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Sunday, May 7th, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” – Jn 10:2-4

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Sat. May 6	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. May 7	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
	11:00am	✠ Silvana Colaprete (Meyo Family)
Mon. May 8	9:30am	Intention Available
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. May 9	9:30am	✠ Fr. LeRoy Lee (Voogt & Green Families)
Wed. May 10	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Thurs. May 11	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Fri. May 12	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Sat. May 13	9-10am	Reconciliation Cancelled
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. May 14	9:30am	✠ Martin Kolenko Jr. (Patricia Knafelc)
	11:00am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory April 29th & 30th, 2017

76 Envelopes	\$1,860.00
Loose Collection	\$ 409.55
Total Offertory	\$2,269.55

We welcome in Baptism, Kyle James Parker, son of Christopher Parker & Fiona Johnston. May the gifts which Baptism bestows, grow unhindered in us all.

First Communion Class 2017
 Congratulations to our young children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on April 30th.

Adam Federico	Alexandra Riley
Samuel Junkin	Alexander Rittner
Charlotte Marotta	Annabelle Scott
Owen McNaught	Mason Vanderlaan

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the celebration of First Eucharist.

Fourth SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.” Jesus uses the image of a gate today to help us understand how we are to relate to him. He is our path to “pasture,” in other words, to the peace and hope that we long for. He shows us the way to find all that we need right there before us.

Some people, however, may think that it’s better to avoid the trouble of finding the gate and thus choose to enter another way instead. But Jesus says, “Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.” Although this is all cast in the gentle terms of an analogy about sheep, the message is actually rather stern. Jesus is telling us that if we don’t follow him, we are taking the wrong course of action. He is not suggesting a kind of relativistic principle that says, “Following me is one of many good options.” No. He is telling us that in order to “have life and have it more abundantly,” we must follow the path that goes by way of Christ.

This isn’t always the easiest path to follow. It might mean taking the long way around a situation instead of a shortcut. It might mean waiting a little while to get to that pasture instead of hopping the fence and finding it on our own terms. Insisting on using the gate may also make us look like fools to those around us. But to be truly faithful followers of Jesus, we need to trust that his way is the best way. We need to trust that, by letting him lead, we will ultimately end up in the best possible pasture.

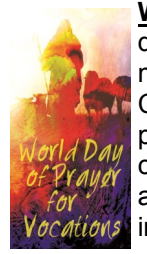
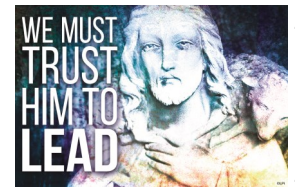
In our culture, it is becoming less and less popular to believe in one true religion, but as Christians we know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people.

Sunday, May 7, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. HOLY HOUR to PRAY for VOCATIONS, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We will gather, under the leadership of Bishop Bergie, from all over the diocese, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially from and for our diocese and for vocations to the diaconate. And we shall intercede for vocations to the religious life. May the Lord touch the hearts of many young men and women to consecrate themselves completely and exclusively to Christ and the service of His holy people. May the Lord bless all married and single persons in their vocations.

God is Calling. Will you Answer? Day of Discernment, Saturday, May 27th, Catholic Centre. High School and post secondary students. Meet priests, seminarians, consecrated men and women who will share their stories, answer your questions and help you discover God’s will for your life. 10am-2pm, Lunch provided. 3400 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold. RSVP by May 19th—Fr. Michael Basque. 905-899-1699 or vocations@saintcd.com

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. Tues. May 23 ‘Facing Your Fears After Separation and Divorce’. Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS
STANN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Summer 2017 Presents: Weird Animals – Where Jesus Love is One of a Kind! **Monday, August 14 - Friday, August 18** – 9am to Noon every day!

Registration is now open for our summer day camp! All children between the grades of ELKP and Grade 6 are invited to register. Grade 7, 8 and high school students are invited to be junior leaders!

We are in need of volunteers for this camp! If you are interested in volunteering as a VBS Leader please reach out to Genevieve Broadley our Youth Minister – 289-219-4233 – we need leaders for MUSIC, CRAFTS, SNACK, BIBLE STUDY, and GAMES! **A meeting for all volunteers will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 5:30pm.**

Registration forms are available at the back of the church, through St. Ann School and through St. Ann Parish office.

