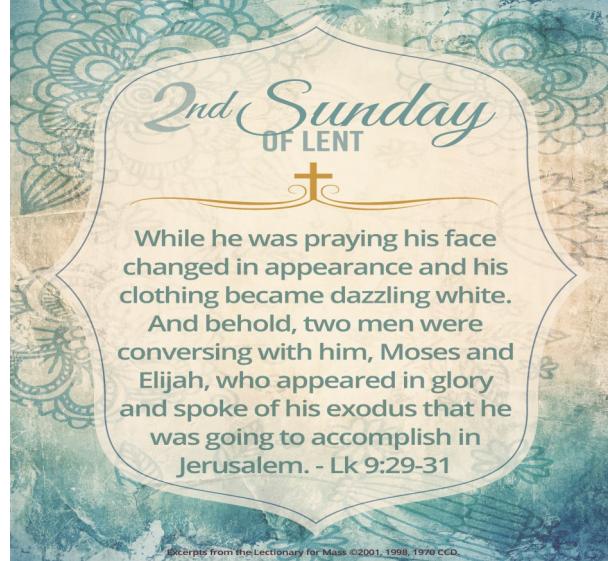


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Sunday, March 17th, 2019



Sat. Mar 16	9-10am	Confession
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Mar 17	9:30am	† Stella Pellerine (Larocque Family)
	11:00am	† Beatrice Sturgeon (Thelma Poolsaar & Family)
		† Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
Mon. Mar 18	9:30am	† Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
Tues. Mar 19	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confession
	9:30am	† Josephine Murphy (Phyllis & George Repar)
Wed. Mar 20	9:30am	Joseph Mullin (Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Mar 21	9:30am	Special Intention (Teresa Walters)
Fri. Mar 22	9:30am	† Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Sat. Mar 23	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	† Harry Atkins (Wendy Atkins)
Sun. Mar 24	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	† Gerry Berkhouit (Joan & Tim Crowther)
Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.		

Offertory March 9th & 10th, 2019

72 Envelopes \$1,770.00
Loose Collection \$52.50
Total Offertory \$1,822.50

A reminder- Our website domain name has changed to the following: www.stannfenwick.com

Second Sunday of Lent

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation. Peter, James, and John trudged up the

mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS will be celebrated by Most Rev. Gerard Paul Bergie, on **The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord** Monday, March 25, 2019, 7pm, **The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria**, 67 Church Street, St. Catharines. **Let us pray together for the protection of life in all its stages; for greater respect for God's gift of life: for those wounded by abortion. Reception to follow.**

Invest ONE HOUR to save a Lifetime! 40Days for Life – Be an active participant in this peaceful campaign through prayer and fasting during Lent, March 6th – April 14th. We ask each church to adopt **ONE DAY (For our Parish – Saturday, April 13th) from 8 am – 8 pm**, with two or more people to give public witness for one or two hours standing on Portage Street at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign "Pray to end Abortion." This is a prayerful, silent **VIGIL**. To sign up for **Saturday, April 13th** please register at the [sign up table](#) at the back of the church or contact Karen Jankovich: kjankovich@sympatico.ca

For general inquiries and to sign up for other days during Lent, please contact Annette: loeffenlife@gmail.com, 905-325-1251, or Angela: angelabraun@live.com

Defend the Sanctity of Life! Petition of One Million – Please sign the petition at the back of the church to protect the unborn. For further information: www.petitionofonemillion.ca

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES
The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multi-national pro-life prayer event is scheduled for **May 3, 4 and 5** this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthechangelloorganization.org/>



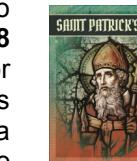
On Saturday, April 6, 2019, in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10am – 2pm to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.



Lenten Food Drive: Baskets have been placed at the church entrance. Donations of nonperishable food items would be appreciated and will be forwarded to Pelham Cares. **Items most needed include:** Food items: stews, chili, jams, tea and coffee. Baking supplies of any kind are also welcome and gift cards. At this time, there is an abundance of pastas and sauces and peanut butter. Other items: Diapers sizes 4-6 (all ages), pull ups size 3T and up.

