

Feast of Pentecost, May 20, 2018



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

(John 20: 19-23)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 2065.30
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 95.45
 'Host a Family..' \$ 290.00
 Pope's Pastoral Works \$ 51.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events - 2018 Family Mass & Luncheon May 27th

Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:
Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.

Catholic Leadership Awards

We congratulate all of the students of Niagara Catholic District School Board and Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board who recently received Catholic Leadership Awards. We especially acknowledge Gabriela DiPietra, a recently confirmed student of St.

Andrew's, who received this prestigious award. These wonderful young people are an inspiration to us all.

Mass Schedule & Intentions from May 19, 2018 to May 27, 2018

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| 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 |
| 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 & Mass – Please join. |
| Tuesday | 7:00PM | † Salvatore Giovinazzo by Wife & family |
| Wednesday | 9:00AM | † Tony Mazzei by Rose Lascala |
| Thursday | 9:00AM | † Franco Sdao by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Mancuso |
| Friday | 9:00AM | † Yolanda Czerlau by Linda Matchett |
| Saturday | 5:00PM | † Frank Lostracco by Father & family Darlene Briggs by Tony & Mary Sdao Marisa Principi by Franca Sdao & family |
| Sunday | 9:00AM | † Albina, Rosina & Agata Montemurro by Sister Ines Mauro Frank Lostracco by Annie Silvestri Aladino Magazzeni by Wife & family |
| | 11:00AM | For us and for all our dearly deceased ones Family Mass & Luncheon |

Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

To book a Mass

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one (Holy Souls in Purgatory), please submit a Mass Request to us. Envelopes are available at the back. You may also visit the office during office hours or sent us an e-mail at sandrewrcc@outlook.com
We currently have many week day Mass openings available.

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.

Provincial Election—June 7 2018.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto have put together an Election Guide. It is available online at the following link: <http://www.catholiccharitiestor.org>

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 Hall. 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 16, 2018**

Dear brothers and sisters:

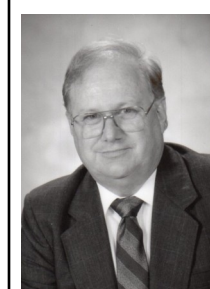
In this, our final catechesis on Baptism, we turn to the rites illustrating the grace of the sacrament. Following an ancient tradition, the newly baptized are robed in a white garment signifying their new life in Christ, and are admonished to preserve it unstained for eternal life. Since, as Saint Paul says, the baptized have been clothed in Christ (cf. Gal 3:27), they are called to cultivate every virtue, especially charity, which binds the others together (cf. Col 3:14). So too, the taper lighted from the paschal candle symbolizes the light of Christ and the warmth of his love, which, with the help of the parents and godparents, must be nurtured through education in the Christian life. These rites evoke not only our communion in the Church on earth but also point to its fulfilment in the heavenly Jerusalem, where God will be our light for ever (cf. Rev 22:5). The rite of Baptism concludes with the Our Father, as the expression of our dignity as God's adoptive children in Christ. May all of us cherish the gift of grace we received on the day of our Baptism, and let ourselves be guided at every step by the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts.

Mass at holy Cross Cemetery

Sixth Annual Outdoor Mass - Holy Cross Cemetery Mass. Located at 50 Woodlawn Road in Welland Saturday June 23, 2018 at 11 AM
 In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be re-scheduled for Saturday July 7, 2018 at 11AM

Welland Port Colborne Prolife 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 Hellems Ave.



In Memoriam

Jean Pamerleau, one of our Ushers and dear member passed away on May 13, 2018. A funeral Mass was celebrated for him here at St. Andrew the Apostle on May 15. Our hearty condolences go out to his bereaving family. We pray that God may grant eternal rest to Jean.

The sending of the Holy Spirit

A treatise "Against the Heresies" by St Irenaeus

When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

Family Mass & Luncheon May 27th

Next Week Sunday 11 AM. Can you make a pot of soup or bring some desserts? Thank you.