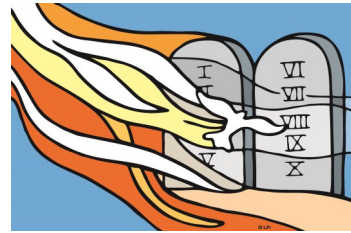


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**The Diocese of St. Catharines
 60th Anniversary—1958-2018**

“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets.” (Lk 5:4)

**Sunday, May 6th, 2018
 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” — Jn 15:10-11

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Sat. May 5	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. May 6	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
	9:30am	✠ Martin Kolenko Jr. (Maria & Stefan Hozjan)
		✠ Martha Devine (Devine Family)
	11:00am	✠ Robert Vaillancourt (Shirley Milo & Family)
	2:00pm	First Communion
Mon. May 7	9:30am	Intention of Robbie Boutillier (Walters Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. May 8	9:30am	Intention of Joseph Mullin (Walters Family)
Wed. May 9	9:30am	Intention of Cyndi Burli (Walters Family)
Thurs. May 10	9:30am	Intention of Justin Mullin (Walters Family)
Fri. May 11	9:30am	Special Intention (Stephanie Anthony)
Sat. May 12	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. May 13	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Teresa & Martin Bajuk (Frank & Ivanka Plesko)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. This weekend, On Sunday May 6th, at 2pm, our Grade Two students will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist.
 Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Offertory April 28th & 29th, 2018

76 Envelopes	\$2,035.00
Loose Collection	\$ 58.45
Total Offertory	\$2,093.45
Roof	\$ 354.00

Sixth Sunday of Easter

“I have called you friends.” Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we’re looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a “good” friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or “commandments.”

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship—new or old—becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? “You are my friends if you do what I command you.”



Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word “command” and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties “commandment” to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know “what [the] Master is doing.” Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn’t scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This “new commandment” to “love one another” is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

Canada Health Day— May 12th: Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God’s creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

The month of May—The Month of Mary—is a special time for Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. She has a unique role in salvation history as the Mother of God, conceived without Sin, who by her own free will agreed to bring the “Word made flesh”, (John 1:14) our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ into the world. Mary is prefigured as the one who would crush the head of the serpent (a figure of Satan) in Genesis 3:15 through her Divine Son. Still she in no way overshadows Him, nor would she ever wish to! Her life in the Gospel years was one of service and great devotion to Jesus, from the cave in Bethlehem where she gave birth to Him, to Calvary in Jerusalem where she stood by His cross in His Crucifixion, from Crib to Cross, as it were. Her words still resonate with us today and challenge us to follow her example of humility, obedience, and service to God. **Next weekend, on Mother’s Day, Children’s Liturgy will participate in the Crowning of our Blessed Mother during the 9:30am Mass.**



Special Collection May 5/6—Pope’s Pastoral Works: Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. If donating by cheque, make payable to “St. Ann Parish.”

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and halleluiah is our song. —St. John Paul II

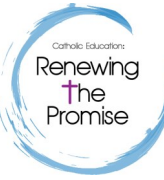
St. Ann Youth Ministry

Confirmation classes: will begin on **Wed. May 16th** from 4-5:30pm in the parish hall. They will continue through the month of May each Wednesday evening. Classes will resume on Wed. Sept 5th and continue each Wednesday through to Nov. 3rd. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

Youth Ministry will participate in this year’s **Fenwick Lion’s Parade on Friday, May 25th.** Come out and support our youth!

Youth Ministry will also host the luncheon following the Spanish Mass on Sunday, June 3rd.

Vacation Bible School Aug 13-17, 2018: Please register your child no later than the end of this coming week. Forms are at the back of the church.



Catholic Education Week 2018 begins on Sunday, May 6. 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.

St. Ann School Events: **Wed. May 9th, 1:45pm—** Grandparents/Special Friend Day
Thurs. May 10th, 10am (weather permitting), Living Rosary.

This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is “*Renewing the Promise*” and combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology. The theme draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, “This Moment of Promise” (1989), “Fulfilling the Promise” (1993) and “Our Catholic Schools” (2006-2007). These three documents, while several years apart from each other, all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society.

The CEW biblical quote is “*For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.*” Acts 2:39

Elisha House Pregnancy & family Support Centre— Celebrating 30 Years. campaign runs from **MAY 13 JUNE 17 (Father’s Day)** Fill a bottle with coins, bills or a cheque made out to Elisha House. See your Church Rep for more info. Thank you for investing in the lives of young women and families in the Welland area. The bottles will be available at the back of the church beginning the weekend of **May 5/6.** Please return them to the parish by the Father’s Day weekend. Your support is very much appreciated. **Last year, our parish donated \$611.45 to this campaign.**

Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program

The next Spanish Mass is scheduled for Sunday, May 20th at 1pm. If you know of anyone who is interested in contributing to the meal after Mass, please let us know. We will welcome anyone who wants to help out! There is still a need for new or gently used items; sweaters, light coats, socks, work gloves, new toiletries. Please contact the office.

Parish Calendar

May.....	
May 6th.....	First Communion 2pm
May 6th.....	Special Collection—Pope’s Pastoral Works
May 6-11.....	Catholic Education Week
May 9th.....	CWL—meet and learn to knit/crochet 1:30pm.
May 13th.....	Ascension of the Lord
May 13th.....	Mother’s Day
May 15-25.....	WEEKDAY Masses cancelled
May 16th.....	Confirmation Class 4-5:30pm
May 20th.....	Pentecost Sunday
May 20th.....	Spanish Mass 1pm
May 23rd.....	Confirmation Class 4-5:30pm
May 27th.....	The Most Holy Trinity
May 30th.....	Confirmation Class 4-5:30pm

STRAWBERRY FAIR JUNE 10TH, 2018, 10AM-1PM



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist. This event is one of our major social events of the year bringing together our parish community before the summer break. Your support is most appreciated!!

Volunteers are needed for cleaning the berries on **Saturday, June 9th from 9-11am. Please join us the parish hall.**

We also need the following positions to be filled:
 2 people to make pancakes
 2 people to assist with the bake table
 1 person to sell tickets
 1-2 people to assemble the shortcakes & sundaes

Our next planning meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30pm.**

Bake Table: Items would be appreciated and can be dropped of Saturday, June 9th before or after Mass or early the morning of the event.

As always, your help & support is greatly appreciated!

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann: Last year the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann’s Church participated in the North of 60 project. Through this project, a sea container was packed with non perishables and sent to Naujaat (now-we-aught) a hamlet on the shores of Hudson’s Bay in Nunavut. You may remember that our parish was responsible for providing oil. The generosity of parishes across the region made this happen. However the need was much greater than anticipated and this year the aim is to fill two containers. This is a very isolated community and access by sea is limited to a few weeks in the summer. Food is very expensive and there is much poverty. During May all donations put into the St. Vincent de Paul box will be put toward this initiative. Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20. **Please make cheques payable to: SSSVP Welland Particular Council.** For information on the North of 60 projects, please check out www.ssvp.ca for a short video on North of 60 in general and on the Ontario Regional Council initiative in Nujaat in particular.

Catholic Women’s League: Are you a knitter or crocheter itching to share your talents? Or are you itching to learn how to knit or crochet? The CWL has an answer to your itches! On **Wednesday, May 9th at 1:30** we will meet in the Church hall for teaching, learning, fun and socializing. Come out and join us for an hour or two and enjoy an afternoon with your sisters in the League. Bring your hooks or needles and yarn.....but if you don’t have those treasures, come and we will find some for you!

