

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 16, 2017



And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. (MT 13: 1-23)

### Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 2022.50  
 'Host a Family..' \$ 25.00  
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 131.00  
*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

### Upcoming Events

Golf & Dinner -Sept. 17th  
**Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:**  
**Meatball Sale - July 15th**  
 Grocery Store BBQ - August  
 Garage Sale - September  
 (Save & donate your spring cleaning treasures!)  
 Pie Sale - October  
 Prosciutto Raffle - November  
 Winery Wine Sale - November  
*Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.*

Please remember St. Andrew's Parish in your will and when you think about memorial donations! Thank you.

### SHRINE MASS

Mass is celebrated every Thursday at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine (4706 Miller Rd., Port Colborne) beginning with the Rosary at 7pm.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions from July 15, 2017 to July 23, 2017

Saturday <i>Meatball Sale</i>	5:00PM † Antonio & Giuseppina Gallo by family Franco Sdao by Maria Ferrato Aldo Belcamino by Teresa Belcamino
Sunday  <i>Meatball Sale</i>	9:00AM † Louie & Theresa Sopcic by Therese Horvat Nello & Aldo Belcamino by Brother Joe Belcamino Aladino Magazzeni by wife & family Lilia Ligotti by Husband & family 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones  <b><i>A gathering will take place after Mass to conclude the VBS 2017. All are welcome to join</i></b>
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	<b>7:00PM</b> † Chelsey & Robert Kuchyt by Helen Charette
Wednesday	9:00AM † Toni DiCesare by Patricia Presti
Thursday	9:00AM † Annunziata & Domenico Tedesco by sister
Friday	9:00AM † Giacomo Mancuso by Carmella Degazio
Saturday	5:00PM † Fortuna & Agata DePasquale by the Presti family Franco Sdao by Emma Altimari
Sunday 	9:00AM † Clementina & Giorgio Giovinazzo by grandchildren Tina & Nancy Giovinazzo Rena & Bruna Belcamino by Joe Belcamino Frank Sdao by Connie & George Poll 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



### Thank You - Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all the volunteers who organized & ran the week long VBS program, especially the Rev. Sisters Mary Augustine and Maria Magdalena SOLI, as well as the ladies in charge of snacks and lunch: Barbara Nenadovich, Anita Bilodeau, Maria Fazzalari, Monique Shinton and Yoli Pellegrino. We also thank other program volunteers and helpers: Toni and Chris Garofalo, Terane Dyson, Lisa and Rebekah van der Wilt and Connor and Ryan Moffatt. We also thank all the participants and their parents for their commitment to the program, because without them it would not have been such a success. All are welcome to join for a gathering after the 11:00AM Mass.

# Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



July 11, 2017 POPE FRANCIS



Pope Francis creates new path to beatification under 'offering of life'

Vatican City, Jul 11, 2017 / 06:22 am (CNA/EWTN News).- On Tuesday Pope Francis declared a new category of Christian life suitable for consideration of beatification called "offering of life" – in which a person has died prematurely through an offering of their life for love of God and neighbor.

Though similar to martyrdom, this definition fits those Servants of God who have in some way given up their life prematurely for charity, though the circumstances may fall outside the strict definition of martyrdom, which requires the presence of a persecutor.

The changes were issued in a Motu proprio July 11, which formally added the particular case to the paths by which a person under investigation for beatification may be discerned to be worthy, in addition to the traditional three paths: martyrdom, a life of heroic virtue and the very rare "exceptional cases."

The change in norms was made with the support of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which studied the matter during a plenary session Sept. 27, 2016.

In the apostolic letter, Pope Francis wrote that "They are worthy of special consideration and honor, those Christians who, following in the footsteps and teachings of the Lord Jesus, have voluntarily and freely offered their lives for others and have persevered until death in this regard."

Read more: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-creates-new-path-to-beatification-under-offering-of-life-80735/>

### St. Vincent De Paul—Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for volunteers to cover either the morning or the afternoon shift. Each shift is three (3) hours each. Location: 51 East Main St, Welland, ON L3B 3W4 Call for more info: 905-788-3413

### Year of the Rosary

A Diocesan Marian Event Saturday, September 30, 2017 at St. Alfred Church in St. Catharines.

### Golf and Dinner - fund raising Program

Our annual Golf and Dinner fund raising will be on Sunday, Sept. 17th, 2PM at Whisky Run Golf Club (631 Lorraine Rd, Port Colborne). The dinner will begin here in our hall at 5PM. Golf and dinner ticket will be \$60, and dinner only ticket will be \$20. It is to add to our building fund and support our 'Host a Family Program'. Please join.

### Catechesis on the rites preceding baptism

From the beginning of the treatise On the Mysteries by Saint Ambrose, bishop

We gave a daily instruction on right conduct when the readings were taken from the history of the patriarchs or the maxims of Proverbs. These readings were intended to instruct and train you, so that you might grow accustomed to the ways of our forefathers, entering into their paths and walking in their footsteps, in obedience to God's commands.

Now the season reminds us that we must speak of the mysteries, setting forth the meaning of the sacraments. If we had thought fit to teach these things to those not yet initiated through baptism, we should be considered traitors rather than teachers. Then, too, the light of the mysteries is of itself more effective where people do not know what to expect than where some instruction has been given beforehand.

Open then your ears. Enjoy the fragrance of eternal life, breathed on you by means of the sacraments. We explained this to you as we celebrated the mystery of "the opening" when we said: Effetha, that is, be opened. Everyone who was to come for the grace of baptism had to understand what he was to be asked, and must remember what he was to answer. This mystery was celebrated by Christ when he healed the man who was deaf and dumb, in the Gospel which we proclaimed to you.

After this, the holy of holies was opened up for you; you entered into the sacred place of regeneration. Recall what you were asked; remember what you answered. You renounced the devil and his works, the world and its dissipation and sensuality. Your words are recorded, not on a monument to the dead but in the book of the living.

There you saw the Levite, you saw the priest, you saw the high priest. Do not consider their outward form but the grace given by their ministries. You spoke in the presence of angels, as it is written: The lips of a priest guard knowledge, and men seek the law from his mouth, for he is the angel of the Lord almighty. There is no room for deception, no room for denial. He is an angel whose message is the kingdom of Christ and eternal life. You must judge him, not by his appearance but by his office. Remember what he handed on to you, weigh up his value, and so acknowledge his standing.

You entered to confront your enemy, for you intended to renounce him to his face. You turned toward the east, for one who renounces the devil turns toward Christ and fixes his gaze directly on him.

### Thank You - Meatball Sale

Thank you to all volunteers who worked so diligently in preparing the meatballs and selling tickets. A thank you also to all those supporting the program.