St. Helen Church



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Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

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Office hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm Closed on Mondays, Thursday and all Statutory holidays

Website: www.sthelenscatholic.ca

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sthelenscatholic

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am (unless otherwise posted in the bulletin)

Adoration:

Daily after morning Mass weekdays

Sacraments

Baptism:

1st & 3rd Sunday at 12:30 pm Call parish office.

1st Communion & Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday 4:00pm - 4:30pm or by appointment with the priest.

Marriage:

Arrangements six months in advance. Marriage preparation is required.

RCIA & RCIC:

Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please let us know when someone has a serious or prolonged illness or is to have surgery. This sacrament celebrates the healing of mind and body and the forgiveness of sins.

Catholic Funeral Rites:

When a death occurs in your family, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

Chronic Care Facilities:

Pastoral visits are made monthly. Reception of Holy Communion is available to residents.

Homebound:

Notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs. When the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended time, pastoral visit can be arranged.

Schools

St. Mark School

Principal: Jennifer DeCoff Vice-Principal: Joe Tolomeo

St. Edward School

Principal: Maria Romano

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Third Sunday of Easter - Year B April 14, 2024

| Mass Intentions | | |
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| 1.5 | April 16 - 21, 2024 | |
| As we gather, let us remember and pray for | | |
| Tue.~ | | |
| 9:00am | Willia Co Homiat Grosone | |
| 12.20 | (by Furbacher Family) St. Mark Easter Mass | |
| 12:30pm | St. Wark Easter Wass | |
| Wed. ∼ | Apr. 17th | |
| 9:00am | | |
| | (by Vern & Josie Dell) | |
| Thurs. | Apr. 18th | |
| 9:00am | + Geoff Barlow | |
| | (by Jean Barlow) | |
| Fri. | Apr. 19th | |
| 10:00am | + Arnold Hendriks | |
| Menno | (by Helen & Andy Hendriks) | |
| Sat. | Apr. 20th | |
| 5:00pm | | |
| | (by Anjela Čurik) | |
| Sun. ~ | Apr. 21st | |
| 9:00am | + Angelina & Alex Prokich | |
| | (by Maria Hrvatin) | |
| 11:00am | + Orsola Elia | |
| | (by Cipro & Elia Family) | |

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Jesus, open our hearts, enabling us to embrace your teachings and to love one another. Holy Spirit, lift us and lead us, deepening our desire to serve God through serving each other. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTION

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

PRAYER TEAM/WARRIORS

To become a member of this ministry or to submit your



prayer request, please contact sandbmac@gmail.com

DENIS MORRIS 50TH REUNION

Class of '74 save the date: **Saturday, June 22** at 6:00pm at the Merritton Legion. Mass will be held at 5:00pm at Saint Patrick's Church. More info to come.

To receive the weekly bulletin via email, make your request by email: office@sthelenscatholic.ca



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

FRED MISCIO

The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

SANCTUARY LAMP

We have an opening for the Sanctuary Lamp for June 23, 30 and July 7, 14. If you would like to book the lamp in memory of your loved one or any intention please contact the office sooner rather than later as the year is filling up. Cost is \$35.00 per week.

MINI RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Come join us here at St. Helen Parish on **Saturday May 4, 2024** from 8:30-1:30 for a rejuvenating day of spiritual nourishment and faith-filled reflection at our Women's Catholic Mini Retreat! Tickets are \$40.00, refreshments and lunch are included. To get tickets go to www.eventbrite.ca or parish website.



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: BEAUTY BROKEN

Come spend the day with us! Or just attend a session. The 4 winds ministries is offering a **FREE** event on **Saturday, April 20th** at the Central Community Center in Niagara on the Lake. Speakers include Dr. Yajaira Gomez and Isobel Stiles. Registration can be found on their website at www.4winds-ministries.com

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

St. Joseph Parish in Grimsby is hosting a Designer Purse Bingo fundraiser on **Friday, May 3, 2024** at Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School (145 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby). All proceeds go to support Evangelization and ministry at St. Joseph and in the parish community. For tickets call the Parish Office at 905-945-2661.