Trivia Night—NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED: tickets will be available through the parish office or contact our Youth Minister Genevieve @ 289-219-4233 or gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org

Tickets are 20\$ each – this includes admission to the trivia night and dinner. We will also have a 50/50 draw, door prizes, prizes for the winning table, cash bar, and much more. Thank you for all the support you give to our youth! St. Ann is a strong Catholic community!

Youth Ministry for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30pm. Registration form is on our website [http:// stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry](http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry).

Confirmation classes: Classes will begin on Wed. June 7th from 4-5:30pm in the parish hall. They will continue through the month of June each Wednesday evening. Classes will resume on Wed Sept 6th and continue each Wednesday in September and October. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever wonder why so many images of a shepherd show Jesus with a sheep in his arms? When sheep wander, they need to learn who to follow. A good shepherd realizes that in order for the animal to do this, there must be a bond so tight that they then “smell” like each other and the sheep can recognize the scent.

Jesus wants us to follow him; not just his teachings, but in the relationship with his Father. Jesus shows us, by his life, suffering, death, and resurrection what we ought to do to be fully human and live as children of God. By bonding with those most poor and vulnerable, Jesus calls us to do the same and desires to be our Good Shepherd. As you worship here today, keep in mind an image of Jesus carrying us. He wants you to recognize him so that you can follow, especially when we find ourselves wandering away.

Parish Calendar

- May 7th..... St. Vincent de Paul meeting after 11am Mass
- May 13th... Reconciliation 9-10am cancelled
- May 10-19... **Weekday Masses cancelled**
- May 20th..... Reconciliation cancelled 9-10am
- May 21st.... Special Collection: Pope’s Pastoral Works
- May 26th..... Youth Ministry Trivia Night Fundraiser
- May 28th..... Ascension of the Lord
- May 30-June 2... **Weekday Masses cancelled (Priest retreat)**

STRAWBERRY FAIR JUNE 11TH, 2017, 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!! **A sign up sheet with a list of volunteers needed and positions to be filled will be at the back of the church next weekend.**

As well, volunteers are needed for cleaning the berries on **Saturday, June 10th from 9-11am. A sign up sheet for this will be at the back of the church this weekend.**

Our next planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 31st at 6:30pm.**

Bake Table: Items would be appreciated and can be dropped of Saturday, June 10th before or after Mass or early the morning of the event.

As always, your help & support is greatly appreciated!

During the Year of the Rosary, you are invited to the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on **Saturday, May 13**, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. His Excellency, Bishop Gerard Bergie will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm with the recitation of the Rosary following.

Adoration at the Rosary Shrine : Celebrating 100th Anniversary of 1st Fatima Apparition & Diocesan Year of the Rosary, Saturday May 13, 2017, Adoration from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Benediction at 9:45 p.m. Rosary will be recited every hour on the hour. If you or your group wish to sign up for leading the Rosary at a particular time, or for more details – contact Cathy Kruger at 905-732-7479, or cathykruger37@gmail.com **For map and directions see the website: rosaryshrineniagara.com**

ELISHA HOUSE — CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN : Between Mother’s Day, May 14th, 2016 and Father’s Day, June 18th, 2017, you can fill a Baby Bottle with change, bills or even a cheque. This will help support Elisha House in its pro-life ministry to men, women and families in our community. The bottles will be available at the back of the church beginning the weekend of **May 6th/7th.** Please return them to the parish by the Father’s Day weekend. Your support is very much appreciated. **Last year, our parish donated \$625.09 to this campaign.**

The Serra Club of St. Catharines presents Trivia Night: promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **Friday, May 26th, 2017.** Dinner 6pm, Trivia 7pm. Guest of Honour: Most Reverend Bishop Gerard Bergie. St. Ann’s parish Hall, Niagara Falls. \$20/person or \$160/table of 8. For tickets, contact Victoria Robles 289-696-5896 or Mike Lettierre 289-296-5485.