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Sunday, January 26th, 2020



Sat. Jan 25	9-10am	Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Jan 26	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Ray Kardas (Stan & Krysia Fit)
Mon. Jan 27	9:30am	✠ Marion Mullin (Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Jan 28	9:30am	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Marguerite Fonseca)
Wed. Jan 29	9:30am	Special Intention (Larocque Family)
Thurs. Jan 30	9:30am	✠ John & Teresa Sporbeck (Tina Vanderlee)
Fri. Jan 31	9:30am	✠ Suzette Santoretto (Ann & Paul Lopinski)
Sat. Feb 1	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	Special Intention for the Rocca Family (Bianco Family)
Sun. Feb 2	9:30am	Special Intention of Teresa Walters (Teresa Walters)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

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

Offertory January 18th & 19th, 2020

60 Envelopes	\$1,518.35
Loose Collection	\$ 42.00
Total Offertory	\$1,560.35
Maintenance	\$ 95.00

We welcome in Baptism, Jack Daniel Meier, son Daniel Meier and Jessica Manuel. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It begins! Jesus is doing something new. "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea." Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years. He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers." What does he say to these men? "Come after me." These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us.



"Come after me." The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn't know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus tells the first Apostles.

No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift. Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. "Come after me," Jesus says. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Drop the nets of what you've demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!

CATHEDRAL APPEAL- January 2020 Update

We are now at the midpoint of our 18-month Cathedral Appeal. As of January 15, 2020 our appeal has raised \$777,399.49 in cash donations and \$97,068.72 in outstanding pledges. This brings our **total raised to \$874,468.21** or 73% of our \$1,200,000 goal. 43 of our 44 parishes have remitted & reported donations to the Diocese. 20 of our 44 parishes have reached their target. THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF SO MANY who are playing a part in the restoration of the mother church of our Diocese. Still thinking about making a donation? There is no better time than now! Visit us at www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today to play your part. May God bless you!

Feast of St. Blaise- Blessing of Throats: The special blessing of throats associated with St. Blaise is due to a miracle attributed to him. While in prison, he miraculously saved a boy choking on a fish bone. Early in the sixth century, evidence exists in the Eastern Church that Blaise was prayed to for ailments of the throat. To this day, his feast is a holy day in the Eastern Church. In the ninth century, veneration of St. Blaise came to the Western Church and became very popular. Blessing of the throats with crossed candles began in the 1500s, the height of devotion to St. Blaise, and that blessing is still part of the devotion of the Catholic Church. **If you would like to participate in this tradition, Fr. Chad & Deacon Jim will bless throats following all weekend Masses of Feb 1/2.**

Confessions St. Denis Parish from 8-9pm, Monday to Friday.

These confession times will continue throughout the entire year. A confessional has been built for this purpose in the meeting room close to the St. Denis adoration chapel. The entrance is off of Carlton Street and there is parking in the Church parking lot. Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to come have your sins forgiven.

Catholic Women's League News

The **annual retreat during Lent** will be held at Mount Carmel this year on **Wednesday, March 4th from 8:30am to 2:30pm** or **Thursday, March 5th from 5 to 8pm.**

The Guest speaker will be Fr. Stuart MacDonald pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Snyder. Cost is \$40 and **deadline to register is February 14th.**

The annual **League Development Workshop** will be held on **Saturday, February 15th from 10am - 2pm.** Brown bag your lunch. **Let Donna know by February 4th** if you wish to attend. The facilitators will be from the Ontario Provincial Council.

Our **Spring Conference** is set for **Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 1 pm - 4 pm** and will be held at St. Therese of Lisieux in Port Colborne. There will be two guest speakers. Lisa Coxon from Northland Point will be speaking about Seniors and programmes specifically designed for them & Sylvia Verde will be speaking about Pope Francis. Our theme is "Loneliness" and both these ladies will be addressing this topic. This is a very serious concern in today's modern world and we need to all do our part to help alleviate loneliness in society.

If you do not have email, copies of these and more CWL events/news can be found on the bulletin board near the hall stairs. Help yourself to a copy.

Email Addresses: If there has been a change in your email, please let Donna or the office know so that you will be sure to receive all CWL news and info.

Everyday Stewardship- Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we *had* to be. There would be nothing we *had* to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. *Freedom!*

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

St. Alexander Church in Fonthill is hosting their annual trivia night in our hospitality room on Friday, February 7th. Doors open at 6:00pm and the game starts at 7:00pm. Pizza and snacks will be served; and wine and beer will be for sale. The cost is \$20 per person with tables of 8 - 10 people. You don't need a full table of eight, we can arrange a table. To register call the parish office at 905-892-3090.

Parish Calendar

Jan 25/26.... **Charity Tax receipts will be available.**

February 2020.....

- Feb 1/2..... Feast of St. Blais. Blessing of throats following All weekend Masses
- Feb 1/2..... Parish Financial report for 2019 available
- Feb 2nd.... World Day for Consecrated Life
- Feb 7th.... First Friday Holy Communion to sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
- Feb 9th..... Anointing of the sick following the 11am Mass
- Feb 11th World day of the Sick- Our Lady of Lourdes
- Feb 17th.... Family Day
- Feb 23rd..... Youth Ministry will host breakfast/brunch following all morning Masses.
- Feb 24th.... CWL meeting after Morning Mass
- Feb 26th..... Ash Wednesday. Masses 9:30am & 7pm.

Bingo every Thursday evening 7-9pm in the parish hall.

Youth Ministry every Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm. <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email the parish.



The 28th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

The World Day of the Sick focuses on three themes. It reminds the faithful to pray for the sick; it invites us to reflect upon the meaning of human suffering; finally, it recognizes and honours all persons who work in the health care field. In Pope Francis' Message for the 28th World Day of the Sick, "Come to me, all you who labour and are

burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28), he urges that "what is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing". Pope Francis' Message is available (in several languages) at the Holy See website:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20200103_giornata-malato.html

An invitation is extended to all parishioners who are elderly and/or suffering from a serious illness or disease to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th FOLLOWING THE 11AM MASS.

Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

support group monthly meetings. Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. For a pamphlet or information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. No pre-registration required. January 27, 2020- **Identifying Losses.** February 10, 2020- **Making Good Decisions, Kathryn Morrow Presenter.**

Stress in Your Marriage? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **March 13, 2020**, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

