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Sunday, May 8th, 2016
Ascension of the Lord

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. — Lk 24:50-53

Sat. May 7	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	In Thanksgiving for a Blessing Received
Sun. May 8	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Bryan Brazeau (Tim & Joan Crowther)
Mon. May 9	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. May 10	9:30am	✠ John Nenadovich (Gloria Egert)
Wed. May 11	9:30am	Intention Available
Thurs. May 12	9:30am	✠ Mary MacLean (Racz Family)
Fri. May 13	9:30am	✠ Atholean Gray (Voogt & Green Families)
Sat. May 14	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. May 15	9:30am	✠ Mary MacLean (Marilyn & Harry Ebert)
	11:00am	✠ Fr. LeRoy Lee (Ginny & Reg Green)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory April 30th & May 1st, 2016

73 Envelopes	\$1,728.00
Loose Collection	\$ 539.60
Total Offertory	\$2,267.60
Syrian Refugee Family	\$ 350.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$1,411.60

Month of April:
Income: \$10,230.00
Expenses: \$11,795.00
Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee To date, a total of \$22,910.00 has been donated. We thank you for your tremendous support! A fundraising dinner is being planned by the committee. Consult today's bulletin insert for details.

The Ascension of the Lord
 "They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Jesus had just left the disciples. In a dramatic and supernatural moment, he had bid them farewell and then "was taken up to heaven." One might think this departure would have left the disciples feeling very melancholy, but apparently it was not so. They were full of joy as they went back to the city where Jesus had told them to stay, "until you are clothed with power from on high."

This, of course, is a reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit that would happen soon enough at Pentecost. But the disciples did not know the details. They only knew that Jesus was promising them the "Advocate" and some amazing power from heaven, and sending them off with a great mission to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins... to all the nations." And this filled them with joy, even while they waited.

What we often need to remind ourselves is that after the Ascension, the disciples were in a very similar position to us. They were no longer in the physical presence of Jesus. They no longer walked with him, watched him, or heard his voice. Now, carrying on the work of the Gospel was up to them. And so too, now it is up to us. The mission of preaching the good news to all the nations is our mission. And, thankfully, the powerful "clothing" from on high is ours as well.

World Communications Day—May 8th: Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, internet) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

Canada Health Day May 12th.... This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy life-style. Health means concern for the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

Ordinations: Deacon Ronald Joseph Angervil, Deacon Stephen Mark Innamorati, Deacon Trevor Daniel Plug, and Deacon Gregory Alfred George Schmidt have petitioned to receive the Sacred Order of Priest & Bishop Bergie has accepted their petitions. Their ordination will take place at St. Alfred Church on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:30 am. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy : In response to our Bishop's request, St. Ann's has a Prayer Hour for Mercy with Eucharistic Adoration every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Confession is available during that time until 7:55 p.m. when we will have Benediction. It is my hope that this Year of Mercy will be a time of increased prayer and increased reception of the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, so that we may grow much closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and better appreciate and put into practice the great love and mercy He shows us.



Loving God, We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

First Communion Class 2016

Congratulations to our young children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on May 1st.

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| Travis Coxon | Ciarra Lovell |
| Wesley Coxon | Patrick Magazzeni |
| Aaron Dmytrow | Keira Munro |
| Brayden Dring | Jamie Troyan |
| Isaac Federico | William Van Der Lee |
| Isabelle Henson | Isaiah Vanderlaan |
| Scarlett Kun | Baileigh Vasas |

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

National Week for Life and the Family May 8-15, 2016- God and Father of us all, in Jesus, Mercy made flesh, You have made us Your sons and daughters In the family of the Church. May your grace and merciful love Help our families in every part of the world to be united in themselves and to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. With the aid of Your Spirit, may the example of the Holy Family guide every family in the ways of your Mercy making them centres of Communion and prayer focused on the person and mission of Jesus Christ, their most welcome guest. Amen. **Jesus, font of divine love, have mercy on us!**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Coming this Summer—Vacation Bible School

