

St. Helen Church



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Opened - October 2, 1938

Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Krzysztof Szczepanik

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Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm
Closed on 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 12:30pm
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 _____

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B - Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21, 2024

Mass Intentions April 23 - 28, 2024

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

Tue.~	.....	Apr. 23rd
9:00am	+ Bernadette Driscoll <i>(by Sharon Driscoll)</i>	
12:30pm	St. Mark Easter Mass	
Wed. ~	.....	Apr. 24th
9:00am	Special Int. of Peter Pazdernik <i>(by Family)</i>	
Thurs.	.....	Apr. 25th
10:00am	Saint Mark, Evangelist + Tony D'Archi <i>(Maria D'Archi)</i>	
Fri.	.....	Apr. 26th
9:00am	+ Arnold Hendriks <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Sat.	.....	Apr. 27th
5:00pm	Pro Populo Dei	
Sun. ~	.....	Apr. 28th
9:00am	+Phero Nguyen <i>(by Family)</i>	
11:00am	+ Helen Sowa <i>(by Zofia Haight)</i>	



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

ANGELINA & ALEX PROKICH

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 & 30 and July 14 & 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.

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.

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 tickets visit www.eventbrite.ca or parish website.



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' 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.

PRAYER TEAM/WARRIORS

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



DENIS MORRIS 50TH REUNION Class of '74 save the date: **Saturday, June 22** at 6:00pm at the Merritton Legion. Mass will be held at 5:00pm at Saint Patrick's Church. More info to come.



ORDINATION of ANTHONY CALAYCAY

Anthony will be ordained as a permanent Deacon of the Diocese of St. Catharines on **Saturday, June 8, 2024** at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria.



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

There is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved. (Acts 4)

We will see God as he is. (1 John 3)

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10



Christ calls us to the vocation of being “good shepherds”: to seek out and bring back the lost, the scattered and forgotten; to enable people to move beyond their fears and doubts to become fully human; to willingly pay the price for justice and mercy for all members of the “one fold.”

The Gospel image of the good shepherd calls us to look beyond our own expectations, needs and fears in order to become “shepherds” of reconciliation, compassion and charity to others.

To be a disciple of Jesus is not to be simply a “hired hand” who acts only to be rewarded; real followers of Jesus realize that every person of the “one fold” possesses the sacred dignity of being children of God and rejoice in knowing that in serving others we serve God. In embracing the Gospel attitude of humility and compassion for the sake of others – in “laying down our own lives” for others – our lives will one day be “taken up again” in the Father’s Easter promise.

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.cceeast.org for more information and to register.

10th ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS AWARD

The Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, DD, Bishop for St. Catharines along with Serra Club of St. Catharines wish to recognize the service and achievement of Altar Servers from each parish in our Diocese. Mass and reception will take place on **June 2, 2024**.

“ON EAGLES WINGS” 4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Serra Club of St. Catharines is hosting their 4th annual golf tournament on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024. This is in support of Priests, Seminarians, Deacon Candidates and Religious in the Diocese. \$140.00 includes 18 holes of gold, cart, welcome gift, and buffet dinner. Dinner only option is \$40.00. To register online go to www.serrasc.ca/golf2024/ or call Yass at 905-736-4555.

“HEAVEN HELP US” TRIVIA NIGHT 2024

Serra St. Catharines Club is hosting a trivia night on **May 30, 2024**. This is in support of the Seminarians, Deacon Candidates, and Religious Sisters in the Diocese of St. Catharines. The event will be held at St. Alfred Church (272 Vine Street, St. Catharines) Doors open 5pm, game starts at 6pm sharp. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at serrasc.ca/trivia2024/ or contact Kate at 905-407-3994.

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

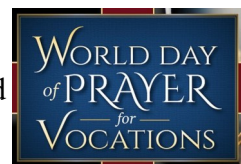
Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00pm to 9:00p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. Meetings are held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform. **Next meeting April 22 Topic: Coping with grief.** To register for virtual attendance, or for more info, call 905-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.

TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us on **Saturday, May 11, 2024** to be a voice for the voiceless in Canada’s largest city! The GTA is home to nearly 7 million people and is also place of death for thousands upon thousands of pre-born children every year. This event is an opportunity to join with hundreds of other pro-lifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. We will gather at Queen's Park at 10:00 AM for a rally, and then march through downtown Toronto. Workshops will follow at 2:00pm (registration required). **Sign up for workshops and lunch by April 30.** To sign up or to register your bus attorontomarchforlife.ca

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF

EASTER, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people.



Everyone is invited for Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations on **Sunday April 21 at 3:00pm** to the Cathedral of St. Catharines of Alexandria.

“Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people.

Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen”.

(Collect from Mass for Priestly Vocations)

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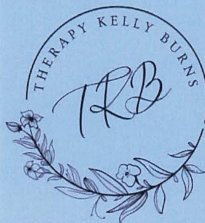
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