

Ascension of the Lord, May 13, 2018



And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; (Mark 16: 15-20)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1477.75
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 356.00
 'Host a Family...' \$ 40.00
 Pope's Pastoral Works \$ 240.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events - 2018

Family Mass & Luncheon May 27th
 Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:
Meatballs, still available for purchase
Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.

Catholic Men's Breakfast

Catholic Men's Breakfast - June 16/18 (7:30 -11:30 am) at Club Roma Pavilion (125 Vansickle Rd, St Catharines) - \$20.
 Featured speakers: Bishop Gerard Bergie "Put Out Into the Deep" and Robert Raisp of the Toronto Lift Jesus Higher Rally "Leadership -Walk on Water style" - how we, as men, can draw others to the Catholic faith, living a life of service to God, church and community.

Contact Branches at 905-685-7000.

Mass Schedule & Intentions from May 12, 2018 to May 20, 2018

Saturday	5:00PM	+ Giuseppina & Antonio Gallo by Family Milvia Mammoliti by Nieces Tina, Nancy & Rosa Deceased members of the Nobile family by Franca Sdao Frank Lostracco by Lea Loco & family
Sunday	9:00AM	+ Filippo & Rosino Rizutto by Lea Locco & family Ernie LeBlanc by Wife Julia LeBlanc For the victims of the Humboldt Broncos Hockey Team by Maria Fazzalari
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	+ Franco Sdao by Sylvia Maletta
Wednesday	9:00AM	+ Tony Mazzei by Vince Bellantino
Thursday	9:00AM	+ Enrica Dimarzio by Daughter & family
Friday	9:00AM	+ Marisa Principi by Nardina Inneo & family
Saturday	5:00PM	+ Frank Lostracco by Ines Mauro Sheela Rathee by Tony & Maria Sdao Hank Borgatti by Rita Grawey Giuseppina Nero by Frances & Amore Nero
Pentecost Sunday	9:00AM	+ Domenico Locco by Wife Lea & family Frank Lostracco by Maria Fazzalari Ernesto & Elvira Magazzeni by Maria Magazzeni & family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	7:00PM	Feast of Blessed Mary, Mother of the Church Rosary at 6:35 pm – Please join us



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

May month of Blessed Mother Mary



We have started the Rosary recital at different houses this past week. It would be nice if you can sign up for your day and time of choice and invite others to join. A sign up sheet to indicate your choice of afternoon or evening recital is at the back table. Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday we will be reciting Rosary 25 minutes before Mass.

SHRINE MASS

Beginning in May, Mass is celebrated at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine (4706 Miller Rd., Pt. Colborne) every Thursday evening starting at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

VBS 2018

July 9th to 13th

We are planning to have this year's Vacation Bible Class in July. We will have the next **Volunteers meeting on Sunday, May 27th**, after the 2nd Mass, here at the church. If you would like to join the team, please attend this meeting. Thank you!



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Pope Francis
 General Audience
 May 9, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Baptism, we now turn to the central action of the baptismal rite. Through the pouring of water and the invocation of the Blessed Trinity, we are "immersed" in the mystery of Christ's death and rising to new life. Thus reborn, we become a new creation, passing from the corruption of sin to eternal life. In Christ, and by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we are made adoptive children of the Father, with the Church as our spiritual mother. This relationship is definitive and is sealed by an indelible mark on the soul. Henceforth, as members of Christ's body, we are committed to avoid sin and to conform our lives ever more fully to him. Following our rebirth in the waters of baptism, we are anointed with sacred chrism as a sign of our sharing in Christ's role as priest, prophet and king. As members of God's priestly people, we are called to offer our lives daily as a sacrifice pleasing to him. As a royal and prophetic people, we are called to proclaim Christ's kingship by our witness of faith and love, and our commitment to imitate him in loving service to our brothers and sisters.

I Love Jesus

Canada Health day

May 12

Canada Health day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

World Communications Day

May 13

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven
 From a sermon by Saint Augustine

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? and when he said: I was hungry and you gave me food.

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.

Welland Port Colborne Pro-life Walk - A-Thon

Saturday June 2, 2018 @ 8:30 AM
 Chippawa Park—Welland.

Please join us in the annual Walk - A - thon fundraising event. Pledge sheets are available online at www.wpcprolife.com or in the pro life office on Hellem's Ave.