

## Ascension of the Lord, May 28, 2017

### Mass Schedule & Intentions from May 27, 2017 to June 4, 2017

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
	11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	9:00AM † Frank Sdao by Irene Caruso
Tuesday	7:00PM Communion Service
Wednesday	9:00AM Communion Service
Thursday	9:00AM Communion Service
Friday	<b>7:00PM</b> † Alcide Charette by Wife Helen Charette
Saturday	5:00PM † Marion McDonald by Angelo Fazari Mike Fazari by Wife Nancy & Son Angelo Deceased members of the Horvat family by Angela Cvet & family
Sunday	9:00AM † Stella Grande & Tony Giovinazzo by Cousins Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Fr. Paul's Brother in Law Thomas by St. Andrew's CWL
	11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
(Mt 28: 16—20)

### Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1570.10  
'Host a Family..' \$ 10.00  
Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 35.00  
Pope's Pastoral Works \$ 237.00

*Bless you for your continued*

### 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 its 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!



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

### 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.

### The novena to the Holy Spirit

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian. Follow the novena here: [https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven\\_tx.htm](https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven_tx.htm)

### Education of Seminarians

The Seminarian Collection, administered through the Diocese of St. Catharines, offsets the costs of tuition, room and board, health insurance, and spiritual and pastoral programs, a small stipend, and other costs. Additional money is spent for vocations promotion.

To help meet this need, each parish in the Diocese has been asked to dedicate the weekend of June 10 and 11 to the Seminarian Collection.

The faith journey recently-ordained priest Fr. Stephen Bruzese has taken would not have been possible without parishioners' prayers and support of the Seminarian Collection.

## Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



GENERAL AUDIENCE May 24, 2017  
POPE FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we now consider the Risen Jesus' encounter with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Unrecognized, the Lord walks with them and listens as they tell of how their hopes were shattered by the tragedy of the cross. Jesus then slowly opens their hearts to a new and greater hope by explaining how the Scriptures were fulfilled in the suffering and death of the Messiah. Only later, in the breaking of the bread, is he revealed as the Risen Lord, present in their midst. He then disappears and the disciples return to Jerusalem to bring back the good news. The Emmaus account shows us Jesus' "therapy of hope", based on a patient accompaniment that gradually opens us to trust in God's promises. It also shows us the importance of the Eucharist, in which, like bread, Jesus "breaks" our lives and offers them to others. Like the disciples, we too are sent forth to encounter others, to hear their joys and sorrows, and to offer them words of life and hope based on God's unending love, which accompanies us at every step of life's journey.

### 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](mailto:wmathie@brocku.ca)>

### Welland Port Colborne ProLife Walk - A- Thon

Saturday June 3, 2017 @ 8:30 AM  
Chippawa Park—Welland.

Please join us in the annual Walk - A - thon fundraising event for the Welland Port Colborne Pro life group. A picnic / Pizza lunch will be held after the walk in the park.

Pledge sheets are available online at [www.wpcprolife.com](http://www.wpcprolife.com) or in the pro life office on Hellems Ave.

If you are unable to participate, it would be truly appreciated if you could sponsor one the walkers instead. Please call (905)325-1251 and speak with Annette Loeffen. Thank you.

### History of the Ascension of Our Lord



The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena, or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later.

Today, Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Ghost between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

### 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](http://saintannfenwick.com)