

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 18
9:00am for Special Intentions of Gerald LaRiviere
5:00pm for + Gerry Connors by Corinne Aird
Sunday, March 19
8:30am for + All Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner
10:30am for + Pietro DiRidolfi by The Family
Monday, March 20 *SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH*
9:00am for Intentions of the Parishioners
Tuesday, March 21
9:00am
Wednesday, March 22
9:00am for +Lawson Webb by Ken & Lana Fagan
Thursday, March 23
9:00am +Joyce Feeney by Maureen Devine
Friday, March 24
9:00am for +John & Charles Blake by Judy Webb
6:00pm Mass & stations of the cross at St. Ann’s
for + Agatha Dykstra by Monica Montague

Saturday, March 25 *SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD*
9:00am Special Intentions of Gerald LaRiviere
5:00pm for + Charlie & Antoinette Maggio by the children of Charlie

Sunday, March 26
8:30am for +Paul Pavlovich by The Family
10:30am for + Agatha Dykstra by Theo Dykstra & Family

	LECTOR	MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
Sat, March 18 5:00pm	Bill Klunder	Jules Letourneau
Sun, March 19 8:30am	Tom Montague	Diane Lougheed
10:30am	Audrey Whitman	John Webb
Sat, March 25 5:00pm	Victoria Magee	Carolyn Jopko
Sun, March 26 8:30am	John Benson	Lee Bowen
10:30am	Ava Moretti	Harry Moretti

PARISH COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council	Co-ordinator	Repair & Maintence
Janice Poirier		Tom Montague, Paul O’Dwyer
Finance Council	Co-ordinator	St. Ann’s Cemetery
Paul P’Dwyer		Ed Feeney
Adult Choir Organists		Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinators
Jayne Dennis, Monica Ling Lin		Linda Feeney, Yvette Fluets-Gagnon
Youth Choir		Lectors Co-ordinator
Loretta Kyle		Greg Lougheed , Mary Lane
Parish Social Co-ordinator		Altar Server Co-ordinators
Ann Aitchison		Maureen O’Dwyer, Sue Feeney
Prayer Line 768-1235 or 289-282-2059		Anawim prayer group
Marie Peart, Catherine Montague		Fr Victor
Knights of Columbus—		Catholic Women’s League-
Grand Knight - Greg Lougheed		President: Ellen Craddock
School Board Trustee		Strong Catholic Family Co-ordinator
Bonnie McKinnon		Loretta Kyle
Youth Co-ordinator	Maureen O’Dwyer	

Becoming Catholic (RCIA); Baptism; Marriage; Funeral; Anointing & Visiting the Sick—please contact the office 905-768-5726.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, March 20	noon	Seniors Card Party
Fri, March 24	6:00pm	Mass & Stations at St. Ann’s
Sun, March 26	10:30am	Youth Mass & Luncheon
Fri, March 31	9:00am	Mass & Stations at St. Mary’s
Sat, April 1	10am to2pm	Sacrament of Penance,Adoration
Mon, April 3	7:00pm	CWL mass & meeting
Wed, April 5	7:30pm	K of C meeting
Fri, April 7	9:00am—10:30am	Mass&1st Friday Adoration
	6:00pm	Mass & Stations at St. Ann’s
Wed, April 12	6:30pm	Anawim Prayer Group
Thurs, April 13	10am—10pm	Fast-A-Thon
	7:00pm	Mass
Fri, April 14	9:00am	Mass & Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm	Service, Poor Man’s Supper
Sat, April 15	7:00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun, April 16	8:30am & 10:30am	Easter Sunday Mass
Tues, April 18	9:45am	School Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: A big thanks go out to Fr Jay Comerford who ran our retreat on Saturday and to all our parishioners who attended. Thank you Mary & Yvette who arranged the lunch and coffee break.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: On Saturday, April 1, in every parish across the diocese a priest will be available form 10am—2pm to hear individual confessions. Let us turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

BURLINGTON WELSH MALE CHOIR: We will have this choir come to our parish on Friday, May 12th for a concert. Tickets available soon. More details to follow. \$15 a ticket

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Help save lives in Niagara. From March 1—April 9 we are asked to help with a vigil outside Niagara Falls General Hospital with signs (they provide) simply stating *PRAY TO END ABORTION*. Our parish would like to have our day on Sunday, April 2nd. We need to cover the day as early as possible in am to 8pm. Please sign up for the hour you can do. Need to have at least 2 people per hour. Make it a family affair. This is peaceful demonstration to help save the lives of our babies whose lives are quickly ended.

