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Sunday, September 18th, 2016
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"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." It's important to pay attention to the details of the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. At first glance, it might seem as if Jesus is encouraging us to be dishonest. But in fact, it's just the opposite. The steward in this tale was reported to his master "for squandering his property." In other words, the steward was not being responsible with what he was in charge of. And the master was ready to fire him on account of it. But then, the steward had a change of heart. (This isn't so hard to comprehend--sometimes it takes a real threat for us to realize we need to change our ways, doesn't it?) So the steward went to the people from whom he had previously collected money to "make friends" with them. How? By reducing their debts.

This might seem to be dishonest yet again, but we need to bear in mind that in the end, the master was pleased with the steward's behavior. So this debt reduction must not have affected the master's pocketbook. Rather, it seems probable that the steward had originally hiked up what the debtors owed the master and put the extra cash in his own pocket. This was the sort of extortion that was common in those days, among tax collectors for example. Now, when the steward was about to lose his position, he thought it wise to go back and return that "dishonest wealth" to the folks who had lost it, and gain some sympathy in the process. So, in the end, the steward was making up for his previous cheating behavior by doing something RIGHT and smart. It's this honest behavior that will enable him to take his place in "eternal dwellings." And surely our honest behavior will have the same effect

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.

The Legion of Mary: Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Beloved Mother? Are you being called to help the Church through prayer and works? The Legion of Mary is seeking active and praying members in our parish. On **Tuesday, September 20th, at 7pm** there will be a meeting for anyone interested in this ministry. Come and join this wonderful organization.

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly (in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Western regions.) Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs. The Canadian

Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish."**

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Begins next weekend. Baskets at the back of the church. Donations to Pelham cares appreciated.



The Catholic Women's League : The fall bazaar fundraiser in November will be a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available. If you would like to purchase tickets or sell them, contact us and we will be happy to accommodate your request. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Bishop's Charities Dinner: Saturday, October 22, 2016, Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd., St. Catharines. Reception 6pm, Dinner 7pm with the proceeds going to Catholic charities. Tickets \$50 each payable to **Knights Bishops' Charity Association.** Door prize is a Smart TV. For information contact Bill Amodeo 289-456-7888; Albert Craig 905-988-1222; Chuck Johnston 905-646-5099; Christopher Turner 905-643-3375; Martin Marko 905-401-5646.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass. The ten week Bible study series will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Alexander Parish in Fonthill, between 7 and 9 p.m. beginning October 18 in the Hospitality Room, ending December 20, 2016. All are invited. Please contact Irma Ruitter at 905-650-2580 or at iruitter@branchesoftheword.org to register.

Making Sense of Ecclesiastes: Join us on Wednesday , September 28th at St. Helen Church in Beamsville from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with Dr. Robert Holmstedt, Professor of Hebrew Scriptures, University of Toronto & members of St. Helen Church. The book of Ecclesiastes is rarely read in our lectionary cycle, yet it provides strong guidance for thinking through issues facing the Christian in a challenging world. Join us in a discussion of the themes prominent in Ecclesiastes, the keys to understanding the book, and a discussion about how to apply this part of Scripture to our lives. Bring your bible and enjoy.

Regenerate(d) 2016: Sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries, Regenerated 2016 will take place again at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario on Saturday, November 19th. This year's theme is on the Holy Eucharist and will feature dynamic talks on how Our Blessed Mother brings us closer to this sacrament, on how to explain the Eucharist to others, on current Eucharistic miracles and the scientific evidence behind them. For early-bird tickets visit branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

Reasons to Attend: To grow in your understanding of relevant topics to our Catholic Faith; To challenge your own doubts and misgivings about Church teaching; To experience the excitement of your faith in a dynamic setting; To be regenerated and allow God to speak to your heart; To get connected with your Catholic Family.

The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee has some exciting news. This week we were informed that our family has received an application number and are expected in early 2017. The committee is overwhelmingly excited about this development. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 4th at 7pm** at the Fenwick Lions Club. There will be a guest speaker from St. Kevin's Parish on how their family is enjoying Canada. All are welcome.

Parish Calendar

- September.....**
Sept 20th.... Legion of Mary Membership Drive 7pm
Sept 25th.... Special Collection—Bishop's Collection for Needs of the Church in Canada
 Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
 Office Closed
Sept 28th.....
Sept 30th....
October.....
Oct 2nd.... Spanish Mass 1pm
Oct 3rd –18th... Fr. Chad on Vacation
Oct 4th-6th.... Communion Service 9:30am
Oct 4th.... Syrian Refugee Resettlement Comm mtg. 7pm
 Fenwick Lions Hall
Oct 5th.... Youth Ministry resumes 6:30-8:30pm
Oct 11th –13th.... Communion Service 9:30am
Oct 12th... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
Oct 22nd-23rd.... **MINISTRY FAIR— more to follow**
Oct 23rd..... World Mission Sunday
Oct 26th..... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
Oct 24th..... Holy Hour Cancelled
Oct 25th & 26th.. Weekday Masses Cancelled

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry will resume October 5th, 2016
Genevieve Broadley will be taking over as St. Ann's new YM Co-ordinator effective immediately. Please extend a warm welcome to Genevieve as she begins her ministry here.
Weekly Youth Ministry nights resume on Wednesday, October 5th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. More to follow on upcoming events.

The next Chosen Confirmation prep course will take place on Wednesday, **September 28th from 5-6:30pm.** A reminder that these classes will continue to March 22nd, 2017. Dinner will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you all there as we continue on the journey towards Confirmation!

We have an exciting announcement— we are starting a Teen Night every other Friday from 7pm-9pm. Our kickoff night will be Friday October 14. We are also looking for some new volunteers to join our team. The registration forms for this year's youth night and teen night are up on the website. Anyone interested in joining YM or volunteering with us can check out our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email me gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org

Jubilee for Catechists— Announcing the Mercy of God: Sunday, September 25th, 2016, 2pm, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Inviting all catechists in the Diocese— Children Lit. leaders, Youth Ministers, Priests, Deacons, Catholic School Teachers, pastoral assistants, parents—to a special Commissioning and Prayer Celebration with Social.

Retrouvaille—A Lifeline for Marriage – Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful saving marriages. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **October 14, 2016**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca

Niagara Regional Life Chain: Sunday October 2nd ,2016 from 3:00-4:00pm. Come with your family and friends to pray for an end to abortion along Lundy's Lane. Please report to this location at 2:45pm: No Frills Store – Highland Ave. & Lundy's Lane. For more information contact Amanda—amanda.hendriks@hotmail.com

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

— Lk 16:8b, 13

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Sat. Sept 17	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Sept 18	9:30am †	James Blackett (Kerr Family)
	11:00am †	John & Ann Mikolasek (Mary Ann Biggar)
Mon. Sept 19	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Sept 20	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Marcy & Children (Vianney & Fam)
Wed. Sept 21		St. Ann School Mass
	9:30am †	Jack & Jane Courtney (Cargnelli Family)
Thurs. Sept 22	9:30am †	Angela Ferrara & Antonio Sardella (Family)
	†	Kelly Morellato (Racz Family)
Fri. Sept 23	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Michael, Janelle & Children (Vianney & Fam)
Sat. Sept 24	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Sept 25	9:30am †	Ugo & Antonietta Scurci (Scurci, Devine & Gregoris Fam.)
	11:00am †	Harry Atkins (Wendy Atkins)

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

Offertory September 10th & 11th, 2016

72 Envelopes	\$2, 097.30
Loose Collection	\$ 174.70
Total Offertory	\$2, 272.00
Maintenance	\$ 140.00