

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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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 _____

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

February 11, 2024

Mass Intentions

February 13 - 18, 2024

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

Tue.~ 9:00am Feb. 13th + Clara DeCoste <i>(by Sharon Driscoll)</i>
Wed. ~ 9:00am Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th + Michael & Teresa Commisso <i>(by Rose & John Lupino)</i>
7:00pm	+ John Pachareva <i>(by Terri Della Manne)</i>
Thurs. 9:00am Feb. 15th + Barbara Hack <i>(by Colleen Drake)</i>
Fri. 10:00am MennoFeb. 16th Special Int. of Andy & Helen Hendriks <i>(by Helen Smeenk)</i>
Sat. 5:00pm Feb. 17th + Belinda Rea & Antonietta Coruzo <i>(by Peter & Viola Izzo)</i> + Lucia Pangilinan Tarmate <i>(by Anna Lisa Dela Cruz)</i>
Sun. ~ 9:00am Feb. 18th + Phero Mong Nguyen <i>(by Family)</i>
11:00am	Pro Populo



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of

MADONNA DELLE LIBERA

The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. If you wish to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for one week, please contact the office. The stipend is **\$35.00**

SANCTUARY LAMP

We have an opening for the Sanctuary Lamp for **April 28, 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 Feb. 12- Topic: Dealing with Fear.** To register for virtual attendance, or for more info, call 05-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.

PREAUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD) is offered for our Mortgage Debt Reduction. If you are interested in using this convenient way to make your offerings to the church, please fill the card which you can find in the pew or call the parish office directly. These donations are processed once a month, on or about the 15th of each month.

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTION

For the terminally ill:

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

PRAYER TEAM/ WARRIORS

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



WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Please join us Wednesday **FEBRUARY 21st** for the Metanoia video series (*no meeting on Ash Wednesday*). 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

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



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As long as they are unclean they shall live alone outside the camp. (*Leviticus 13*)

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (*1 Cor. 10*)

Jesus touched the man with leprosy and he was cured (*Mk 1*)



The cleansing of the leper is a climactic moment in Mark's Gospel. By just touching the leper Jesus challenges one of the strictest proscriptions in Jewish society (today's first reading provides the context for understanding the social and religious revulsion of lepers).

The leper is a one of the heroic characters of Mark's Gospel (along with such figures as the poor widow who gives her only penny to the temple and the blind Bartimaeus). The leper places his entire trust in Jesus. For him, there is no doubt: this Jesus is the Messiah of hope, the Lord of life. His request for healing is more than a cry for help – it is a profession of faith: **“You can make me clean.”** Jesus' curing of the leper shocked those who witnessed it. Jesus did not drive the leper away, as would be the norm (the leper, according to the Mosaic Law, had no right to even address Jesus); instead, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. Jesus did not see an unclean leper but a human soul in desperate need. Consider what Jesus does after healing the leper. He sends the cleansed leper to show himself to the priest **“and offer for your cure what Moses prescribed.”** This leper's healing is a message for the Jewish establishment, represented by the priest: that the Messiah has come and is present among you.

MORTGAGE UPDATE

As of **December 31st 2023** our mortgage total is
\$2,451,206.27.

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.ceeest.org for more information and to register.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND:

Support for your Marriage-This weekend purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Next Retrouvaille weekend is **March 8-10**, For more information, call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION SERIES:

Learning About the Mass: February 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7:30pm over ZOOM Come and Learn about the Mass! For more information or to register, contact Terri at the Family and Youth Office by email familyandyouth@saintcd.com or call 905-684-0154, ext. 209 weekday.

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.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

This years theme **“TAKE HEART: BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.”** **Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 from 9:00am-5:30pm.** Metro Toronto Convention Center. For info and tickets visit: www.LJHR.ca

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. First two dates listed below; more to come! Church opens for private prayer at 7:00pm, talk starts at 7:30pm:

Tuesday Feb 13 at Cathedral of St Catherine (67 Church St., St Catharines) with Fr. Ben Weber

- Engaging in spiritual warfare during Lent
- Applying the message of Fatima in our lives
- Blessing of salt (bring some!)

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!)



THIS LENT, let's work toward Reaping our Rights

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!

Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.

Meeting our solidarity visitors and **participating in the campaign launch webinar** on **Feb. 17 at 1:30 p.m. ET.**

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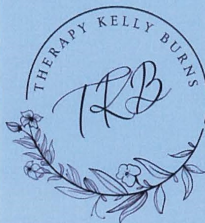


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