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Appointment of Pastors

Father Michael Basque – St. Thérèse of Liseux, Port Colborne
Father Daniele Bertoldi, CFIC – St. Mary Parish, Welland
Father Jacek Kryń, SAC – St. Elizabeth Parish, Wainfleet, in addition to St. Ann Parish, Fenwick (effective January 1, 2026))
Father Roman Majek, OMI – Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Welland (effective September 1, 2025)

Appointment of Parochial Vicars

Father Lukas Kopaniak, SAC – St. Thomas More Parish, Niagara Falls

Sabbatical

Father Stanislaw Ksciuk will be on a six-month sabbatical (effective January 1, 2026)

Retirement

Father Raymond Fenech Gonzi Since his arrival in 1994, Father Raymond has served in various parishes throughout the diocese before his current assignment at St. Mary Parish in Welland which has lasted 11 years. I thank him for his faithfulness and wish him many blessings in his retirement.

New Clergy to the Diocese

Father Lukas Kopaniak, SAC (previous serving in the Diocese of Hamilton)
Father Roman Majek, OMI (previously serving in the Diocese of Pembroke)

Transfers out of the Diocese

Father Mirosław Olszewski, OMI- (effective August 31, 2025) I am most grateful to Father Mirosław for his dedicated service to the Diocese of St. Catharines as Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Welland since September 2014. I wish him many blessings as he begins his new assignment in the Diocese of Pembroke.

For your information

Father Philip Smith, CPPS has been assisting with Mass at St. Thomas More Parish in Niagara Falls for the past year. Starting in the summer, he will be assisting Father Ladislav Miskei at Our Lady of Hungary Parish in Welland.

Ministry Schedule - June 14/15

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Barb Joyner	5:00 pm - Lisa Poort 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	5:00 pm - Paula Verrecchia 10:00 am - Cathy Cartaginese	10:00 am - Judy Terpstra

Ministry Schedule - June 21/22

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Barb Joyner	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - John Terpstra	10:00 am - No Children's Liturgy Today

Pastor
Very Rev. Fr. Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane
(Dean of Haldimand)

Administrative Assistant
Financial Recorder
Sandy Johnson
In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
Weekday Masses
See Schedule inside of the bulletin

Reconciliation/Confessions
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
(or by appointment)

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*Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Pentecost Sunday &
The Most Holy Trinity

June 8 & 15, 2025

**Pentecost Sunday & The Most Holy Trinity - Year C
MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR**

The Transfiguration of the Lord /Masses and Calendar Schedule

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:30 am

Mon	June 9	No Public Mass Celebrated	
Tues	June 10	9:00 am +Arthur & Arleen Marlow Helen Lipiec for a successful surgery, healing and recovery 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice 11:30 am Year End School Mass - Group 1 - Grades 4-8	by the Newmans Fr. Christopher
Wed	June 11	St. Barnabas 9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Wellandport Mass/Adoration /Confessions 7:00 pm - 8:00pm Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting	by Michael Urban Fr. Christopher
Thurs	June 12	9:00 am +John and Lucinda Cruz 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm Parish Outreach/Education Video Evening church building	by Maria Martins
Fri	June 13	St. Anthony of Padua 9:00 am +Jose Martins	by Maria Martins
Sat	June 14	The Most Holy Trinity 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm Pastoral Leadership Coaching Session 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	Fr. Christopher
Sun	June 15	10:00 am +Joyce Ros	
Mon	June 16	No Public Mass Celebrated 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Upper Meeting Room	
Tues	June 17	9:00 am +Kim Miller 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice 11:30 am Year End School Mass - Group 2 - KG - Grade 2-3	by the Newmans Fr. Christopher
Wed	June 18	9:00 am Intention Available 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Wellandport Mass/Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	June 19	9:00 am +Rosa Abrantes 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by Maria Martins
Fri	June 20	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am Intentions Available	Fr. Christopher
Sat	June 21	Pentecost Sunday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Maria Pais	by Fatima Araujo & Family
Sun	June 22	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 11:30 am Baptism of Emilia Chabot 11:00am- 1:30pm Annual Parish Picnic on church grounds.	Fr. Christopher

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PARISH MASS ATTENDANCE RESULTS

May 24, Vigil 57. May 5, Sunday 71. Total 128
May 31, Vigil 44. June 1, Sunday 58. Total 102

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

A stewardship way of life is challenging because it is counter-cultural to put God and others before ourselves. But that is precisely why this way of life is such a powerful witness to the message of the Gospel. And we can embrace this way of life with great confidence and joy because we are not expected to do this on our own. Whether it is as small a detail as finding a new prayer time, or as big as changing career paths to be more available to loved ones, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to show us the way,

PARISH OUTREACH / EDUCATION

The Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to announce that we will be hosting another Video evening on June 12 at 7:00pm. The topic is entitled : **"THE HOPE THAT DOES NOT DISAPPOINT"**

The sign-up sheet can be found in the foyer of the church. Everyone is invited, including friends, family and other faith communities in Smithville and beyond.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for Sunday June, 22,
Lunch is served at 11:30am,

Please register on the sign up sheet in the front foyer as soon as possible. Hamburgers, salads, potato chips, bottled water, strawberry cheesecake. Games. Please bring your own lawn chair.

We look forward to seeing YOU!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

If you are interested in helping with our Baptismal Preparation Classes, please contact the office. Training and material will be provided.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

We are looking for some parishioner volunteers to assist and teach 3 ten-year-old children from St. Martin's Elementary School who wish to be baptized.

- Training and material will be provided.
- Less than once per month time commitment.
- Contact the office if interested.

ORDINARY TIME BEGINS THIS WEEK

Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar is a season for reflection on how to live a Christian life and grow in virtue. It's a time to examine our daily habits and deepen our relationship with Christ through the quiet constancy of ordinary life. This season is a reminder that even in everyday tasks, we can find God's presence and participate in His mission. Let us journey together in faith, hope and love sharing more fully with each other the entire mystery of Christ in the unfolding coming months of ordinary time.

DIOCESAN INITIATIVES IN OUR JUBILEE YEAR

The MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series continues. To register use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/rehnH9PdnB?origin=lprLink>
Upcoming sessions in the Series:

Time: June 14, 2025, 9:30 am - 12 noon

Place: Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport.

Speaker: Thomas Cardinal Collins,
Archbishop Emeritus Toronto.

UPCOMING SOLEMINTIES

The **Most Holy Trinity** is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith." The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin."

Corpus Christi also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a feast that honours Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance") when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of me."

POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

"That the world might grow in compassion.

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world".

JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART

June, a month steeped in long days and warmer weather, invites us to bask in the tangible beauty of creation. The unfolding of each day offers a unique tapestry, a blending of light and life, paralleling the mystery and dynamism of our Catholic faith. This June, let us journey through our Catholic heritage and reflect on faith and renewal that this month can inspire within us.

June, in the liturgical year, is **dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, an emblem of divine love and compassion. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, typically celebrated 19 days after Pentecost, presents an opportunity to deepen our understanding of Jesus's boundless love and how this love should shape our lives. **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 27.** Eucharistic Holy Hour will take place. Beginning at 8:30 am to 9:00am Mass at 9:00am, continued from 9:20pm to 9:55am. Benediction will conclude this Solemnity.