foyer outside of Dillon Hall. Friends and family from the community are welcome to attend! Please be a conscious consumer and support fair trade whenever possible.

Youth Ministry for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30pm.

Registration form is on our website [http:// stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry.](http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry)