

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2017



“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. (Jn 14: 15—21)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1625.60
 'Host a Family..' \$ 50.00
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 94.00

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
 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 it's annual Vacation Bible Class. Daily from 9am 4 pm. (We provide lunch and snacks.)

If you are interested in volunteering your time, please talk to Fr. Paul or call the office (905)732-5046
 Thank you!

Mass Schedule & Intentions from May 20, 2017 to May 28, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	† Carmelo & Verna Presti by family Linda McDonald by Angelo Fazari Giuseppina Gallo by Franca Sdao
The Pope's Pastoral Works Collection		
Sunday	9:00AM	†Salvatore Belcamino by Daughter Gina Gerardo Badia by Andrea & Anna Gervasio
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	Communion Service
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Vincenzo Guzzi by Joe & Lidia Labricciosa
Thursday	9:00AM	Communion Service
Friday	9:00AM	Communion Service
Saturday	5:00PM	† Pasquale Vaccaro by wife & family Frank Sdao by Teresa Fucile Anton Cvet by Angela Cvet & family
		
Sunday	9:00AM	† Albina, Rosina & Agata by Sister Ines Mauro Giorgio Agostino by Immacolata Giovinazzo
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Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

Day of Discernment

A Day of Discernment to help young people (Grade nine and older) learn more about the Diocesan Priesthood/Religious Life, will be held at the Catholic Center (3400 Merrittville Hwy., Thorold) on Saturday, May 27 from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm. Please call Fr. Michael Basque at 905-899-1699 to register.

CONGRATULATIONS and prayers on your ordination to serve as a priest!

Fr. Stephen Brazzese



SHRINE MASS

Mass is celebrated every Thursday at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine (4706 Miller Rd., Port Colborne) beginning with the Rosary at 7pm.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



GENERAL AUDIENCE May 17, 2017
 POPE FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters:
 In our catechesis on Christian hope, we now reflect on Mary Magdalen as an apostle of the hope brought by the Gospel. Saint John tells us on Easter morning Mary had gone to the tomb of Jesus; she saw that it was empty, and returned to tell this news to Peter and the other disciples. Returning to the tomb, yet still not understanding what had happened, Mary encounters the Risen Lord, but does not recognize him until he calls her by name. This first appearance of Jesus after rising from the dead is thus something intensely personal. We know that just as he did with Mary Magdalen, so too Jesus calls each of us by name and fills us with joy at his presence. Our encounter with him brings freedom and opens up new vistas of life; it transforms our world and brings undying hope. The risen Lord tells Mary not to cling to him, but to go and tell the good news of his resurrection to the others. Mary Magdalen thus becomes the apostle of Christian hope. By her prayers, may we be encounter anew the risen Lord, who calls us by name, turns our sorrow into joy, and sends us forth to proclaim by our lives that he is truly risen.

Pro-Life Coffeehouse and Dessert Night event,
 7:30 p.m., Thursday June 1, 2017 at
 St. John The Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church,
 91 Lakeshore Road, St.Catharines.

Topic: “A Nurse’s Experience Caring for Post-Abortive Women.” Special guest: Polly Corso.
 For information contact William Mathie at 905-684-7569 or <wmathie@brocku.ca>

A pilgrimage not to be missed!

Fr. Peter Rowe invites you along! Our August 16-28, 2017 journey will take us to Lisbon and Fátima, Córdoba, Úbeda and Baeza, Granada, “white villages” Ronda and Arcos, Jerez and Cádiz, Seville, Huelva (Columbus sites) and Évora. It may be a sea-and-sun area that we’re visiting, but there’s so much more! A pilgrimage not to be missed!

Price \$3495 per person (double occupancy; single supplement \$690), incl. air fares, taxes, and fees (subject to change). For detailed information and to secure your spot, contact Ineke Brinkman (905/988-9100, x2; ineke.brinkman@visiontravel.ca)

Festival of Families

You are invited to join us for the Festival of Families on Thursday May 25, 2017 4 - 8 pm. St. Michael’s Catholic High school Niagara Falls, jointly hosted by the Diocese of St. Catharines and the Niagara Catholic school board. Come and enjoy a BBQ & see his Excellency Bishop Gerard Bergie, Staff & parents playing in a game of soccer. All are welcome.

Busing has been arranged for families interested in attending the Festival of Families being held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Saint Michael Catholic High School.

This FREE service will depart at 4:30pm from the parking lots of four (4) locations around the diocese.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School (Fort Erie)

Notre Dame College (Welland)

St. Alfred Church (St. Catharines)

St. Joseph Church (Grimsby)

Please note that each bus will leave the Festival of Families at approximately 7:30pm. Families will be returned to their designated parking lot.

If interested, you are asked to confirm the location and number of seats needed with Nadine Vant Sant, by either calling 905-735-0249, #173 or emailing, nadine.vantsant@ncdsb.com by May 23, 2017.

Remember, seating is limited so register your spot AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MASS AT HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Bishop Bergie will be celebrating a special Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery (50 Woodlawn St., Welland) on Saturday, June 17, starting at 11:00 AM. Please join us for this celebration.

Strawberry Fair

St. Ann Church in Fenwick (834 Canboro Road) - Annual Strawberry Fair, Sunday June 11th, 2017 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will feature pancakes and sausages with strawberries as well as strawberry shortcake, ice cream, hot dogs, burgers, coffee and soft drinks. Free games and face painting for the children and bake shop. Take out available. All are welcome. 905-892-6123 saintannfenwick.com

Serra Club Trivia night

Friday, May 26, 2017 Dinner served at 6 p.m. Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Guest of Honour: Most Reverend Bishop Bergie St. Ann’s Parish Hall 5740 Buchanan Ave., Niagara Falls \$20.00/person or \$160/table of 8 Dinner includes: pasta & Meatballs, coffee, dessert, door prize ticket For tickets, contact: Victoria Robles (289-696-5896) or vrobles_29@hotmail.ca & Mike Lettiere (289)296-5485 or mikejosielettieri@yahoo.ca