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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, September 16th, 2018
 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” — Mk 8:34-35
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Sat. Sept 15	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Sept 16	9:30am	✠ Kristina & Frank Hozjan (Stefan Hozjan & Family)
	11:00am	✠ Nick Lancione (Sherry Lancione & Family)
Mon. Sept 17	9:30am	Blessings, Health & Happiness for Rosemary Valacak on the occasion of her 90th Birthday (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic & Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Sept 18	9:30am	✠ Josie ten Den (Family)
Wed. Sept 19	9:30am	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak & Dora Coyne (Christine Meyo & Family)
Thurs. Sept 20	9:30am	✠ Robert Vaillancourt (Millie & Joe Wunderlick)
Fri. Sept 21	9:30am	✠ Marie Corish (Olga Rosinski)
Sat. Sept 22	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Harry Atkins (Wendy Atkins)
Sun. Sept 23	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Jim & Gladys Dornan (Stephanie Anthony)

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

Offertory September 8th & 9th, 2018

78 Envelopes	\$2,255.00
Loose Collection	\$ 167.25
Total Offertory	\$2,422.25
Maintenance	\$ 140.00

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, down-cast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter.

First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: “You are the Christ.” Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, “Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.” Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.” Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. “Whoever loses his life for my sake ... will save it.”

A Missa Solemnis (Solemn High Mass) in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, commemorating the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal in A.D. 1917. **Saturday 13 October 2018 @ 10:00am.** St. Anthony of Padua parish: 360 River Road, Welland. The Mass will be sung in Latin and hasn't been celebrated in this solemn form in the area in almost 50 years. For more information visit www.facebook.com/StAnthonyChurchWelland

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Who do you say Jesus is? Some look to Jesus as the reliever of pain and suffering. We want to believe in a God who will take away the discomfort we are feeling and make things better. Frustration and even a lessening of faith can happen when we realize this is not happening. Jesus is the Christ. As the Christ, he is the one who shows us how to keep both the joys and sorrows of life in balance. There is no hopping, skipping, or jumping over suffering. It is a part of life. In addition to the physical pain we are asked to endure, living the Gospel can bring rejection and suffering as well. Jesus the Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Do we have the desire and faith to follow him?

Special Collection—Needs of the Church in Canada: September 30, 2018: Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to “St. Ann Parish.”

Final Call for Young Adults (18+) interested in participating in World Youth Day 2019, Panama City The pilgrimage price has been reduced. The 10 day experience, January 18-28, 2019 is now \$2900, including airfare, accommodations, WYD registration, local travel and some meals. The registration deadline has been extended. Forms and down payment are due on or before Sept. 23, 2018. Visit www.saintcd.com/wyd and email wydpanama2019saintcd@gmail.com your interest & questions.



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. The Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving marriages. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **October 12, 2018**, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY Coping With Stresses of Separation and Divorce (Sept 24). Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays from 7-9 pm 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.

Join us for Faith on Tap with His Excellency Bishop Gerard Bergie on **Friday, September 21st, 2018. Doors open at 6 p.m.** Under the big tent at Branches 43 Maywood Avenue, St. Catharines. **Admission \$10.00 per person. Live Music, Door Prizes, 50/50, Raffle Draw, Cash Bar and BBQ** Ticket price covers admission and entry to door prizes. Debit and credit available on site. Limited seating: This will be a sold-out event, so get your tickets early! This is a 19+ event. If you would like to be a sponsor for this event or donate a raffle prize, please contact shipping@go2branches.com gbroaley@branchesoftheword.org. **All profits will go towards supporting Regenerate(d) YOUTH!**

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Begins the weekend of September 8/9. Baskets are at the back of the church. Donations to Pelham Cares appreciated. **Items Most Urgently Needed:** Canned stew / chili, Canned flakes of chicken & turkey, Hamburger Helper, Manwich Sauce, Drip coffee, Decaffeinated instant & drip coffee, Jam / Jelly, Kleenex, Canned fruit, Pudding mixes / jello, Almond or soy milk - unsweetened, Fabric softener, Disposable razors - women's, Conditioner. Please note that at this time we have an **abundant supply of dried pasta and pasta sauce.**

Everyday Stewardship: Reflection— Have we ever not always prayed for someone when we told him or her we would? Have we ever fallen victim to making the phrase, “You are in my prayers,” a sentence sometimes void of real emotion or intent? It is like asking the question, “How are you?” Do we always want to know how someone is at the time? Then follows the most common responses of “fine” or “good.” We could have had the worst day, but we still utter a response that does not reflect our true state. Many of us say things to be nice without really thinking about it.

