

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

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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 _____

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy - Year B

April 7, 2024

Mass Intentions April 9 - 14, 2024

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

Tue.~	.....	Apr. 9th
9:00am	+ Gemma Poole <i>(by Maria & Piera Palmieri)</i>	
	St. Mark School Easter Mass	
12:30pm		
Wed. ~	.....	Apr. 10th
9:00am	+ Evelyn & Floyd Schneider <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Thurs.	.....	Apr. 11th
9:00am	+ Fabio Aldo & + Olivia Vizintin <i>(by Maria Hrvatin)</i>	
Fri.	.....	Apr. 12th
10:00am	+ Antonio & Ciriaco D'Archi <i>(by Maria D'Archi)</i>	
Albright		
Sat.	.....	Apr. 13th
5:00pm	+ Fred Miscio & + Gina Perry <i>(by Mary & Andrew Ferro)</i>	
Sun. ~	.....	Apr. 14th
9:00am	Pro Populo Dei	
11:00am	+ Jack Hubbel <i>(by Dorothy Miller)</i>	

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH?

If you are new to the parish or have been attending Mass here, ensure that you are registered by completing the tear off section at the front of this bulletin. Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. In the future, should you be in need of a pastoral letter (godparent, school, sponsor for confirmation, teacher referral, etc.), it would be difficult to issue one if you are not formally registered with the parish. If you are not sure that your family is registered, call or email the office.

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.

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.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

BETSY MUILEBOOM

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 and 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 April 8th Topic: Identifying our losses.** To register for virtual attendance, or for more info, call 905-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.

PRAYER TEAM/WARRIORS

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



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



THURSDAY MORNING BINGO

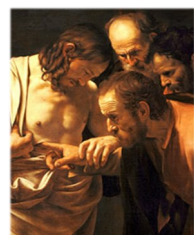
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Doors open at 10:00am, Bingo games start at 11:00am
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FRIDAY EVENING BINGO

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

They were of one heart and soul. (Acts 4)
Whatever is born of God conquers the world. (1 John 5)
After eight days Jesus came and stood among them. John 20



We trace our roots as parish and faith communities to Easter night when Jesus “breathed” his spirit of peace and reconciliation upon his frightened disciples, transforming them into the new Church.

The “peace” that Christ gives his new Church is not a passive sense of good feeling or the mere absence of conflict. Christ’s peace is hard work: the peace of the Easter Christ is to honor one another as children of the same Father in heaven; the peace of the Easter Christ seeks to build bridges and find solutions rather than assigning blame or extracting punishment; the peace of Christ is centered in relationships that are just, ethical and moral.

Jesus’ entrusting to the disciples the work of forgiveness is what it means to be the church: to accept one another, to affirm one another, to support one another as God has done for us in the Risen Christ. What brought the apostles and first Christians together as a community – unity of heart, missionary witness, prayer, reconciliation and healing – no less powerfully binds us to one another as the Church of today.

All of us, at one time or another, experience the doubt and skepticism of Thomas: While we have heard the good news of Jesus’ empty tomb, all of our fears, problems and sorrows prevent us from realizing it in our own lives. In raising his beloved Son from the dead, God also raises our spirits to the realization of the totality and limitlessness of his love for us.

In insisting on placing his hands in Jesus’ nail marks before believing that Jesus had been raised from the dead, Thomas is no different than we are: Thomas wants something he can touch; he wants a tangible sign of Jesus’ resurrection. After the horrific week since Jesus’ crucifixion, he wants more than a metaphor. Thomas wants real life, life perfected and re-created by God. And Jesus acquiesces. The Crucified Jesus lives again - in us. Our compassionate presence to one another, our embrace of one another in peace and respect, our commitment to the Gospel work of reconciliation and justice are all tangible signs of Jesus’ resurrection.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples and shows them his hands and his side; later he invites the doubting Thomas to touch the marks made by the nails and the gash from the soldier’s lance. We all have scars from our own Good Fridays that remain despite our small resurrections. Our “*nail marks*” remind us that all pain and grief, all ridicule and suffering, all disappointments and anguish, are transformed into healing and peace in the love of God we experience from others and that we extend to them. Compassion, forgiveness, justice - no matter how clumsily offered - can heal and mend.

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

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, meals and accommodations. Please visit www.ceeast.org for more information and to register.

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA invites you to the Annual Dinner with speaker Blaise Alleyne on **Saturday, April 13th**. Reception is 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm at Club Roma in St. Catharines. Tickets are \$60.00 adults and \$30.00 students. Purchase tickets at chooselife.ca/events or call Nancy Winslow at 905-563-7096.

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.

THURSDAY APRIL 11 @ HOLY ROSARY CHURCH (21 Queen St S, Thorold) with **Fr. Janusz Roginski**. Spiritual Warfare & Divine Mercy: Applying mercy in our daily lives, the real definition of Mercy and why it’s needed more than ever. Bring your holy images, prayer cards, chaplets& rosaries to have blessed.

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.

MINI RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Come join us here at St. Helen Parish on **Saturday May 4, 2024** from **8:30am -1:30pm** 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 info and tickets visit www.eventbrite.ca or check out parish website.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024



Everyone is welcome to **St. Joseph Parish** for Divine Mercy Sunday starting at **2:30pm**. There will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the prayerful recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and individual confession. Join us as we pray together and call on the Lord’s mercy!.

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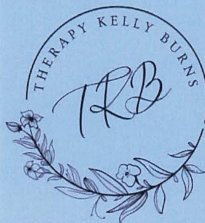


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