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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 30th, 2018**  
**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

At that time, John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” Jesus replied, “Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” — Mk 9:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 1998, 1970 CCCD.

Sat. Sept 29	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. Sept 30	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
	9:30am	✠ Walter Blaszyński (John & Diane Szydłowski)
	11:00am	✠ Mary Voogt (Voogt & Green Families)
Mon. Oct 1	9:30am	<b>Intention Available</b>
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation</b>
Tues. Oct 2	9:30am	<b>Intention Available</b>
Wed. Oct 3	9:30am	Blessings, Health & Happiness for Rosemary Valacak on the occasion of her 90th Birthday (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic & Family)
Thurs. Oct 4	9:30am	✠ Gino Candotto (Ersilia Ferrara)
Fri. Oct 5	9:30am	✠ Irene Kocsis (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Sat. Oct 6	9-10am	<b>Reconciliation</b>
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Oct 7	9:30am	✠ Dominique Forgeron (Norrie Franko & Nancy Falovo)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.  
 Offertory September 22nd & 23rd, 2018**

71 Envelopes	\$2, 180.00
Loose Collection	\$ 92.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 272.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00

**October— Month of the Rosary:** The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. This is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method of honouring Mary.

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 As we go about our days, we necessarily label, classify, and prioritize. What’s “in” and what’s “out” on our priority list? Because humans are social beings, we tend to do the same thing with people. We can only invite six people to the dinner party. Our young child wants to invite certain friends to her birthday, but we’re keenly aware of who the parents are, and the prospect of spending several hours with them is enough to give us pause.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus’ disciples face a classification problem. They’ve seen another person driving out demons in the name of Jesus. They recognize him, a non-Apostle, as clearly “out.” And yet “Jesus replied, ‘Do not prevent him ... whoever is not against us is for us.’” Jesus recognizes real faith in the would-be exorcist. In our own lives, Jesus invites us to recognize others’ good intentions. They should not be cut off simply because they do not line up with all our personal preferences. What, then, is deserving of such a fate?



“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off ... if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out.”

When his listeners blame others, Jesus tends to pivot the conversation to their own lives. In this case, the message is clear. What we really need to cut out is that which keeps us from Jesus. If over-commitment causes us to lose patience with our family, doubt God’s providence, and become consumed with self-reliance, cut something out. If certain friendships lead us time after time into gossip and slander, cut it out. In today’s Gospel, Jesus invites us to live intentionally in our discipleship. Are we ready?




**Looking for another amazing Bible Study?**  
 Continue the journey with **Jeff Cavins’ popular video series, “The Great Adventure”** as St. Ann’s Parish hosts the next study: **Matthew – The King & His Kingdom**. This exciting program will once again take your understanding of Sacred Scripture and your Catholic faith to entirely new levels! If you are a newcomer to the Great Adventure series you will find this Bible study extremely relevant and practical.

The first session of this 24 week series will be offered on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm starting October 16th** and will run to December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Parish Hall; the second part will resume in January of 2019. Cost is for materials only: student workbook is \$39.99 + GST. Please register by calling the Parish office or by e-mailing John Douglas at [veedouglas@sympatico.ca](mailto:veedouglas@sympatico.ca) Anyone needing financial assistance to purchase the student workbook should send an email to [ja-nine@go2branches.com](mailto:ja-nine@go2branches.com).



**Niagara Regional Life Chain:** Are you the missing link? On Sunday, **September 30, 2018** from 2:00pm-3:00pm, join thousands across North America, rain or shine, standing in silent, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. Come with your family and friends to pray for an end to abortion – along Lundy’s Lane in Niagara Falls. Please report to this location at 1:45pm: Participants from St. Catharines area: Highland Ave. & Lundy’s Lane; (No Frills store); Participants from Welland, Thorold, Port Colborne area: Dorchester & Lundy’s Lane; Participants from Niagara Falls area: Prince Edward Ave. & Lundy’s Lane.

**Catholic Women’s League**  
**Upcoming Events....**  
  
**Welland Region CWL Fall Evening of Reflection:**  
 Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 2018, St. John Bosco Church, Main St. Port Colborne. 6:30pm Mass. Guest speaker 7:30pm Karen Robson, Canadian Mental Health Association. Everyone is welcome.

**Mass for all deceased members of the Catholic Women’s League,** Our Lady of the Scapular Parish in NF, Wed. Nov. 7th., 7pm.

**The Ontario provincial council of the CWL** is focusing on the issue of homelessness this year. Parishes in the diocese are being asked to collect canned meat. A basket will be placed at the top of the stairs on the table for anyone who would like to donate.