The truth is that words are meaningless without action. We sometimes make ourselves and others feel better by saying we will do things only to provide no action at all. Offering best wishes to those in real need without any action is worth little. Even if we think we are sincere, true faith without works is dead.

Good stewardship requires us to say what we mean and mean what we say. Stewardship is a way of living. It does ask for sentiments of love. It asks for profound actions of love. We need to offer our gifts, talents, time, and prayers to one another and then follow through. If we practice this way of living, not only will we be able to say we are doing the right thing, but our integrity will be intact and we will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Parish Calendar

- September**
Beginning this month, raffle tickets for the CWL Bazaar will be available to buy or take a book to sell. The prize is \$500. More to follow soon.....
Sept 19..... Confirmation Class 4-5:30pm
Sept 19..... Opening School Mass 9:30am
Sept 24th..... CWL meeting beginning with Mass at 6pm
Sept 26..... Confirmation Class 4-5:30pm
Sept 30.... Special Collection– Bishop's collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church.
Bingo every Thursday evening 7pm. All are welcome.

St. Catharines Right to Life will present Fatal Flaws, a new documentary showing the perils of legalized euthanasia, on **Thursday, September 27, 2018** at Harbour Fellowship Church, 51 South Service Rd, St. Catharines, at 7pm. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For more info: 905-684-7505 or email: info@chooselife.ca.

YOUTH MINISTRY: “Equipping young Catholics to share the truth through word, deeds, and actions, so that their lives are forever purpose-driven and centred on Christ, inviting others to do the same.” Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. All Youth in Grades 5-12 are invited to attend.
Confirmation Classes have resumed on Wednesdays from 4-5:30pm. Attendance is mandatory for all candidates.

Regenerated 2018: Are you aware that the gifts you receive at Confirmation from the Holy Spirit are to prepare you for battle? You may ask what kind of battle are we talking about? It's called 'spiritual warfare'...it's real and it's growing! **On Saturday, November 17th** join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts **Regenerated 2018.** Keynote speakers such as Johnnette Benkovic, Thomas Sullivan, Dr. Edward Sri and others will address the misconceptions about this Sacrament and its importance to the stability of the family and ultimately society at large. **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. For “early-bird” tickets or for more information visit branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000. **Registration forms are at the back of the church.**

Be a Man! This fall, the Holy Name Society of Welland will present a video series titled “Be a Man”. All men are invited to join us on the 3rd Tues of every month at 7:00 pm for 10 sessions, in the hospitality room at St Kevins Church. The first session will be on Tues Sept. 25th. **Be the Man GOD created you to be.** To understand true manhood, Fr. Larry Richards explains that we must rediscover the spiritual life and learn what it means to be a beloved son of God. For more information or to register, please contact Garret Smits at 905-988-3220 or Rick McAllister at 905-732-0294.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre is hosting an exhibit from the Sanctuaire Diocésain Sainte- Thérèse-de-l'Enfant-Jésus in Quebec City from October 9-24. It is entitled "Therese of Lisieux: Burning with Love," and is comprised of 36 panels of photographs and writings exploring how St. Thérèse lived her vocation as Love in the heart of the Church.

Niagara Warehouse of Hope Giant Garage Sale: Saturday, September 22nd, 2018, 46 Broadway Ave, St. Catharines. Starts at 8am with a BBQ breakfast/Lunch. Crafts, housewares, toys, electronics, books, clothing, flowers jewelry and much more. Donations welcome the week of the sale. All proceeds to Niagara Warehouse of Hope.

