

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Sunday October 6th, 2013



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

Mass Schedule & Intentions from October 5–13, 2013

Saturday	5:00PM	†	Carmelo & Rosaria Miraebile by granddaughter Agata Presti Rosario & John Maddalena by wife & family Vincas & Antose Bieliunas by son Jerome Pauline D'Onofrio by Marie Fucile
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Carl & Olive Madsen by Cheryl Maurice & family Mario Ricci by Mary & family Agata Montemurro by Fortuna & Rita Scolaro
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish No Mass
Monday			Communion Service
Tuesday	9:00AM		Communion Service
Wednesday	9:00AM		Communion Service
Thursday	9:00AM		In Thanksgiving to the Lord by Elvira Piluso
Friday	9:00AM		
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Giuseppe Giovinazzo by Mr. & Mrs. Nardino Albanese Antonio Gallo by wife & family Umberto, Antonietta & Vincenzo Nobile by Maria Nobile
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Palmarosa & Emidio Ioannoni by Bruna Ioannoni Ernesto & Elvira Magazzeni by Aladino & Maria Magazzeni
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish



"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Luke 17:5-10



From the General Audience of Pope Francis on Wednesday October 2, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In the Creed, we confess our faith that the Church is "holy". But how can we say that the Church is holy when she is all too evidently made up of sinners? Saint Paul helps us to see things aright when he tells us that "Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, to make her holy" (Eph 5:25-26). The Church is inseparably one with Christ, and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. It is not ourselves, or our merits, which make the Church holy, but God himself, through the infinite merits of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. God calls all of us, as sinners, to be redeemed, renewed and made holy in the communion of the Church. So the Church constantly welcomes everyone, even the greatest sinners, to trust in God's offer of loving mercy, and to encounter Christ in the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. Let us not be afraid to respond to Christ's call, to trust in the working of the Holy Spirit and to pray and strive for that holiness which brings true joy to our lives.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Requesting your valuable prayers for those who are sick at home, or in the hospital: If you, or someone you know, is ill or in the hospital and would like to be on the prayer list, call the parish office at 905-732-5046. We will keep the name for 2 weeks. Please also notify the parish office if the person is still in serious condition so that we may continue to keep the name on the list.

We ask that you kindly remember all those who are sick in your prayers this week, especially Tonya Morrow and Gary Garland.

Notre Dame College School, Welland, will hold its 38th Annual Pilgrimage for the Third World on Sunday, October 27th. The Notre Dame community invites and encourages alumni and friends to be part of this Pilgrimage experience. Registration at 8:15, Departure prayer at 9:00 am; Pilgrimage Eucharist at 1:15 p.m. If you can't be there, please consider a monetary contribution. Donations can be made online at www.notredamewelland.com.

"The Church as the family of God" by Pope Francis (continued from last week)

...So what is the Church born from? She is born from the supreme act of love of the Cross, from the pierced side of Jesus from which flowed blood and water, a symbol of the sacrament of the Eucharist and of Baptism. The lifeblood of God's family, of the Church, is God's love which is actualized in loving him and others, all others, without distinction or reservation. The Church is a family in which we love and are loved.

When did the Church manifest herself? She became manifest when the gift of the Holy Spirit filled the heart of the Apostles and spurred them to go out and begin their journey to proclaim the Gospel, spreading God's love.

Still today some say: "Christ yes, the Church no". Like those who say "I believe in God but not in priests". But it is the Church herself which brings Christ to us and which brings us to God. The Church is the great family of God's children. Of course, she also has human aspects. In those who make up the Church, pastors and faithful, there are shortcomings, imperfections and sins. The Pope has these too — and many of them; but what is beautiful is that when we realize we are sinners we encounter the mercy of God who always forgives. Never forget it: God always pardons and receives us into his love of forgiveness and mercy. Some people say that sin is an offence to God, but also an opportunity to humble oneself so as to realize that there is something else more beautiful: God's mercy. Let us think about this.

Let us ask ourselves today: how much do I love the Church? Do I pray for her? Do I feel part of the family of the Church? What do I do to ensure that she is a community in which each one feels welcome and understood, feels the mercy and love of God who renews life? Faith is a gift and an act which concern us personally, but God calls us to live with our faith together, as a family, as Church.

Let us ask the Lord, in a very special way during this Year of Faith, that our communities, the whole Church, be increasingly true families that live and bring the warmth of God.

New Sunday Missals will be available for purchase beginning next weekend. As you did last year, kindly plan to purchase a few books in memory of a loved one and donate the missal to the church for the use of all parishioners. The cost of a Missal is \$5.

Last Sunday's Collection - \$1684.80
Building Fund - \$90.00
Needs of the Canadian Church - \$132.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Parish Events

Diocese of St. Catharines Youth

Symposium: Saturday October 19th, 9:30am-4:30pm St. Alfred's Parish.

Communal praying of the Rosary

twenty minutes prior to the start of all weekend Masses throughout October.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

Classes are ongoing at the Rectory, with *Catholicism* film screening. [No class this week].

World Mission Sunday: October 19/20th. Special collection at all Masses.

Parish Pasta Dinner: Sunday November 24th.

Retrouvaille Weekend October 25-27, 2013

Do you feel alone? - Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program, call: 905-664-5212 or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.hamiltonretrouvaille.com

Diocesan Anniversary Mass & Dinner

Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2013 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, **Monday November 25, 2013 5:30pm** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. To register and to receive a formal invitation from Bishop Bergie, contact the parish office to fill in a form by October 15. **A dinner will be held at Club Roma, St. Catharines, at 7:00pm.**

World Mission Sunday is on October 20th this year. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church that provides emergency aid when disasters strike, cares for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.