Migrant Ministry: Once again, our parish will be welcoming the seasonal agriculture workers as they return to our community during the month of March. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting warm clothing for the men, as they will arrive during the cooler weather and may be unprepared for the colder climate. Items most in need are socks, warm gloves, and toques. We are also accepting donations of gently used men's sweaters and coats, as well as new toiletries. If you have any items to donate, please leave them in the church basement, with a note indicating that they are for the seasonal agriculture workers. Thank you for your continued support.

An update on our Syrian Families. Our first family, Elias, Maissa and Monica Karwachan, arrived in November of 2017. Maissa is working full time at Hadami Fabrics; Elias is studying English and working part time as a cleaner and Monica is in Grade 10 and an A+ student! Our second family, Ramoun, Marlin, Charl and Chantal Kroushan arrived in May of 2018. Marlin works part time at the YMCA in St. Catharines; Ramoun is working 3 nights at Petro Canada; Charl works at People's Jewellers at the Niagara on the Lake outlet Mall and a book store in Thorold. His goal is to eventually return to school—Niagara College or Brock. Chantal is taking Grade 9 & 10 classes and is an A+ student!



St. Patrick's Day—March 17th. Dear St. Patrick, in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Saviour. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.



Feast of St. Joseph- March 19th. He is the patron saint of the Universal Church, and people call upon his aid for workers, families, home buyers and sellers, and the grace of a happy death, among other requests. St. Thomas Aquinas once noted that St. Joseph is unique among patron saints in that he is able to assist us at any time for anything. **Glorious Prayer:** Saint Joseph, spouse of the immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

March.....
March 25th....

Holy Hour Cancelled

Catholic Women's League

The CWL council of St. Alexander Parish will host the Evening of Reflection on Thursday, April 11th at 6pm. Amelia Leraci will give a presentation on Shoe Box Donations. They are also hosting a bus trip to Midland on Saturday, June 8th. They will visit **Martyrs' Shrine** in the morning and the **Midland Butter Tart Festival** in the afternoon. The cost is \$50. Contact St. Alexander to register.

The Diocese of St. Catharines will hold a **Day of Reflection for Women** on Saturday, June 22 at Gethsemane Centre in Wellandport. The speaker will be Dr. Josephine Lombardi whose topic is The Gift of Hope. 9:45 am - 3 pm with lunch provided. Free will offering.

The Annual Diocesan Convention will be held on May 21st and 22nd. Mass is on Tuesday evening at St. Alfred Parish. On Wednesday the business, speakers and social events will be hosted at the Holiday Inn and Parkway Suites on Ontario Street in St. Catharines. The speaker at the Convention is Dr. Anne Jamieson. Her topic: A Recipe for Faith: Choosing and Using the Best Ingredients. **Deadline for registration is March 30th.** The council will pay half of the registration after members have attended.

National Palliative Care week is May 5th - 11th. Once again this year we will pray the rosary together for Palliative Care. This year we are able to choose the day and our Council will pray the rosary after morning Mass on May 6th. We will follow with a brief meeting.



Share the journey with members of the Umuechem community in Nigeria.

In 1990, a peaceful community in the south of Nigeria became the victim of what has been recognized as the first crime committed by an oil company. Traumatized by a massacre of unparalleled violence, a large majority of the members of this community fled to neighbouring communities, never to return home again. To make sure that their story is never forgotten and to combat impunity, Development and Peace's partner Social Action is supporting the Umuechem community in their legal action against the oil company. Discover the story of people forced to flee their homes and ways for each one of us to act in solidarity with them: devp.org/lent. **Solidarity Sunday is on April 7th.**

Thank you! A special thank you to everyone who assisted with the World Day of Prayer event on March 1st. It was very well attended. Thank you to those who donated food items, cleaned the parish and hall, assisted in the kitchen for the reception and participated in the prayer service. A special thank you to Donna Larocque who co-ordinated the event this year at our parish as we hosted the event and for arranging the guest speaker from the Hope Centre. Also a special thank you to Colleen Brazeau for co-ordinating the music.

Hall Kitchen clean up: At the end of March, a few volunteers in the parish will clean out the hall kitchen cupboards and re-organize items. If you have anything in the kitchen that belongs to you, please remove it soon. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Parish Calendar

