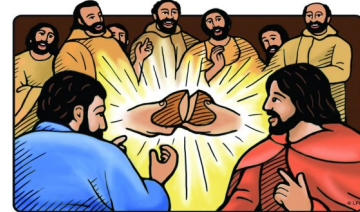


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## Sunday, April 23rd, 2023

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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Sat. April 22	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. April 23	9:30am	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. April 24	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. April 25	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Tarasik & Racz Families (Racz Family)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. April 26	9:30am	✠ Ralph Biancaniello & Gerrard Gosselin (Vince Addario) Special Intention for Annette Knight (Annette Knight)
Thurs. April 27	9:30am	✠ Rosa Difruscia (Vince & Lena Addario)
Fri. April 28	9:30am	For the intentions of the Immaculate Hearts of Mary & St. Joseph (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sat. April 29	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ John Gerden (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Sun. April 30	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Blessings & Health for Zaklina & Magdalena Mazur (Danuta Mazur)

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY—MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-8:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL.** Registration forms are at the back of the church. All youth in Grades 5-8 are welcome!

On Sunday, May 7th at 2pm, the Grade 2 students of St. Ann School will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

### Third Sunday of Easter

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus *always* has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us? Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead! My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

**We welcome in Baptism, Rylan Marianne Biggar**, daughter of David Biggar and Stephanie Lampman. May the gifts which Baptism bestow, grow unhindered in us all. Congratulations to **Simon Chechalk** and **Dallas DiMartile** who recently received the Sacrament of First Communion in our parish.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of ✠**Steve Lenik** who passed away. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**Monthly Pasta Dinner Fundraiser**  
Our parish would like to plan a pasta take out dinner every **first Thursday of month beginning June 8th**. Proceeds would be used to assist with the cost of the hall renovations and any future projects needed in the parish.

In order to proceed, **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!** At minimum, 4-5 people are needed to work on the Wednesday to assist with preparation and on the Thursday for the take out day. We must stress that this is a monthly commitment as the take out dinner is open to the parish and the community and without volunteers in attendance, it is not possible to prepare for the dinner and take out. Training will be provided.

One of our parishioners who has experience co-ordinating and working this type of fundraiser is willing to take the lead and offer his assistance providing the leadership necessary for a successful outcome. LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD CONSIDER DOING. Again, please keep in mind that the two day monthly commitment (Frist Wed and Thurs of the month) is critical to the success of this fundraiser. Phone or email the office soon if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

**Confirmation Registration 2023:** As we approach the end of the 2022/23 school year, we are looking forward to the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated in our parish in November 2023. All youth who are interested in receiving this Sacrament are required to attend a meeting, along with their parents, at St. Ann parish on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30pm.** Forms were emailed to families and hard copies sent home. Please fill out the form and bring it with you to the meeting or email it to the parish office in advance of the meeting to [stannsfenwick@coqeco.net](mailto:stannsfenwick@coqeco.net). Thank you for taking the time to attend this important meeting.

- Offertory April 9th, 2023— \$3,205.00**
- Offertory April 16th, 2023- \$2,011.00**
- Holy Land Collection- \$1,855.00**
- Share Lent to date - \$1,750.00**
- Maintenance April: \$570.00**

## Sunday, April 30th, 2023

**4<sup>TH</sup> 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." - Jn 10:2-3

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Mon. May 1	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. May 2	9:30am	Special Intention for Teresa Walters (Colin Walters)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. May 3	9:30am	✠ Cecil Shannon (Racz Family)
		Birthday Blessings for Denys Prystaiko (Racz Family)
Thurs. May 4	9:30am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)
		✠ Wayne Rebeiro & Anthony & Muriel Guest (Rebeiro Family)
		Blessings & Health for Evey & Karina (Danuta Mazur)
	6:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Mass</b>
Sat. May 6	8:00am	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
	9:00am	<b>Mass</b>
	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	✠ Joseph & Marion Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sun. May 7	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Jack & Dorothy Walters (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	2:00pm	First Communion

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses**

**Sunday, April 30, 3:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**HOLY HOUR to PRAY for VOCATIONS.** Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Sunday, April 30 is Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also 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.

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the *voice* of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "**They recognize his voice.**" He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

**Catholic Education Week**  
**April 30-May 5, 2023**

Catholic Education Week is held each year in May in our 29 Ontario Catholic School Boards. Catholic Education Week 2023 is scheduled to take place during the week of April 30 – May 5. This is a week specially set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and why the triple connection of home, school and parish is an important and integral part of Catholic education. This triad emphasizes for our children, the reality of our wider Catholic community that collaborates on their faith formation and education.

"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another." (Romans 12:5)

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "We Are Many, We Are One." The publicly funded Catholic education system we enjoy in Ontario today is the result of the hard work and commitment of many clergy, religious and lay-people who came before us, all of whom believed that Catholic students should receive a Catholic education.

The challenges to the existence of publicly-funded Catholic education are alive today. In an increasingly secular Ontario, there are those who seek to defund Catholic education. The fact is, Catholic education has contributed in a very significant way to Ontario and to Canada, through the contributions of generations of Catholic graduates who exemplify the Catholic Graduate Expectations. Catholic education has existed in Niagara for over 160 years and our Catholic schools celebrate excellence in Catholic education all year.

This week we continue to celebrate a school system, which celebrates and defines itself on faith and mercy and embraces the message of salvation for all peoples preached by Jesus. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education within the Niagara Catholic District School Board and your continued prayers for Catholic Education.

**St. Ann School Trivia Night and Silent Auction Fundraiser:** Friday June 2nd, Fire Station #2, Welland Rd., Fenwick. Tickets \$20 (includes pizza and munchies). Create your own winning team— 8 players per table. More info...905-892-3942.



