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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 20th, 2018
 Pentecost Sunday**

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me.”
 — Jn 16:12-14a
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Sat. May 19	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Cancelled Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. May 20	5:00pm 9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Aladino Magazzeni (Marco Magazzeni & Family) Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Mon. May 21	9:30am 7-8pm	Mass Cancelled Holy Hour & Reconciliation Cancelled
Tues. May 22	9:30am	Communion Service
Wed. May 23	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Thurs. May 24	9:30am	Communion Service
Fri. May 25	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Sat. May 26	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. May 27	5:00pm 9:30am 11:00am	Missa Pro Populo Ana Kolenko (Joe & Teresa Hozjan) Dominique Forgeron (Larocque Family) Mary Wood (Joan & Tim Crowther)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
 Offertory May 12th & 13th, 2018**

75 Envelopes	\$1,744.00
Loose Collection	\$ 103.70
Total Offertory	\$1,847.70
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 55.00
Maintenance	\$ 320.00



The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us continue to seek Mary's prayers for our parish and diocese and promote devotion to her as Mother of God and the model Christian.

Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate the “birthday of the Church!” Pentecost is described in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. But before the great driving wind and tongues of fire empowering the Disciples, the Holy Spirit had already arrived. The Gospel for today's Mass during the day is from John 20. Jesus appears to the fearful disciples after his resurrection. He first speaks a message of calm. “Peace be with you.” The apostles “rejoiced when they saw the Lord.” When the enthusiastic response settles down, Jesus “breathed on them and said to them ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

This action is Trinitarian, and it has happened before. If you turn your Bible back to the beginning, you'll read: “The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so many became a living being” (Genesis 2:7). In the Garden of Eden, we see God's first, original covenant with man. The breath of life signifies that original indwelling of grace, the special state of likeness and friendship with God before the Fall. Here now, in this locked room, the Apostles receive the long-awaited promise: the very breath of God, new life, a new covenant.

In the pairing of these two readings—the Pentecost experience in Acts and the breath of Jesus in John's Gospel—we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit is not only an empowering, it is an indwelling. We have each received the breath of grace in our baptism. It is confirmed, strengthened, and deepened in each reception of the sacraments. If we persevere in virtue, the Spirit of God is alive in us, inspiring our actions of love. This Pentecost Sunday, how is the breath of God alive in you?

May 24th : World Day of Prayer for the Church in China— In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24th be observed as a Day of Prayer for the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
 “Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!” We only know that the wind exists because of what it does. A gentle breeze felt on our face or watching a tree swaying or swirling snowflakes all prove the existence of “something” causing these things to happen. But, apart from its effects, we cannot see the origin or substance of wind. The Holy Spirit is the wind of God. Watching an early Church emerge, people coming to believe, disciples of Jesus change the way they live and conduct their affairs—all give witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Observing the courage and conviction of those who have found faith, working for justice, feeding the poor, seeing how wounds are healed—all point to something greater than ourselves working and living among us. How do our lives give witness to the Spirit?

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: SSVDP Welland Par-ticular Council.**

Everyday Stewardship— Reflection

On this Pentecost Sunday, if you come to Mass at my parish you will see a sea of red all around. The choir, the lectors, the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the people in the pews, and of course the celebrant and our deacon, will all be wearing red. We are one of those parishes that strive to reflect the colour of the liturgy in our dress. It can be a sight to see.

What we put on our bodies serves only as a reminder of what is really important during these liturgical celebrations. At Pentecost, it was the Spirit of God that filled those in the first Christian community. We wear red to call to mind that very Spirit, often depicted as a fire or flame. However, if we just use red as a reminder of the power of the Spirit without letting it change us, then our actions become merely sentimental.

We are filled with the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of the Church. God touches us and enters into us in a profound way, just like in that upper room at Pentecost. That first powerful movement of the Spirit led to a Church that grew and flourished and remains alive today. What is the movement of the Spirit within calling you to do today? Do we allow God to move us and do great things through us? Red is a bold colour to wear at any time. But our actions should be even bolder.



“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” Acts Chapter 2

We beseech you, O Lord, let the power of the Holy Spirit be always with us; let it mercifully purify our hearts, and safeguard us from all harm. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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 in the parish hall.** We also need the following positions to be filled:

- 1 person to make pancakes
- 2 people to assist with the bake table
- 1 person to sell tickets
- 1 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 off Saturday, June 9th before or after Mass or early the morning of the event.
As always, your help & support is greatly appreciated!

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 are now available at the back of the church. 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 for this campaign.**

Parish Calendar

May.....	
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
June.....	
June 1st.....	First Friday Holy Communion to sick and Homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
June 3rd....	Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 3rd.....	Spanish Mass 1pm
June 4-8.....	Weekday Masses cancelled (Priest retreat)
June 10th....	Strawberry Fair 10am-1pm
June 10th....	Special Collection—Education of Seminarians

St. Ann Youth Ministry
Next Confirmation class: Wed. May 23rd from 4-5:30pm in the parish hall. They will continue through the month of May each Wednesday evening. Classes will then resume on Wed. Sept 5th and continue each Wednesday through to Nov. 3rd.

Youth Ministry will participate in this year's **Fenwick Lion's Parade on Friday, May 25th.** Come out and support our youth! Friday, June 1st, Nickel Bingo, Lookout Ridge 6:30-8:30pm Youth Ministry will also host the luncheon following the Spanish Mass on Sunday, June 3rd.

Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program
 There is always a need for new or gently used items; sweaters, light coats, socks, work gloves, new toiletries. Please contact the office or leave in the church hall.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ROSARY RELAY: The Annual Global Rosary Relay, for the sanctification of priests, takes place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Members of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine/Le Sanctuaire du Rosaire invite you to join us as we participate in this powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognize and bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over. We will join our prayers to the prayers of millions throughout the world at the Shrine on (4706) Miller Road, Port Colborne on **Friday, June 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** Don't miss the opportunity for us to raise our hearts to God for all priests, that they will be blessed, through our prayer, with God's grace for their priesthood.

Catholic Men's Breakfast - June 16/18 (7:30-11:30 am) at Club Roma Pavilion (125 Vansickle Rd, St Catharines) - \$20. Featured speakers: Bishop Gerard Bergie “Put Out Into the Deep” and Robert Raisp of the Toronto Lift Jesus Higher Rally “Leadership -Walk on Water style” - how we, as men, can draw others to the Catholic faith, living a life of service to God, church and community. Contact Branches at 905-685-7000.

Outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery: All welcome to join with Bishop Gerard Bergie as he celebrates the sixth annual Outdoor Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, 50 Woodlawn Rd., Welland on Saturday, June 23rd, 2018 at 11am. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be re-scheduled for Sat. July 7th at 11am.



CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL
 The wind and fire of the Holy Spirit must continually break down those barriers that we continue to build between us; we must continually pass from Babel to Pentecost. —Pope Benedict XVI