**Annual Bazaar will take place Nov. 17th., 10am-1pm.** The fall bazaar fundraiser will include a raffle for chance to win \$500 cash. Tickets to buy or sell are available in the office or after Masses. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

The CWL is asking for **assistance** making the pierogies. We will meet on **Tues., Oct 30th @ 9am** to peel potatoes and make the filling. The following day, on **Wed., Oct 31st at 9am**, the dough will be prepared and the pierogies completed. If you can spare a couple of hours, please help with this part of the event. **The next dates are Nov 6th & 7th. We will put a sign up sheet at the back soon or please join us on those days!**  
**More information to follow in coming weeks regarding the bazaar and how you can assist.**

**Confirmation Prayer Partners– Sign up Sheet at the back of the church.** Your role as a prayer partner is to offer a prayer of your choice every day from now until the day of the student’s Confirmation which will take place in our parish on **Saturday, November 10th at 5pm**. Your prayerful commitment will be a rich spiritual blessing for you as well as for the student. The Sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Please consider being a prayer partner– **15 individuals** are needed.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** 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.

**Bishop’s Charities Dinner: Saturday, October 20, 2018,** at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines, reception 6pm, dinner 7:30pm with the proceeds going to Diocesan Catholic Charities. Tickets \$50 each are payable to Knights Bishop’s Charity Association. Door prizes. For information contact Bill Amodeo 289-456-7888.

**The next Spanish Mass is scheduled for Sunday, October 7th at 1pm.** A few volunteers are needed to assist with setup and clean up for the luncheon following Mass. Also if you are able to contribute salads and dessert, it would be appreciated. High school students are welcome to assist and their time would be eligible for their community service hours. Phone the office if you can help.

**Parish Calendar**

<b>September</b>	
<b>Sept 30....</b>	Special Collection– Bishop’s collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church.
<b>October</b>	
<b>Oct 3rd.....</b>	Confirmation Class 4-5:30pm
<b>Oct 5th.....</b>	First Friday Holy Communion to sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
<b>Oct 7th.....</b>	Spanish Mass 1pm
<b>Oct 8th....</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>Oct 8-18....</b>	Weekday Masses cancelled
<b>Oct 10th....</b>	Confirmation class 4-5:30pm
<b>Oct 10th....</b>	Thanksgiving Communion Service St. Ann School 9:30am
<b>Oct 13th.....</b>	Confessions cancelled 9am
<b>Oct 13/14....</b>	Promo weekend for Bible Study
<b>Oct 15th....</b>	Holy Hour cancelled
<b>Oct 16th....</b>	Bible Study begins
<b>Oct 17th.....</b>	Confirmation class 4-5:30pm
<b>Oct 21st.....</b>	World Mission Sunday
<b>Oct 24th</b>	First Communion parent meeting 4pm in Mrs. Schaefer’s classroom at St. Ann School
<b>Oct 24th....</b>	Confirmation class 4-5:30pm
<b>Oct 24th....</b>	Finance Council meeting 6:30pm
<b>Oct 29th.....</b>	Holy Hour Cancelled
<b>Oct 30-31....</b>	Priest Study Days—Masses cancelled
<b>Oct 30/31....</b>	CWL making pierogies—9am
<b>Oct 31st....</b>	Confirmation class 4-5:30

**Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: thank you for your contribution and solidarity!** Following the encouragement of Pope Pius XII, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) was established in 1943 under the name *Canadian Catholic Conference*; it was officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948 and, following the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), became part of the worldwide network of episcopal conferences. As the CCCB President states in his message for the Collection, “Through their Episcopal Conference, the Bishops today continue to work together on doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; relations with Indigenous peoples; questions of social justice, and the development of a culture of life and family..” Thank you for your prayers and your financial contribution. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Donations can be made for the next few weeks.**

**Diocesan Anniversary Mass:** Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2018 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, **Monday November 26th, 2018, 5:30pm** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. To register and receive a formal invitation from Bishop Gerard Bergie, contact the parish office to fill out a registration form by October 12th. Details will be included in the formal invitation. **Our diocese is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Families, friends and parishioners are also invited to join this 60th Diocesan Anniversary Mass.**

**Regenerated 2018: On Saturday, November 17th** join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts **Regenerated 2018. Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. For “**early-bird**” tickets or for more information visit [branchesoftheword.org](http://branchesoftheword.org) or call Branches at 905-685-7000. **Registration forms are at the back of the church.**



