

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 9, 2018



They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. (Mark 7: 31-37)

### Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1426.00  
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 403.00  
 'Host a Family..' \$ 71.00  
*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

### Upcoming Events - 2018

**Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:**  
 Meatballs (jar of 12 for \$10) and sauce (\$5) for Sale  
**Golf & dinner fund raising event Sept.30,2pm**  
*Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.*

### Golf & Dinner fund raising program

Sunday, Sept. 30th, 2PM at Whisky Run Golf Club (631 Lorraine Rd, Port Colborne). Golf and dinner ticket will be \$55, & dinner only ticket will be \$20.

Tickets available NOW



### Mass Schedule & Intentions from September 8, 2018 to September 16, 2018

Saturday	5:00PM	+ Caterina & Ruggero Sdao by Franca Sdao
Sunday	9:00AM	+ Joseph Violi by Wife & family Michael Angelo Mammoliti by Grandchildren Pasqua Tomaino by St. Andrew C.W.L.
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	For the 40th Wedding Anniversary of John & Shelley Tamas by Greg & Monique Shinton
Wednesday	9:00AM	+ Pasqua Tomaino by Teresa Flora & family
Thursday	9:00AM	+ Loretta Zinatelli by Benny & Jenny Bernardi
Friday	9:00AM	+ Pasqua Tomaino by Helen Charette
Saturday	5:00PM	+ Giuseppina & Antonio Gallo by Family Bob & Marlene Vaughan by Barbara Nenadovich
Sunday	9:00AM	+ Irene Harris & Mientje Klumper by Annette Loeffen
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

### Life Chain 2018

In a month's time, pro-lifers will gather at over 200 locations from coast to coast to participate in Life Chain. They will pray silently for an hour while holding non-graphic signs with messages such as, "Abortion kills children," "Abortion hurts women," and "Life: the first inalienable right." Though Life Chain is usually on the first Sunday of October, due to Thanksgiving, it will be held on Sunday, September 30 from 2-3 pm at most Canadian locations this year, including the Lundy's Lane location in Niagara Falls.

### A Memorial Mass—Sister Jacqueline DesRoches

A Memorial Mass presided by Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, will be celebrated for Sister Jacqueline DesRoches at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on Wednesday, September 12th at 7 p.m. Sister Jacqueline died on July 11th in Kingston, Ontario. She spent 18 wonderful years serving the people of St Catharines at Hotel Dieu Hospital and Hotel Dieu Shaver until her retirement in 2014.

### R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This program will be starting on **Wednesday September 19, 2018**. Contact the Parish Office for more information or to register.

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

Diocesan **SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY** support group monthly meetings. September topics are The Journey of Separation and Divorce (Sept 10); and Coping With Stresses of Separation and Divorce (Sept 24). Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. For a pamphlet or information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com) No pre-registration required.



## Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Pope Francis  
 General Audience  
 September 5, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Ten Commandments, we now consider the command to keep holy the Lord's Day. For the Scriptures, this day of rest is not a mere escape or diversion, but a command to imitate God himself, who on the seventh day rested from his works and contemplated the goodness of his creation. Our day of rest, like his, must be an occasion of joy, praise, and thanksgiving for the gift of life, culminating in our celebration of the Eucharist, the supreme act of thanksgiving given to us by the Lord himself. How easy it is to be negative, to dwell on life's problems and challenges, and to try to flee from them! On the other hand, accepting God's invitation to give thanks for the goodness of life and creation entails a conscious choice. Goodness, like love, is never forced on us; it must be freely chosen and accepted. When, on our weekly day of rest, we contemplate our lives and the world around us, let us be conscious of God's provident care and conform ourselves, like Jesus, to the Father's will, knowing that, in the end, "all is grace". For, as the Psalmist assures us, in God alone do our souls find rest.

### A Lifeline for Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 12, 2018, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, 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).

### Mass of Penance and Healing

As part of our observance of the 60th anniversary of our diocese, a Mass of Penance and Healing will be celebrated on Friday, September 14, 2018, the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Bishop Bergie will pray for all those harmed by the sinful actions of priests and religious in our diocese and, in a spirit of repentance, will seek forgiveness and God's mercy. During our anniversary we need to celebrate the good, and also acknowledge the pain that is part of our history. At this Mass we will pray for God's healing as we focus on the cross which is the greatest sign of God's love.

### Regenerated 2018

On Saturday, November 17th join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts Regenerated 2018. Regenerated Youth will run for ages 12 to 18. If you are interested in purchasing "early-bird" tickets or for more information about these Conferences visit [branchesoftheword.org](http://branchesoftheword.org) or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

**322. What is the sacrament of Holy Orders?** 1536  
 It is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time.

**328. What is the effect of ordination to the priesthood?** 1562-1567 1595

The anointing of the Spirit seals the priest with an indelible, spiritual character that configures him to Christ the priest and enables him to act in the name of Christ the Head. As a co-worker of the order of bishops he is consecrated to preach the Gospel, to celebrate divine worship, especially the Eucharist from which his ministry draws its strength, and to be a shepherd of the faithful.

**329. How does a priest carry out his proper ministry?** 1568

A priest, although ordained for a universal mission, exercises his ministry in a particular Church. This ministry is pursued in sacramental brotherhood with other priests who form the "presbyterate". In communion with the bishop, and depending upon him, they bear responsibility for the particular Church.

**330. What is the effect of the ordination to the diaconate?** 1569-1571 1596

The deacon, configured to Christ the servant of all, is ordained for service to the Church. He carries out this service under the authority of his proper bishop by the ministry of the Word, of divine worship, of pastoral care and of charity.

**331. How is the sacrament of Holy Orders celebrated?** 1572-1574 1597

The sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred, in each of its three degrees, by means of the imposition of hands on the head of the ordinand by the Bishop who pronounces the solemn prayer of consecration. With this prayer he asks God on behalf of the ordinand for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit and for the gifts of the Spirit proper to the ministry to which he is being ordained.

**332. Who can confer this sacrament?** 1575-1576 1600  
 Only validly ordained bishops, as successors of the apostles, can confer the sacrament of Holy Orders.

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium\\_ccc/documents/archive\\_2005\\_compendium-ccc\\_en.html#The Sacraments at the Service of Communion and Mission](http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html#The Sacraments at the Service of Communion and Mission)

Please remember St. Andrew's Parish in your will and when you think about memorial donations! Thank you.