"Join us this summer for St. Ann's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016, **Cave Quest**, where kids will gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure, grounded in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times. Created for students from ELKP to Grade 6, **Cave Quest** will be held at St. Ann, Fenwick Catholic Parish from **Monday August 8th-Friday August 12th, 9:00am - 12:00pm each morning.** The program is run by donation, collected on the last day. Registration forms can be found online at www.saintannfenwick.com (click on the Youth Ministry tab), at the St. Ann School Main Office, or at the back of the parish. For more information contact Roberta Plantic at rplantic@branchesoftheword.org or call/text 905.401.0174. The registration deadline is June 17th! ALL are welcome—invite friends!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—VBS is run primarily by a group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for **Cave Quest**, please contact Roberta by the end of April. We will have a VBS volunteer meeting on **Sunday, May 15th after the 11:00am Mass.** For the program to run successfully, we are in need of at least 8 adult volunteers, and 4 youth volunteers (Grade 7-12). Volunteer hours are allotted for students in need of community service hours. Thank you in advance for your support!"

Youth Ministry Events...., **May 11th**—Creed—St. Maximilian Kolbe: Courage, **May 13th** - Social Night. **May 18th**—Scripture Night, **May 25th**—Issue Night, **May 27th**—Parade.

Parish Calendar

- May....**
May 8th.... The Ascension of the Lord
May 8th..... Mother's Day
May 8th..... Elisha House Baby Bottle Campaign begins.
May 10th.... Feast of St. Ann planning meeting 7:30pm
May 11th.... Strawberry Fair planning meeting 7pm
May 15th.... Pentecost Sunday
May 18th.... Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm
May 21st.... Reconciliation cancelled 9-10am
May 22nd..... The Most Holy Trinity
May 29th.... The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
May 28th.... Reconciliation cancelled 9-10am
May 30th Holy Hour Cancelled
May 30th– June 3rd...weekday Masses cancelled



STRAWBERRY FAIR 2016

First Planning Meeting, **Wednesday, May 11th, 7pm**
 Volunteers are needed to plan, organize and assist the day of the event. Please plan to come out to the meeting. **The date of the event is to be determined—either June 12th or 19th.** If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to assist in any way, please phone the office. Thank you!

ELISHA HOUSE — CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

: Between Mother's Day, May 8th, 2016 and Father's Day, June 19th, 2016, you can fill a Baby Bottle with change, bills or even a cheque. This will help support Elisha House in its 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 7th/8th.** Please return them to the parish by the Father's Day weekend. Your support is very much appreciated. **Last year, our parish donated \$719.11 for this campaign.**

National March for Life - Thursday, May 12, 2016

This year is the 19th annual National March For Life in Ottawa. Pro-lifers will gather in the nation's capital to demand that our laws once again uphold the right to life which is inherent to every human being, as they once did. It is the largest annual protest on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day. The annual National March For Life is organized by Campaign Life Coalition, the political arm of the pro-life movement. The event is a forum for pro-life Canadians to demand social justice for the more than 100,000 children who are killed in their mother's womb each year across Canada. Abortion is fully funded by taxpayers for any reason or no reason at all, right up to the moment of birth. Please pray for all unborn children.

Working against suicide:

The Government of Canada has introduced Bill C-14, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying)*. This proposed legislation, which responds to the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in early 2015, will make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal and more accessible in our entire country. The Supreme Court decision and current legislative efforts are in stark contradiction to the endeavours of individuals, families and communities to counteract the dangers and sufferings of suicide. To express your concerns about the legislation, visit <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>.

Canonization of Mother Teresa:

Join Fr. Paul MacNeil & Fr. Rico Passero for this exciting pilgrimage! Aug. 28th—Sept, 5th, 2016. Itinerary includes Rome, Assisi, Florence, Cascia, San Gimignano and the Vatican city for the Canonization of Mother Teresa. Some information sheets are available at the back of the church.