

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 25, 2017



“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. (MT 10: 26-33)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1688.05
 'Host a Family..' \$ 92.50
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 50.00
 Education of Seminarians \$ 50.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School - July 10 - 14, 2017

Host a Family Fund Raising Program:

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.

Vacation Bible Class, 2017

During the week of Monday July 10 to Friday July 14, 2017 our parish will be hosting its annual Vacation Bible Class. Daily from 8:45am 4 pm. Register now—see Fr. Paul or call the office (905)732-5046 or visit the web site. Thank you!

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions from June 24, 2017 to July 2, 2017

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| Saturday | 5:00PM † Paolina Torre, Rosa Celi & Agata Presti by the Presti family Antonino Giovinazzo by grandchildren Andrea, Adam & Matthew Frank Sdao by brother Tony & sister in law Maria Grazia-Sdao Antonio DiCesare by Angela DiCesare |
| Sunday | 9:00AM † Gail Hennesy by husband James Pierino Ioannoni by wife Bruna & family Carlo Nero by wife Olga & family Giorgio Agostino by Tina Giovinazzo |
| Monday | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 6:30PM Graduation Mass - for all Grade 8's |
| Wednesday | 9:00AM † Thomas Puthenkalam by Barbara Nenadovich |
| Thursday | 9:00AM † Frank Guglielmi by Annie Silvestri |
| Friday | 9:00AM † Yolanda Czerlau by Linda Matchett |
| Saturday | 1:00PM Wedding Mass for Elizabeth Marshall & Vincent Zitano |
| | 5:00PM † Franco Sdao by Farnco Mazzei & family Thomas Puthenkalam by Angelo Fazari |
| Sunday | 9:00AM † Antonio & Emilia Locco by Lea Locco & family Filippo & Giuseppina Guglielmi by Loreta Zinatelli Rita Booth by Joe Belcamino In honour of St. Gabriel, St. Antonio & St. Padre Pio. By Maria Magazzeni |
| | 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones |

Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'



URGENT NEED

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has joined the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in response to the Famine Crisis in Africa and Yemen. You are encouraged to give generously to Development and Peace for the Famine Relief Fund for Africa and Yemen before **June 30, 2017**, and your donation will be matched by the Government of Canada:

* By phone: 1 888 664-3387

* On the web: <https://www.devp.org> Click on the 'Give Now' button and select "Famine Relief Fund"

* By mail: 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W, 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7 (mail post-marked by June 30, 2017 will be matched)

GENERAL AUDIENCE June 21, 2017
 POPE FRANCIS



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we now look to the saints, to “those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith”. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of the saints as “a great cloud of witnesses” who support us on our pilgrim way through this present life. In the sacraments of baptism, marriage and ordination, we pray the Litany of the Saints to implore their intercession and help in the particular vocation we have received. The lives of the saints remind us that the Christian ideal is not unattainable. Despite our human weakness, we can always count on God's grace and the prayers of the saints to sustain us in faith and in hope for the transfiguration of this world and the fulfilment of Christ's promises in the next. May the Lord enable all of us to become saints, to be living images of Christ in our time. May he strengthen us to be his witnesses and to bring the Gospel to all our brothers and sisters, especially the suffering and those most in need of its message of undying hope.

Farewell to Mrs. Carla Bianco

Very many thanks to Mrs. Bianco for serving our community as Principal of St. Andrew's elementary School for the last 6 years. Her faith filled and dedicated service enriched our community bridging the parish, families and School. We wish and pray all the best for her at the next school.

Happy Canada Day

July 1st is celebrated as Canada's birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes. Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions. Happy 150th Canada Day.

Thanks to Sr. Maria Magdalena SOLI and Fran for helping our children with Children's Liturgy programs this School year.

Children's Liturgy classes will resume as the school reopens in September.

Meatball Making & Sale on July 15th & 16th

Meatball sale on Saturday 4pm to Sunday 2pm
 Jar of 12 Meatballs for \$10. Get your tickets now.
 Volunteers needed to make meatballs on the 15th. Please see

"Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" - New Web Site

The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops has announced a new website in preparation for the Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2018 on the theme “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment”. The site is designed to promote the broad, interactive participation of young people around the world in preparation for the Synod, and includes an online questionnaire to which they are invited to respond and submit to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops by November 30, 2017. The website can be accessed in a number of languages and is found at the address <http://youth.synod2018.va>.

The Confederation to be consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Canada will be consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Confederation. Next weekend during the Canada day weekend celebrating the 150th anniversary of the confederation we as Catholics across Canada will make the Consecration together.

Fr. Trevor Plug



The diocesan family mourns the loss of a newly ordained priest Fr. Trevor Plug. Trevor was born August 19, 1984 and raised in St. Catharines. He attended Denis Morris High School. Before entering the seminary he did a bachelors degree at the University of Ottawa in linguistics, followed by a Masters degree at King's College, University of Western Ontario, again in linguistics. The power of words and the Word of God were an idea he carried with him as he discerned a calling to the priesthood. He then went on to St. Peter's Seminary in London, ON.

He was ordained in 2016 by Bishop Gerard Bergie and was assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Alfred's Church where he was involved in all aspects of parish life.

Fr. Trevor was an inspiration to all who came into contact with him because he did not allow his disability to define who he was, or what he could accomplish in his life. He is a person worth emulating as we continue on our journey. Fr. Trevor lay in repose at St. Alfred Church June 20th and 21st. His funeral was held on Thursday June 22, 2017 followed by burial at Lakeview Cemetery, Thorold.