

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 _____

5th Sunday of Lent - Year B - Solidarity Sunday

March 17, 2024

Mass Intentions March 19-24, 2024

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

Tue.~ 9:00am	Saint Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary. Mar. 19th + Alfred & Amelia Landin <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Wed. ~ 9:00am Mar. 20th + Ethel McKay <i>(by Christine Bonehill)</i>	
Thurs. 9:00am Mar. 21st + Lucie Aube <i>(by Josie & Vern Dell)</i>	
Fri. 9:00am Mar. 22nd + Tony D'Archi <i>(by Family)</i>	
9:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Sat. 5:00pm Mar. 23rd Pro Populo Dei	
Sun. ~ 9:00am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.. Mar. 24th + Veronica Radisic <i>(by Ante Skoko)</i>	
11:00am	+ Lorenzo Miscio <i>(by Ferro & Miscio Families)</i>	

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those called to share your priesthood. With our love and prayers, we join You in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out His gifts of holiness, compassion and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an "Ambassador of Christ," bringing reconciliation and healing to the world.

Mary, Mother of all Priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen.

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.

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA

invites you to the **Annual Dinner Event** with speaker Blaise Alleyne on **Saturday, April 13**. Reception is 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm at Club Roma in St. Catharines. Tickets are \$60 adults and \$30 students. Purchase tickets at chooselife.ca/events or call Nancy Winslow at 905-563-7096.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

BRUNO SOVEGNAGO

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 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 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 25 Topic: Gifts of the Holy Spirit** To register for virtual attendance, or for more info, call 05-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.



WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Please join us Wednesday **MARCH 20** 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

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and remember their sin no more. (*Jeremiah 31*)

Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all. (*Hebrews 5*)

If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit. (*John 12*)

John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

To become the people God calls us to be, to live our lives in the joy of God's love, begins by our "dying" to our doubts and fears, "dying" to our self-centered wants and needs,

"dying" to our immaturity and prejudices.

The risk of being hurt is the price of love. That is the challenge of the grain of wheat: only by loving is love returned, only by reaching out and trying do we learn and grow, only by giving to others do we receive, only by dying do we rise to new life.

The Gospel of the grain of wheat is Christ's assurance to us of the great things we can do and the powerful miracles we can work in letting go of our prejudices, fears and ambitions in order to imitate the compassion and love of the crucified Jesus, the Servant Redeemer.

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. 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.

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.

Prayer
Warriors

PRAYER TEAM/WARRIORS

To become a member of this ministry or to submit your prayer request, please contact

sandbmac@gmail.com



THIS LENT, PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's **Reaping our Rights** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. **Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.**

"Development and Peace - Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**"- Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia.

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MASS OF CHRISM - Tuesday **March 26th** at 7:30p.m.
@ Cathedral of St. Catherine, St. Catharines

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00p.m. followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose - until 9:00p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th:

Good Friday Liturgy at 3:00p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 6:00p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th:

Blessing of Easter Foods - 11:30a.m.
Reconciliation - 12:00p.m. to 12:30p.m.
Easter Vigil - 8:00p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - 9:00am and 11:00a.m.

"CHRIST IS RISEN" ENVELOPE for Easter **Flowers** and decor is attached to this bulletin and can be returned in the collection. Thank you for your do-

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.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Due to the celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at schools the office this week will be open on **Tuesday and Friday** only from **10:00am to 2:00pm**.

**Join Us This Friday . . .
beginning at 9:30am for
Stations of the Cross**



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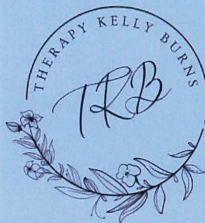


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