

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 _____

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B

February 25, 2024

Mass Intentions

February 27 - March 3, 2024

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

Tue.~	.....	Feb. 27th
9:00am	+ Emilia & Walter Celuszak <i>(by Zofia Haight)</i>	
Wed. ~	.....	Feb. 28th
9:00am	+ Maudie, John, Gary Mason <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Thurs.	.....	Feb. 29th
10:00am	Special Intention of Helen Hendriks <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Fri.	.....	Mar. 1st
9:00am	+ Antonio D'Archi <i>(by Marie & Rolando Cipro)</i>	
9:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Sat.	.....	Mar. 2nd
9:00am	+ Pietro & Ursula Elia + Michael & Olga D'Alessio <i>(by Louis & Connie Elia)</i>	
5:00pm	Pro Populo	
Sun. ~	.....	Mar. 3rd
9:00am	+ Margaret Molnar <i>(by Sharon Driscoll)</i>	
11:00am	+Elsa Baldasaro <i>(by Theresa Cipro)</i>	

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' 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.

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.

PRAYER TEAM/ WARRIORS

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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of



ANNA & EMILIO LOFFREDO

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 **May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 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. 26- Topic: What is forgiveness?** 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 **FEBRUARY 28th** 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

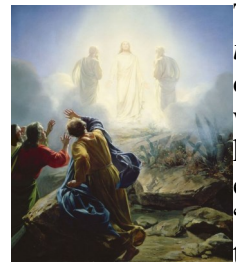
Pizza available at 6pm, games start at 7:00pm

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The Sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith. (*Genesis 9*)

God did not withhold his own Son. (*Romans 8*)

This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him. (*Mark 9*)



The use of Greek word *transfiguration* indicates that what the disciples saw in Jesus on Mount Tabor was a divinity that shone from within him. This Lenten season is a time for each of us to experience such a “transfiguration” within ourselves -- that the life of God within us may shine forth

in lives dedicated to compassion, justice and reconciliation.

Love that calls us beyond ourselves is transforming. In the transforming love of Christ, the Messiah-Servant, we can “transfigure” despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, estrangement into community.

The glorious Christ of the Transfiguration will soon become the Crucified Christ of Good Friday. Accepting the God of blessing is easy, but when that God becomes the God of suffering who asks us to give readily and humbly to others and to forgive one another without limit or condition, then we begin to insulate ourselves from the relationship God invites us to embrace. In risking the pain and demands of loving one another as Christ has loved us, the divinity we recognize in the Jesus of the Transfiguration becomes for us the eternal life of the Jesus of Easter.

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

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

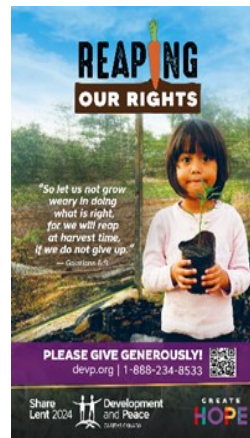
This year's theme **“TAKE HEART: BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.”** **Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 from 9:00am-5:30pm.** Metro Toronto Convention Center. For info and tickets visit: www.LJHR.ca

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. 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!)



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!

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

(And those that would like to learn)
St. Helen Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully creates hand-crafted shawls for parishioners and their family or friends who are coping with illness, loneliness or pain. There is no cost to anyone who needs one. This ministry group will meet this Monday **February 26th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the Angelina Prokich Memorial Hall. Please enter from the outside hall doors on Mountain Street. For more info please contact the parish office.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

A meditative Lenten prayer with silence and songs of Taizé

Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at Monastery of Mount Carmel Niagara Falls, ON
Contact Eunji Kim for more info at eunji@fountaintree.ca

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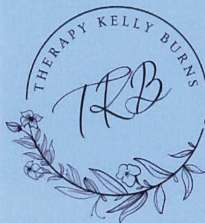


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