THURSDAY MORNING BINGO

In the St. Helen Church Hall 4106 Mountain Rd., Beamsville, ON Doors open at 10:00am, Bingo games start at 11:00am Delicious Lunch Available

FRIDAY EVENING BINGO

Pizza available at 6pm, games start at 7:00pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. (Acts 3)

Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2)

Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day. (Luke 24)



In the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, God reveals in a specific moment of history, in a specific location on earth, the limitless and eternal love the Father has for his people. God continues to make the miracle of the empty

tomb present to us in the caring, compassion and love we receive and give – the love we have witnessed in the suffering of Christ, a love that is victorious even over death. The Risen One walks among us in family and friends who offer their love to us and receive the love we yearn to give.

In today's Gospel, the Risen Jesus challenges his disciples – and us – to recall what he taught and what they had witnessed. The Easter miracle is God's assurance that love and forgiveness, even in the most difficult situations, are never offered in vain; in learning to cope without losing hope, in learning from the painful realities of life and in accepting the lessons learned in God's Spirit of humility and patience, we become capable of growth, recreation, transformation – and resurrection.

Just as the Risen Christ asks the Eleven for "something to eat," he asks the same of us today in the cries and pleas of the poor and needy among us. In imitating his humble compassion, we, in turn, discover meaning and purpose that "feed" our own hunger for meaning, for fulfillment, for God in our lives.

Easter faith opens our eyes and hearts to realize God' hand in every moment of time, transforms our attitudes to realize the need for God's compassion and forgiveness in every human encounter, lifts up our spirits to hope even in the face of life's most painful and traumatic moments.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER (CEE) is a

Diocesan-approved marriage preparation program that provides quality marriage preparation in a weekend retreat format. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together and who are considered free to marry according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The current CEE weekend schedule for the Diocese of St. Catharines is May 3-5, 2024 and September 13-15, 2024 at Jericho House (10845 Rathfon Rd, Port Colborne). The cost is \$425.00 which includes all administration fees, accommodations, and meals. Please visit www.ceeeast.org for more information and to register.



CATHOLIC MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

This popular series continues! Gentlemen are invited to attend a spiritual talk & activity designed to strengthen our faith and fight spiritual battles. Held monthly, each night will consist of a one-hour talk at 7:30pm followed by a social hour with refreshments.

Tuesday May 14 @ OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR CHURCH (6557 Thorold Stone Rd, Niagara Falls) with **Fr. Daniel Corso.** Confessions at 6:15pm-6:45pm: Holy Mass at 7:00pm and talk after Mass. The goodness & necessity of our God-given desires, healing & redeeming our fallen and wounded masculinity. Bring your olive oil to have blessed.

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00pm to 9:00p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. Meetings are held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform. **Next meeting April 22 Topic: Coping with grief.** To register for virtual attendance, or for more info, call 905-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.

TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us on **SATURDAY**, **MAY 11**, **2024** to be a voice for the voiceless in Canada's largest city! The GTA is home to nearly 7 million people and is also place of death for thousands upon thousands of pre-born children every year. This event is an opportunity to join with hundreds of other pro-lifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. We will gather at Queen's Park at 10:00 AM for a rally, and then march through downtown Toronto. Workshops will follow at 2:00pm (registration required). **Sign up for workshops and lunch by April 30**. To sign up or to register your bus at www. torontomarchforlife.ca

"HEAVEN HELP US" TRIVIA NIGHT 2024

Serra St. Catharines Club is hosting a trivia night on May 30, 2024. This is in support of the Seminarians, Deacon Candidates, and Religious Sisters in the Diocese of St. Catharines. The event will be held at St. Alfred Church (272 Vine Street, St. Catharines) Doors open 5pm, game starts at 6pm sharp. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available at serrastc.ca/trivia2024/ or contact Kate at 905-407-3994.

10th ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS AWARD

The Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, DD, Bishop for St. Catharines along with Serra Club of St. Catharines wish to recognize the service and achievement of Altar Servers from each parish in our Diocese. Mass and reception will take place on **June 2, 2024.**

ORDINATION OF ANTHONY CALAYCAY

Anthony will be ordained as a permanent Deacon of the Diocese of St. Catharines on **Saturday**, **June 8**, **2024** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria.



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