

# Third Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2017



A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) (John 4: 5-42)

## Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1556.45  
 'Host a Family..' \$ 90.00  
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 100.00  
*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

## Upcoming Events

**Confirmation March 30, 2017 7:00PM**  
*Sacrament of Penance—April 1, 2017*  
 10:00 AM to 2:00PM  
*Bishops Gala—April 1, 2017*  
**CWL Penny & Bake Sale—April 2, 2017**  
**Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:**  
*Trivia Night - postponed*  
*Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.*

## In the Footsteps of Jesus: Holy Land Pilgrimage November 2017

Join Fr. Stuart MacDonald, Associate Pastor St. Mary's Church Welland and Ms. Ineke Brinkman of Vision Travel on a unique, custom 11 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 7-18. See the brochure on the church notice board for more info or call (905)988-9100 ext. 2

## Mass Schedule & Intentions from March 18, 2017 to March 26, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM † In Honour of St. Joseph by the Presti family
Sunday	9:00AM † Bruna Belcamino by Maria & Ivo Delloso & family Beni Inneo by Wife Nardina & family Anne Lemay by Betty Manella Vincenzo Guzzi by Sam & Teresa Angi
	11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	9:00AM No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM † John Guidi by Ann Pacasa
Wednesday	9:00AM † In thanksgiving to the Lord for Everything by Maria Fazzalari <b>6.30PM Bible and the Sacraments @ rectory</b>
Thursday	9:00AM † Vincenzo Guzzi by Frances & Italo Azzano
Friday	9:00AM † Ralph Mannella by Carmella Degazio <b>6:30PM Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday	5:00PM † Pasquale Vaccaro by Wife & family The deceased members of the Labricciosa family by Joe & Lidia Labricciosa
Sunday	9:00AM † Rosina Cicerone by daughter & family Joseph Violi by Wife & family Annunziata Mammoliti by grandchildren Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Anna Maria Giovinazzo by children Tina, Nancy & Rosa
	11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'



Raising Faith-Filled Kids - One Word at a Time

Close



When my daughters were little, we had a ritual every evening to put away their toys. They'd scurry around, gather up their items, and bring them to me where I knelt beside the toy box. As they'd bring each beloved playing thing, I'd open the lid, and we'd each say, "Good night, block" or "Good night, Noah's ark," and then they'd place that toy in the box. This ritual was a way of helping them wind down while bringing the evening to a close. Endings matter in a family—even the end of an ordinary day. They deserve a bit of care. Small endings handled well prepare our children for bigger endings, such as friends moving, getting cut from a team, or losing a loved pet or family member. Pay attention to endings, and give them their due. —Tom McGrath

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 Diocese of St. Catharines | Youth Ministry Office  
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**Lenten Programs:**  
**1. 'The Bible & the Sacraments'**  
 During this Lenten season, we will be showing a presentation by *Dr. Scott Hahn* on the Sacraments. It will be at the Rectory (22 Golden Blvd.E) **Every Wednesday's at 6.30PM.** Please plan to join with your family and friends. **Kindly bring your Bible!**  
**2. Stations of the Cross**  
**Every Friday at 6:30 PM**  
 Please plan to join with your family and friends.

### St. Vincent de Paul

Kindly donate your gently used spring clothing and jackets to the St. Vincent de Paul. Drop off at Church or the store. Thank you.

## Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS  
 POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2017



### "The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift"

1. The other person is a gift. The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful. The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called Lazarus: a name full of promise, which literally means God helps. This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbour or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man. **To be continued.**

### A Lifeline for Marriages

So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouvaille has helped countless marriages and the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and restore a loving relationship in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, 2017 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).

## Penny & Bake Sale



The St. Andrew's C.W.L. is hosting a Penny & Bake Sale on April 2, 2017. From 12:00PM to 2:00PM. Penny Sale, Bake Sale, affles, Lunch with Hot Dog and/or Chili.



All parishioners are invited to attend and participate in this event. If you wish to make a donation of any new item for the Penny Table and Raffles they may be dropped off at the church hall before or after weekend Masses March 18/19 and March 25/26 as well as on Friday March 31 at 6:30 PM. You may also call Shelley (905)714-7677. The baked goods will be gratefully accepted before Masses on April 1, and April 2. Your support in this fundraising event is much appreciated. Invite family and friends to join us for this event.



Jennifer Labinski, President  
 Shelly Tamas, Convenor

### Sacrament of Penance

On Saturday April 1, 2017, in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10:00AM to 2:00PM to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

### Holy Week Schedule April 8 – 16, 2017

**Passion Vigil Saturday** April 8th @ 5PM  
**Passion or Palm Sunday** April 9th, 2017  
 @ 9 AM and 10:45AM (Procession from school)  
**Mon, Tue, Wed Mass @ 9AM**  
**Tuesday - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 7.30PM**  
**Holy Thursday** April 13th @7PM Adoration till Midnight  
**Good Friday** Service @ 3PM  
**Holy Saturday** Confession 10:30 AM  
 Blessing of Food Baskets 11:45AM  
**Easter Vigil** April 15th @8:15 PM  
**Easter Sunday** April 16, 2017 @ 9 AM and 11AM  
**Divine Mercy Celebration** April 23, 2017 @ 2PM

### In Memoriam

A long time parishioner and CWL member Rose Agro passed away on March 13, 2017. A funeral service was held on Thursday March 16, 2017. Our hearty condolences to her bereaving family members. We pray that God may grant eternal rest to Rose.

