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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, March 4th, 2018
 Third Sunday of Lent**

And to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.

— Jn 2:16-17

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Sat. Mar 3	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Deceased Members of the Marfics Family (Mary & Bill Podolyak)
Sun. Mar 4	9:30am	✠ Martin Kolenko Sr. (Joe & Teresa Hozjan)
		✠ David MacDougall (Family)
		Blessings & Health for Irene Baran (Jan & Lana Aleksiejuk)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Mar 5	9:30am	✠ Margaret Amero (Voogt & Green Families)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Mar 6	9:30am	✠ Nicole Turcotte (Walters Family)
Wed. Mar 7	9:30am	✠ Kenneth Andrew White (Walters Family)
Thurs. Mar 8	9:30am	✠ Rosario Ciolfi (Sardella Family)
Fri. Mar 9	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sat. Mar 10	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Mar 11	9:30am	✠ Martin Kolenko Jr. (Joe & Teresa Hozjan)
	11:00am	✠ Robert Vaillancourt (The Mete Family)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
 Offertory February 24th & 25th, 2018**

78 Envelopes	\$1, 821.00
Loose Collection	\$ 65.00
Total Offertory	\$1, 886.00
Roof Collection	\$13, 542.00

Third Sunday of Lent

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: *“Take these out of here.”*

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.



The response of Jesus is a strong one. *“He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.”* God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up sin – our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How seriously do we take the Ten Commandments? Many today adopt a free spirit approach to life and resist conforming their thoughts and actions to established principles. We all need direction. Those who travel realize how much easier journeys can be when equipped with the proper directions. The Ten Commandments are God's proper directions for us to assist us in living our lives as his children. We are given the example of Jesus, the living temple. Jesus allows us to share in his intimate relationship with his Father so that we can more quickly find our way to him. Principles and structure are important. Lent reminds us we are created in a certain way and are meant to live our lives in God.

On Saturday March 17, 2018, in every parish across the diocese a priest will be available from 10am-2pm to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray to the Lord.

Adult Faith Formation Series: Exploring Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love.

This faith formation series is being held on four consecutive Monday evenings, beginning April 9, 2018, 7-9pm., at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Highway, Thorold, L2V 4Y6. Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/DUIZAM0YdRtNPYB32> or by calling the Office of Religious Education, 905-684-0154, ext. 207 by April 4, 2018. A registration fee of \$10 will be collected on the first night to cover the cost of materials including a copy of *Amoris Laetitia*.

40 Days for Life – Be part of this peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, February 14-March 25. People are welcome to participate on any of these days from 8 am – 8 pm, with two or more people to give public witness for one or two hours standing on Portage Street at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign “Pray to end Abortion – 40 Days for Life.” You are welcome to simply show up or if you wish to sign up go to: www.wpcprolife.com, and follow the link, or contact Angela: angelabraun@live.com or Annette: loeffenlife@gmail.com or phone 905-931-0363.

Lenten Food Drive: The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting food for Pelham Cares during this season of Lent. Non-parishable items can be placed in the baskets at the back of the church. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners at Christmas time, we received twice the amount of money needed to supply clementines to all of the Christmas hampers. We will be using the remainder of the money collected to purchase fresh fruit that will accompany the Easter hampers. We thank you for your continued support of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.



Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing. Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace's monthly giving program Share Year-Round. You will information or you can also register online at devp.org/shareyearround.

ATTENTION LECTORS: If you have been scheduled to read on **Palm Sunday (March 24/25) or Good Friday (March 30)**, your binders will be available for you **next weekend** at the back of the church, with your name on it. Two readers are scheduled. Please contact each other and assign yourselves the parts for the long gospel reading (**Mark—for Palm Sunday**) as well as the first & second readings and the petitions (petitions for Palm Sunday only). **A reminder that during Mass you are required to use the Passion Narrative Lectionaries which will be placed on both lecterns for you. The binders are for practice reading only.** On your reading date, please bring the binders with you and leave them at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

Seasonal Agricultural Worker Ministry: 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! Also, volunteers are needed to assist with a light meal provided for the workers following the Spanish Masses. **The first Mass will be on Sunday, April 15th at 1pm and the second on May 20th at 1pm. From June-November, the Masses will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 1pm.** Food donations are welcome or if you can assist in preparation and clean up, that would also be very helpful.

Parish Calendar

March.....	
March 12-16...	March Break
March 17th....	Diocesan wide day of Reconciliation 10am-2pm
March 18th.....	Solidarity Sunday
March 19th.....	Feast of St. Joseph
March 25th.....	Palm Sunday
March 27th....	Chrism Mass, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines 7:30pm
March 29th....	Holy Thursday (Bingo Cancelled)
March 30th.....	Good Friday
March 31st....	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
April 1st.....	Easter Sunday

The Way of the Cross: For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the **Stations of the Cross** are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on day of Christ's crucifixion. **Join us for the Way of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm.**

Roof Fundraiser

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who so generously donated for this church maintenance project last weekend!! So far, it has been very successful. To date, **\$13, 542** has been collected from our weekend fundraiser in addition to a donation of **\$2000** from our Catholic Women's League and **\$612.25** from Youth Ministry—the proceeds of their bake sale auction in February. If you did not have an opportunity to make a donation last weekend, we will continue to accept them and volunteers will assist. Donations—whether they are from the money board or of your own choice -can be made at any time. In addition to the roof, your donations will used to add insulation and repair our beautiful front doors. If all the tags are donated, a total of \$25,870 will cover all these costs. Please pray that we will reach our goal.

Easter Flower Memorial: The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter in our parish. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Easter Flowers Memorial Envelopes found in your offertory boxes dated March 11th. If you do not have envelopes but would like to donate, you may use a plain envelope with your contact information listed.** These donations, made in memory or honour of your family members and friends help cover the cost of Easter flowers. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honour friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket, or bring to the parish office on or before the weekend of March 24/25. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The names of all those for whom our Easter flowers are in memory of will be printed in the parish bulletin on Easter Sunday.

St. Ann School Trivia Night & Silent Auction: Friday April 6th, 2018, Fenwick Fire Hall, Welland Rd., 6:30pm - Doors Open, 7:00pm - Trivia begins, 8:30 - First Table of Silent Auction items closes, 10:30 - Second Table of Silent Auction items closes, 11:00 - Trivia Ends. Not able to attend...you can still support! We understand that not all families will be able to attend Trivia Night but would still like to support the school. Families could donate chips or munchies for the evening. We would also welcome donations to put towards our silent auction table. Please email stantrivia@gmail.com if you are able to donate an item.

