

# Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018



And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Mk 9:2-10)

### Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1838.45  
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 70.00  
 'Host a Family..' \$ 20.00  
*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

### Upcoming Events - 2018

**Adoration & Stations of the Cross Lenten Friday's at 6.30PM**  
**Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:**  
**Meatball Sale March 24th 4PM to 25th 2PM**  
**Family Mass and Luncheon - March 25**  
*Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.*

### Do you feel alone?

Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 16, 2018, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call 905-664-5212 or email: [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

### Mass Schedule & Intentions from February 24, 2018 to March 4, 2018

Saturday	5:00PM	+ Oreste Mazzei by Nardina Inneo & family Arcangelo & Angela Alviano by Maria Fazzalari Gennaro & Maria Minervini by the Minervini family
Sunday	9:00AM	+ Stella Ramanauskas by Cheryl Maurice Victoire Lukacsy by Roseline & Robert McCombs Carmelo Presti by Rita & Paul D'Amico
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	9:00AM	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	+ John Nenadovich by Wife Barbara Nenadovich & family
Wednesday	9:00AM	+ Giuseppina Gallo by Michelle & Joe Habjan
Thursday	9:00AM	+ Franco Sdao by Ines Mauro
Friday	9:00AM 6:30PM	+ Vincent Fazzalari by Wife Maria Fazzalari <b>Adoration &amp; Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday	5:00PM	+ Oreste Mazzei by Lea Locco & family Vincenzo & Antonietta Nobile by Franca Sdao Pasquale Vaccaro by Wife & family
Sunday	9:00AM	+ Franc Horvat by Wife Theresa Horvat Margaret Marko by St. Andrew the Apostle CWL Domenico Locco by Wife Lea Locco & family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'



### What are you doing for Lent this year?

Ask Catholics what they're doing for Lent this year, and they'll probably tell you that they are giving up a favorite food, a favorite pastime or anything else they really love but isn't essential in their lives. Giving up something for Lent fosters self-discipline and tempers our desires. It is a form of fasting. It is a form of penance. It promotes spiritual growth. If you're giving up something for Lent, that's great. But think also about the possibility of doing something positive to bolster your spiritual life and make the world a better place. Look for ways that you can increase your knowledge of your faith, strengthen your spiritual life or perform special acts of mercy and kindness at home, at work, in your parish / community. **Lent offers opportunities to pass on your faith to children.**

Here are some ideas for making Lenten memories: 1. Pray together. Even if it's just an Our Father or Hail Mary, it unites the family. 2. Let each family member mention one person or problem that they would like to pray for in a special way at dinnertime. 3. Take the kids grocery shopping for the poor. Let them help you bring the food to your parish pantry or the local food bank. 4. Let children light a candle at church for people throughout the world who are sick or hungry. 5. Sample Lenten food favorites, such as hot cross buns or pretzels. If you're really adventurous, check the internet for recipes and make your own! (from <http://www.osv.com>)



## Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



### Pope Francis - February 2018

#### Pope Francis warns against 'fake fasting' during Lent

Pope Francis has reminded the faithful to give up something for Lent only if it demonstrates compassion and enriches others.

Pope Francis' words of warning against what he called "fake fasting" came during the homily on Friday at morning Mass in the Casa Santa Marta.

When fasting, Pope Francis said, a true Christian must be consistent, not putting himself on show, never despising others or engaging in quarrels or disagreements.

Warning against behavior that is inconsistent with the Lenten spirit, the Pope invited those present to ask themselves how they interact with others.

He reflected on the First Reading of the day that highlights how the fasting that is acceptable to the Lord aims to "release those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke".

#### Fasting with a smile

"We must pretend, Francis continued, but with a smile. That is not showing others that we are performing acts of penance."

He invited the faithful to fast in order "to help others. But always with a smile".

Fasting, he said, also involves lowering oneself by reflecting on one's sins and asking forgiveness from the Lord.

How ashamed would I be, he continued, if my sin was to become common knowledge through the press? And referring again to the Scripture Reading of the day he invited Christians to "release unjust bounds."

Read more from this article by Linda Bordoni <http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta/2018-02/pope-francis-homily-santa-marta-lent>

#### Upcoming Collections

March 18, 2018 - Development & Peace  
 March 30, 2018 - Good Friday Pontifical Collection

#### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



**Pancake Supper - Thank You** to all the Volunteers who came out to bake the pancakes and serve. Special thanks to Barbara Nenadovich for her leadership. We are so grateful to all who sold the tickets and all who came in to enjoy the supper!

#### A Lenten Prayer



All praise to you, Father in heaven, for leading us out of the darkness of sin into the light of your kingdom. We bless you for sending us your Son to save us, to die for us that we might die to sin, to be raised that we might share your life. We thank you for giving us your Spirit of love, to live in our hearts and lead us to you. All glory, praise and honour be yours, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and evermore. Amen.

### 12 MEATBALLS



\$10

#### Meatball Sale

Saturday March 24, 4 -6:30pm  
 and Sunday 12 to 2PM

12 Meatballs in sauce for only \$10.

Please support this fundraising event while enjoying the meatball. Stock up for the feast of Easter.

*Volunteers please join on Sat. at 9am to make the meatballs.*

#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Be part of a peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, February 14-March 25, 2018. 40 Days for Life asks each church to adopt ONE DAY from 8:00AM-8:00PM with 2 or more people to give public witness for 1-2 hours standing on Portage Road at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign, Pray to End Abortion - 40 Days for Life. To enroll in the campaign go to [www.wpcprolife.com](http://www.wpcprolife.com) and follow the link or contact Annette at [loeffenlife@gmail.com](mailto:loeffenlife@gmail.com) or phone 905-931-0363. We have chosen Wednesdays' as our special day for this.

#### "Bless me father, for I have sinned"

All of our churches in our diocese will be open for Confession on the same day at the same time: **Saturday, March 17, 2018** will be the day with Confessions being offered from 10 am until 2 pm

#### Holy Week Schedule March 24 - April 1, 2018

Passion Vigil Saturday March 24th @ 5PM  
**Passion /Palm Sunday** March 25th, 2018 @ 9 AM and 10:40AM (Procession from school)  
 Mon, Tue, Wed - Mass @ 9AM  
 Tuesday - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 7.30PM  
**Holy Thursday March 29th @7PM, Adoration till Midnight**  
**Good Friday Service at 3PM**  
**Confession - Holy Saturday** 10:30 AM  
 Blessing of Food Baskets 11:45AM  
**Easter Vigil** March 31st @ 8:15 PM  
**Easter Sunday** April 1, 2018 @ 9 AM and 11AM  
**Divine Mercy Celebration** April 08, 2018 @ 2PM