

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

Contacts

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Kindly complete the following and place in the collection box.

Envelopes will be on the round table in the foyer the following weekend.

New Parishioner*

Name _____

Address _____

I would like to use offertory envelopes*

Change of address

Phone _____

Moving

E-mail _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

4th Sunday of Lent - Year B - Laetare Sunday

March 10, 2024

Mass Intentions

March 12-17, 2024

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Tue.~ 9:00am Mar. 12th + Bruce Savegnago <i>(by Marie & Moodie Johri)</i>
Wed. ~ 9:00am Mar. 13th + Stefani Doric <i>(by Delio Ricci)</i>
Thurs. 9:00am Mar. 14th Special Int. of Helen Hendriks <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>
9:30am	Stations of the Cross
Fri. 10:00am Menno Mar. 15th + Nicandro Elia <i>(by Gennaro & Giuseppina Elia)</i>
Sat. 5:00pm Mar. 16th + Krystyna Batorski <i>(by Family)</i>
Sun. ~ 9:00am SOLIDARITY SUNDAY Mar. 17th Pro populo
11:00am	+ John Marchalewicz <i>(by Family)</i>



JOIN US DAILY FOR THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER MASS

Tuesday - Friday until 10:00a.m.

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTION

For the New Martyrs

We pray that those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, will inspire with their courage and missionary work.

PRAYER TEAM/WARRIORS

To become a member of this ministry or to submit your prayer request, please contact sandbmac@gmail.com



10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Diocesan Bus Trip to the National Eucharist Congress being held in Indianapolis, Indiana. A commitment of at least 50 people is needed to continue with the trip's planning. Interested individuals may contact Terri at the Family and Youth office, 905-684-0154 ext. 209.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

JOSEPH ERNEST BRUNET

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 **May 12, 2024**. 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**.

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 March 11- Topic: Learning to forgive.** To register for virtual attendance, or for more info, call 905-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP



Please join us Wednesday **MARCH 13** for the Metanoia video series. We meet from **7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the Angelina Prokich Memorial Great Hall for an evening of

light treats, a short video, and a discussion with old and new friends. Whether you are able to join us for 1 or all 10 evenings, know you will always be welcome. For more information please contact Kelly at sthelensalpha@gmail.com



THURSDAY MORNING BINGO

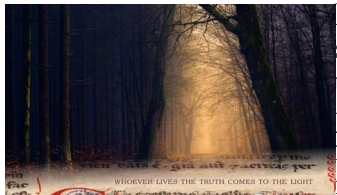
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FRIDAY EVENING BINGO

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The wrath and steadfast kindness of the Lord are shown by the exile and restoration of the people. (2 Chron. 36)
Even when you were dead in your trespasses, by God's grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2)
God sent his only-begotten Son so that the world might be saved through him. (John 3)



Like Nicodemus, we are all seekers and Christ has assured us of his company on our journey; like Nicodemus, we find ourselves coming to Jesus in the middle of our darkest nights, seeking hope and consolation, direction and comfort — and Jesus neither rejects us nor admonishes us, but welcomes us. We discover the God that Nicodemus discovers: a God of light who transforms our despair into hope; a God of wisdom who enables us to re-create our Good Friday deaths into Easter resurrections; a God of compassion who heals our broken spirits into hearts made whole. Too often, we approach faith as a series of “thou shalt nots” – religion is equated with guilt, spirituality with that nagging little conscience in the depths of our souls that serves as a safety valve to stop us from becoming the wicked people we know we are capable of becoming. Jesus challenges such a limited concept of faith: God is not a cosmic tyrant that revels in seeing us suffer; God has revealed himself as the loving Father of a perfect creation that has made itself imperfect in so many ways through sin. Despite our rejection of the ways of God, our demeaning of the values of God, God continues to call us and seek us out. God loves his creation too much to write it off or condemn it; instead, God raises up his Son as a new light to illuminate our hearts, to make us see things as God sees them, to share God's hope for humanity's redemption.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

On Saturday **March 16th**, in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from **10:00am-2:00pm** to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come and pray before the Lord.

Grade 2 students of St. Mark and St. Edward will celebrate their **FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** that day.

NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ANNUAL GALA

HONOURARY GUEST BISHOP GERARD BERGIE

Thursday, March 21, 2024, Club Roma Event Centre, 6:00 pm. Tickets \$100/pp. Online payment can be made at www.niagaracatholic.ca or by cheque payable to the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. **Please make payment by March 13, 2024.** For further information (905) 735-0240, ext. 214 or email linda.marconi@ncdsb.com

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.cceeast.org for more information and to register.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

Gentlemen of all ages are invited to attend a spiritual talk & participate in an activity to strengthen our faith. To be hosted monthly, each night will consist of a 1-hour talk & a 1-hour social with refreshments. Next date listed below; more to come! Church opens for private prayer at 7:00pm, talk starts at 7:30pm:

Tuesday Mar 12 at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church (14 Rolls Ave., St Catharines) with Fr. Jerry Lazoryk

- Persevering in the Faith: exercising & flexing our spiritual muscles
- Navigating the grind of spiritual growth one step at a time
- Blessing of St. Benedict medals (bring some!)



TRAINING NEXT-GENERATION FARMERS IN INDONESIA

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024



PARISH BREAKFAST

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17 after 9:00am Mass.

Join us for breakfast on St. Patrick's Day. There will be no charge for the breakfast. (Freewill offering accepted for those who are able). Please **sign up in advance** so we know how many people to cook for. Sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church.

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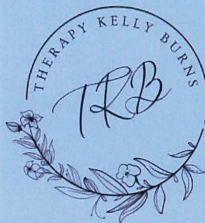
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