

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12: 20-33)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1614.10
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 694.00
 'Host a Family..' \$ 20.00
 Easter Flowers \$ 361.00
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 5PM to 25th 2PM

Family Mass and Luncheon - March 25

Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

This month's topics are 'Pastoral Care', Fr. Chris Kulig, presenter (March 12); and 'Learning to Forgive', (March 26). 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

Mass Schedule & Intentions from March 17, 2018 to March 25, 2018

Saturday	5:00PM	For the well being of Bernadette Vescio by Vince Nobile † Oreste Mazzei by Ines Mauro & family Flora Bernucci by Franca Sdao & family Tony Mazzei by Dino Lostracco
Sunday	9:00AM	† Joseph Violi by Wife & family Rosina Cicerone by Daughter & family Beni Inneo by Wife Nardina & family Francesco Antonio Scarpino by the Mathias, the Robins & the Beacham families
Share Lent..		
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	9:00AM	No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Tommaso DiGioia by Wife & family
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Tony Mazzei by Mom & Dad Mazzei & family
Thursday	9:00AM	In thanksgiving to the Lord by Maria Fazzalari
Friday	9:00AM	For the well being of Tom Nenadovich
	6:30PM	by Barabara Nenadovich
Adoration & Stations of the Cross		
Saturday	5:00PM	† Annunziata Mammoliti by grandchildren Anna Maria Giovinazzo by family Mike Fazari by wife Nancy & Son Angelo Oreste Mazzei by Ines Mauro & family
		
PALM Sunday	9:00AM	† Nora Sarkis by the Mathias, the Robins & the Beacham families
	10:40AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

Upcoming Collections

March 30, 2018 - Good Friday Pontifical Collection

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

CWL

Meeting on Monday
 March 26, 2018
 6:30 pm Church

CWL Annual Penny & Bake Sale

on May 6, 2018
 12:00PM-2:00PM

Details coming soon.



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Pope Francis - General Audience March 14, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters:

In our catechesis on the Mass, we now turn from the Eucharistic Prayer to the Communion Rites, which begin with our common recitation of the Lord's Prayer. The prayer we offer to the Father as his adoptive children in Christ, disposes us to receive the Lord's body and blood in Holy Communion. We ask the Father for "our daily bread", for the forgiveness of our sins and for deliverance from evil. These petitions are then expanded in the following prayers, which invoke God's peace and unity upon the Church and our world. In the exchange of the sign of peace, we demonstrate our commitment to be reconciled with one another, so as to worthily approach the altar to receive the Lord's gift of himself. The rite of the breaking of the bread, accompanied by our invocation of Christ as the Lamb of God, acknowledges the saving presence of the risen Lord among us and implores the peace he won for us on the Cross. May our conscious celebration of these rites help us to experience ever more fully the Eucharist as the sacrament of our communion with God and with all our brothers and sisters.

BISHOP'S GALA

The Bishop's Gala will take place at Club Roma (125 Van Sickle Rd., St. Catharines) on Friday, April 20 starting at 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$80 each and can be purchased at the Catholic Education Center (call 905-735-0240 ext 213). This event supports our students in need from schools in NCDSB.

12 MEATBALLS



\$10

Meatball Sale

Saturday March 24, 6-7pm 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.*

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Bergie will take place on Thursday April 5, 2018 at 7:00PM
 First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday April 15, 2017 at 11:00AM

Adult Faith Formation Series:

Exploring Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love

This faith formation series is being held on four consecutive Monday evenings, beginning April 9, 2018, 7-9pm., at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Highway, Thorold, L2V 4Y6. Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/DUIZAM0YdRtNPYB32> or by calling the Office of Religious Education, 905-684-0154, ext. 207 by April 4, 2018. A registration fee of \$10 will be collected on the first night to cover the cost of materials including a copy of Amoris Laetitia.

Palm Sunday & Family Mass March 25, 2018

Blessing of Palms at the school @10.40AM. Procession with blessed palms and prayers to the Church for Mass. Lunch to follow the Mass at our hall.

All are cordially welcome!

Divine Mercy Celebration

On Sunday April 8, 2018 from 2:00PM to 3:30PM Adoration, Noon Prayer, Reflections, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Communion and Benediction
 All are Welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, March 30, there will be a Pontifical collection for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, the work of the Holy Land, the upkeep of the Holy Sites and the formation of future priests. Let us give generously and show solidarity by responding to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

Holy Cross Cemetery's ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

The clean up will begin on Tuesday April 09, 2018. All wreaths, tin cans, glass jars, flower pots, and similar articles not removed, will be disposed of on April 16, 2018. If anyone is unable to pick up their wreaths etc. by that date they can call the cemetery at 905 734-4172 and make arrangements for the staff to hold the articles for a short period of time until they are able to come to the cemetery to pick them up.

Respect for Life Mass

A powerful prayer that we offer each year as a diocesan family is the Respect for Life Mass. This Mass is generally celebrated on The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. Since this Feast falls on Sunday, March 25, which is also Palm Sunday, it has been transferred to Monday, April 9. This year Bishop Bergie will celebrate the Respect for Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria at 7pm on Monday, April 9. I encourage you to attend as we pray for a greater respect for life from conception to natural death.