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Sunday, February 5th, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." — Mt 5:13a, 14

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Fifth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world." Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavor, they are to be "the salt of the earth" and like a lamp on a lampstand that "gives light to all in the house." Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence?

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that he is "the light of the world" (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that "your light must shine before others," he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him.

The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us.

So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavor that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that "loses its taste" or light that is hidden "under a bushel basket"? It's important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Ann's Conference

The St Ann's Conference of The Society of St Vincent de Paul is active and seeking new members. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. The Mission of the Society is that as Vincentians, we see Christ in anyone who suffers; come together as a family; have personal contact with the poor; help in all possible ways. If you are interested in becoming a member of this rewarding vocation, or would like to learn more about the Society, please contact the office. As our conference moves forward, we will be looking for ways to serve both our local community, and the broader Pelham and Welland communities. If you wish to make a donation to the Society, the collection box is at the back of the church following all Masses. Any amount is appreciated and is used to assist those in need. If you or someone you know is struggling financially, please contact the office. All calls are confidential.

Next meeting—Feb 12th following 11am Mass— all welcome

We welcome in Baptism, **Maria Ruby Young**, daughter of Mark Young and Dayna Legge. May the gifts which Baptism bestows, grow unhindered in us all.

St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: Saturday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Guest Speaker: Stephanie Gray, author of, *Love Unleashes Life*. Join us to hear this highly acclaimed international pro-life speaker who will inform, inspire and encourage us. Enjoy an excellent dinner and fellowship, celebrating the beauty in every human life. To reserve tickets (\$45, \$25 for students), call our office 684-7505 or email: info@chooselife.ca. For event and speaker details: visit ChooseLife.ca



The 25th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 2017. 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.

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 12th FOLLOWING THE 11AM MASS.

On Saturday, February 11, the World Day of the Sick, Bishop Bergie will celebrate Mass with the communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. All are welcome to attend, especially the sick and those who care for the sick

Recipients of the Anointing of the Sick:

Those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament.

St. Ann's Church - Seasonal Agricultural Worker Support Program...in need of VOLUNTEERS!

Most seasonal farm workers will start to arrive early March and will not come prepared for our colder temperatures. **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!** Stay tuned for more program details. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Anne Marie Cargnelli – amcargnelli@hotmail.com or the parish.

Catholic Women's League News

The Catholic Women's League will host the **St. Ann Syrian Family Welcome Shower** on **Sunday, February 19th, 2017, 2pm** in our parish hall. There will be a recently welcomed Syrian, Rana Bshara from St Kevin Parish who will share her family's experience. Please consult today's flyer insert for more information.

Pierogies: The CWL will be making pierogies on March 20th (preparing filling) and March 21st to prepare dough and assemble. If you can assist, please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

Cancelled Postage Stamps: The CWL will be collecting cancelled stamps which help raise funds for Development and Peace. A basket has been placed in the church hall where you can deposit them.

Lenten Retreat: will take place April 5th & April 8th at Gethsemane Ministries in Wellandport. The CWL will pay half the cost for all women who would like to attend. More details to follow. Phone the office if you are interested in attending.

Parish Calendar

- February.....**
 - Feb 4/5.....** Blessing of Throats following all Masses
 - Feb 4/5.....** Charity Tax receipts available to pick up
 - Feb 7th.....** Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee Meeting 7pm, Lions Club Fenwick
 - Feb 11th.....** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick
 - Feb 11/12** Youth Ministry bake sale/auction fundraiser
 - Feb 12th.....** **Anointing of the Sick following 11am Mass (See info in today's bulletin)**
 - Feb 12th.....** SVDP Meeting following 11am Mass
 - Feb 15th.....** Confirmation Class 6:30pm.
 - Feb 15th.....** Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:30pm
 - Feb 19th.....** CWL shower for Syrian Refugee Initiative
 - Feb 23rd.....** First Communion Parents Meeting 7pm
- If you would like to make a donation to our own Syrian Refugee initiative, you may do so at any time. New information has been posted to our website.**

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 24, 2017**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Separated and Divorced Healing Ministry. This month's topics are "The Losses of Separation and Divorce" Feb 13th and "Looking at Separation and Divorce Through the Eyes of Children" Feb. 27th. Meetings are 7pm to 9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave., NF. No registration required. For info call 905-356-4113 or 904-684-0154. email: separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

YOUTH MINISTRY: YM for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings 6:30 -8:30pm. Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>. If you would like to volunteer, check out our website email gbroadley@branchestheword.org

St. Ann Youth Ministry Presents: The First Annual Winter Festival!

Please join us for our first youth ministry fundraiser of the year! Our youth are hosting the first annual Winter Festival in the parish hall on the weekend of **February 11th and 12th after each of the Masses.** We will be auctioning off delicious baked goods, selling hand made jewelry, and running various games for the whole family to enjoy! All funds raised will go towards youth ministry at our parish. Bring your family and join us for this great cause that is sure to be lots of fun for all! Our home-made baked goods will be a delicious Valentines treat for your loved ones! Any members of the parish community who wish to donate baked goods for our auction, or volunteer to help out, please contact Genevieve (see email above).

Please drop off your baked goods Feb 10th during office hours or before Masses on the weekend.

Offertory boxes 2017: If you have not picked up your boxes, they are available in the church hall. **2016 tax receipts are now available at the back of the church. Please pick them up at to help defray mailing costs. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**

Sat. Feb 4	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Feb 5	9:30am	✠ Cherian Elengikal (Vianney & Family)
		✠ Kiyoko Suzuki (Mike & Anne Young)
	11:00am	✠ John & Teresa Sporbeck (Meyo Family)
Mon. Feb 6	9:30am	Intention Available
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Feb 7	9:30am	✠ Yvonne Horton (Horton Family)
Wed. Feb 8	9:30am	Intention Available
Thurs. Feb 9	9:30am	✠ Elizabeth Lacavera (Tom Lacavera)
Fri. Feb 10	9:30am	Intention Available
Sat. Feb 11	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Terezija & Martin Bajuk (Frank & Ivanka Plesko)
Sun. Feb 12	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Mary Wood (Joan & Tim Crowther)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory January 28th & 29th, 2017

82 Envelopes \$1,904.10
 Loose Collection \$ 141.40
 Total Offertory \$2,045.50

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls for us to be a sign of God's revelation to the world. We come together today to be enflamed with love for God, that all we encounter might see our light and come to the Father.

St. Ann School Kindergarten open house, Wednesday, February 8, 9:00am - 6:00pm.