BOTTLE COLLECTION: We are still collecting wine and liquor bottles as well as beer cans and bottles. If you prefer please return the bottles yourself and give the proceeds to the bottle drive. Thank you. So far have collected: \$322.90. Proceeds to pay for subscription for Formed 2018

LUMINOUS ROSARIES: We have available at the back of the church for \$1 each.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

In today’s Gospel Reading from John, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus confronts at the well. Jesus and His Apostles are traveling from Jerusalem in the south to Galilee in the north. The quickest route, although inconvenient in some ways, was through Samaria. Jesus’ followers went to the nearby village of Sychar to procure food while He sat tired and thirsty by what is called Jacob’s Well.

It was about noon, the hottest part of the day, and a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus breaks three Jewish customs in His exchange with the woman. First, He spoke to a woman, something forbidden to men with strange women; second, she was a Samaritan woman, a group with whom Jews did not normally mix; third, He asked her to give Him a cup of water, which would have made Him ceremonially unclean from using her cup or jar. The woman was rightfully shocked.

However, Jesus told her that He could give her “living water.” At that time some spring water was carbonated and it seemed “alive” as it bubbled up from the ground, so it was called “living water.” Jesus meant that the water He offered was alive in a different way because it could both give life and quench spiritual thirst.

Although the whole situation is amazing to the woman, she is particularly struck by how much Jesus knows about her. She reports to her fellow Samaritans “He told me everything I ever did.” That is not what she found so surprising though. What truly astonished her was that in spite of that knowledge, Jesus still loved her. Jesus loves us as well, despite our many shortcomings and sins.

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LENTEN PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works.

May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever Amen.

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MASS TIMES & DEVOTIONS

Weekend masses: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday: 8:30am St. Ann's; 10:30am St. Mary's
Weekday masses: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9:00am at St. Mary's; Thursday 9:00am at St. Ann's
Confessions: Sat at 4:00pm or upon request **Daily Adoration:** Upon request 10—noon at St. Mary's
Monthly Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month 9:30am—noon

Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time
Serve



Research shows that children whose parents volunteer to help others are far more likely to volunteer when they grow up. My mother has inspired her children and grandchildren in this way for decades. She coordinated so many events at the parish when I was growing up that we began to think that setting up tables and chairs was the Eleventh Commandment. Now in her 80s, Mom continues to volunteer—working with young people with special needs, washing and ironing the altar cloths, and working an afternoon each week at the thrift store that supports the local hospital. Here are two questions to add to your prayer before meals that will inspire your family to serve now and in the future: What am I grateful for today? Whom did I help today? —Tom McGrath

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH
 That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole church.

PRAY FOR PASTORS: We pray for the priests of our diocese as they continue to be Ambassador's of Christ and Pray for vocations. This week we pray for Rev. John Tracey, Rev. Nicholas Twu-masi, Rev. Ben Vanco, Rev. Paul Vellakunnathu Rev. Peter Walton, Rev. Michael Wastag, Rev. Kenneth Webb.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK: Max King, Paul Cavanagh, Agnes Jorna, Marj Columbus, Jules Le-tourneau, Gerry LaRiviere, Anna D'Angelo, Ann Cavanagh. We would like to pray for our parish-ioners who are ill and have their names mentioned in the bulletin. Please notify the office by Wednesday before noon to have it published in the bulletin.

POPE FRANCIS ON LENT 2017

Fast from *hurting words* and say *kind words*
 Fast from *sadness* and be filled with *gratitude*.
 Fast from *anger* and be filled with *patience*.
 Fast from *pessimism* and be filled with *hope*.
 Fast from *worries* and *trust in God*.
 Fast from *complaints* and contemplate *simplicity*.
 Fast from *bitterness* and fill your heart with *joy*.
 Fast from *selfishness* and be *compassionate* to others.
 Fast from *grudges* and be *reconciled*.
 Fast from *words* and be *silent* so you can listen.