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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, October 7th, 2018
**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
 Time**

He said to them in reply, “What did Moses command you?”
 They replied, “Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and
 dismiss her.” But Jesus told them, “Because of the hardness of your hearts
 he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation,
 God made them male and female.” — Mk 10:3-6

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Sat. Oct 6	9-10am	Reconciliation
	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)
Mon. Oct 8	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation Cancelled
Tues. Oct 9	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Wed. Oct 10	9:30am	St. Ann School Thanksgiving Communion Service
Thurs. Oct 11	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Fri. Oct 12	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Sat. Oct 13	9-10am	Reconciliation Cancelled
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Oct 14	9:30am	✠ Kristina Hozjan (Maria Jerebic)
	11:00am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory September 29th & 30th, 2018

74 Envelopes	\$1,762.00
Loose Collection	\$ 44.00
Total Offertory	\$1,806.00
Needs of Canadian Church	\$ 439.00

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 “Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” This verse is part of a beautiful reflection on childlike faith. We’re reminded of the innocence of children, how eager they are to experience life and how quick they are to trust. Rarely do we hear it with the story that immediately proceeds it. The Pharisees question Jesus on the lawfulness of divorce! Hardly the sort of thorny moral conversation one typically has in front of children. Yet here we are.

Jesus’ response goes further back than the Mosaic law. “From the beginning, God made them male and female ... the two shall become one flesh ... what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” Jesus cites a particular set of passages from Genesis 1 and 2, before the Fall in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve possessed original innocence. How eager they were to encounter one another and to explore the garden! How immediate their initial trust in God. We no longer live in Eden. As



we age in our fallen world, our childlike trust is wounded and betrayed. We become hardened to the beauties of life. We’re quick to find a way around difficult moments.

In brief, things become complicated as we lose our innocence. The teachings of Christ and the Church on sexuality become more challenging or more objectionable. Jesus recognizes this in today’s Gospel. His invitation is not to compromise with our broken reality. It is a return to beauty, to the fullness of life as it was meant to be. We can affirm our trust in God. We can view life with gratitude. We can experience healing of our lost innocence. This is possible today — now! — by grace. Indeed, “the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”



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 4th, 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 Anyone needing financial assistance to purchase the student workbook should send an email to ja-nine@go2branches.com.

All Souls’ Day- Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed November 2nd, 2018: Everyone is invited to write the names of deceased loved ones on the **special envelopes (if you wish to make a donation)** available at the back of the church. Place the envelopes in the offertory over the next few weeks or bring to the parish office. The names will be written in a **Book of Remembrance** which will be on display as a reminder to pray for those who have passed before us and left an impact on our lives. **Please print the names clearly. If making a donation, include your name and offertory number.**

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.

Sunday October 28th marks the day for Notre Dame College School’s 43rd Annual Pilgrimage for the Developing World. The Pilgrimage is an opportunity for the school community (students, teachers, parents, friends and alumni) to “put their feet to the gospel” by walking in solidarity with those of the developing world who are less fortunate. Over the years. Notre Dame has raised over \$2 million through this event for development projects throughout the world. From the Pilgrimage we learn that Canadian Christians are abundantly blessed – we have the ability and means to respond to the needs of the poor. Please support Notre Dame students as they walk in solidarity with those who are less fortunate. If you can’t be there, please consider a donation which can be made online at www.notredamewelland.com, or to a student in your parish.

A Missa Solemnis (Solemn High Mass) in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, commemorating the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal in A.D. 1917. **Saturday 13 October 2018 @ 10:00am.** St. Anthony of Padua parish: 360 River Road, Welland. The Mass will be sung in Latin and hasn’t been celebrated in this solemn form in the area in almost 50 years. For more information visit www.facebook.com/StAnthonyChurchWelland

Parish Calendar

October	
Oct 7th.....	Spanish Mass 1pm
Oct 8th.....	Thanksgiving
Oct 8th	Holy Hour cancelled
Oct 8-18....	Weekday Masses cancelled
Oct 10th....	Confirmation class 4-5:30pm
Oct 10th....	Thanksgiving Communion Service St. Ann School 9:30am
Oct 13th.....	Confessions cancelled 9am
Oct 13/14....	Promo weekend for Bible Study
Oct 15th....	Holy Hour cancelled
Oct 16th....	Bible Study begins
Oct 17th.....	Confirmation class 4-5:30pm
Oct 21st....	World Mission Sunday
Oct 24th....	First Communion parent meeting 4pm in Mrs. Schaefer’s classroom at St. Ann School
Oct 24th....	Confirmation class 4-5:30pm
Oct 24th....	Finance Council meeting 6:30pm
Oct 28th....	SVDP meeting following 11am Mass
Oct 29th....	Holy Hour Cancelled
Oct 30-31....	Priest Study Days— Masses cancelled
Oct 30/31....	CWL making pierogies—9am
Oct 31st....	Confirmation class 4-5:30
Oct 31st....	Youth Ministry cancelled

Congratulations to **Brock Parkin and Shannon Walters** who were married in our parish on September 29th. Blessings for a long and happy life together.

Fr. Chad will be away from Sunday evening October 7th, returning the evening of Thursday October 18th. Messages will be checked regularly. Consult the bulletin for all Mass cancellations. In case of emergency and a priest is needed, please ask for the priest on call at the hospital. If you are at home and would like a priest to visit, call the office or leave a message and we will get back to as soon as possible.

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.**

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. This month’s topics are ‘Causes of Anger’, (**Tuesday**, Oct 9th); and ‘Working Through the Anger’, (Monday October 22nd). Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com



Thanksgiving Prayer: Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Lord. Amen.

