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Personal Invite:

Come, celebrate with our parish when we are at our best! On the evening of Holy Thursday, Lent comes to an end, and we enter into the "Three Days" that are the centre of our year: the Easter Triduum.

On these "Three Days" the Church is at its best. In song, scripture, and ritual we proclaim the heart of what we believe and celebrate throughout the year. We gather often -- at church and at home -- during the Triduum to reflect on the central reality of our faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

During these "Three Days" Christians renew their vows and new Christians are initiated. These are the "high holy days" of Christianity. You are invited to make these "Three Days" different from all the other days of the year. Adults in the community are invited to plan ahead so that the entire time from Holy Thursday evening until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainment, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment.

Because of the importance of these days, we are not merely invited: we are all needed to be present in the church. All of us need the whole community together on its greatest days, the evening of March 29 through the evening of March 31, in this year of our Lord 2018. Plan ahead now to celebrate with your community the three most important days in our year.

Join us as we break our paschal fast.

Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, D.D.
Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
Diocesan Social Justice Rep

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m.
Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Sunday of the Month
Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism
Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage
Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call the office

Secretary
Sandy Johnson
Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday
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Palm Sunday celebrates
Jesus' triumphal entry
into Jerusalem and
marks the start of Holy
Week, the final days of
his earthly ministry.

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March 25, 2018 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

**Ministry Schedule
Mar 29/30/31/Apr 1**

Hospitality Ministers
7:30 pm - George Yakowenko
3:00 pm - George Yakowenko
8:00 pm - Pat & Andy Wirth
9:00 am - Marcel Pouliot
11:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec

Altar Servers
7:30 pm - Needed
3:00 pm - Needed
8:00 pm - Needed
9:00 am - Needed
11:00 am - Needed

Lectors
7:30 pm #1 - Gemma Bose
#2 - Andrew Steger
3:00 pm #1 - Caroline Steger
#2 - Marg Van Geest
8:00 pm #1 - Andrew Steger
#2 - Caroline Steger
#3 - Marg Van Geest
#4 - Lisa Poort
9:00 am #1 - Marg Van Geest
#2 - Mary Pikula
11:00 am #1 - Gemma Bose
#2 - Maeve Devlin

Extra-ordinary Ministers
7:30 pm - Dick, Yolanda, Caroline
3:00 pm - Andrew
8:00 pm - Dick, Yolanda, Maeve
9:00 am - Bea, Marcel, Vern
11:00 am - Andy, Helen, Pauline

Stewardship Counting
Beth Davis & Helen Lipiec

Children's Liturgy
No Children's Liturgy Today

Next Hospitality Sunday
May 6

March 25, 2018

The Passion of the Lord - Palm Sunday - Year B



Lord, may the request of your people rise before you like a fragrant offering

Monday	Mar 26	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Louie Madzo Sr.	by Norrie Franko
			Evening Holy Hour 6:30pm - 7:30pm Reconciliation at this time.	
Tuesday	Mar 27	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Louis Zych	by John & Mary Mojeski
Wednesday	Mar 28	6:30 pm	For the health and healing of Robert Schnaar	by John & Riky Mulder
			Evening Holy Hour 5:30pm - 6:15pm Reconciliation at this time.	
Thursday	Mar 29		Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper	
		7:30 pm	For God's blessings upon and the special intentions of Heather Belmont	by Joan & Bob Hignett
Friday	Mar 30	3:00 pm	Good Friday - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday	Mar 31	12:00 pm	By Request. We do listen. Blessing of the Easter Baskets in church	
		8:00 pm	Easter Vigil	
			+For the repose of the soul of Melina Lombardo	by Maria & Winston Mallia
Sunday	Apr 1		Easter Sunday	
		9:00 am	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
		11:00 am	For the special intentions of Dell children and grandchildren	by Vern & Josie Dell

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The brown bag you kindly accepted can be returned on or before Holy Thursday! They will be picked up and taken to West Lincoln Community Care to help stock the shelves for Easter. If you have already received a bag through your child at St. Martin's school, please don't take another! We Thank You for your continued generosity!

SHARE LENT COLLECTION

We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace "Solidarity" Sunday, March 18. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world -- from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign, "Together for Peace," invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thanks for helping us create a future filled with hope! Special envelopes are still available at church foyer. This collection remains "OPEN" until the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK/ EASTER

Sun March 25:	Passion Sunday Reconciliation after 9:00 & 11:00am Masses
Mon March 26:	9:00am morning Mass Evening Holy Hour 6:30pm - 7:30pm Reconciliation at this time. Benediction at 7:30pm
Tues March 27:	Morning Mass 9:00am Chrism Mass Cathedral 7:30pm
Wed March 28:	Evening Holy Hour 5:30pm - 6:30pm Reconciliation 5:30pm - 6:15pm Mass at 6:30pm

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday March 29:	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm (12 Volunteers needed for Washing of Feet) Prayer at Adoration Chapel until 10:00pm
Good Friday March 30:	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm
Saturday March 31:	Easter Vigil with Baptisms 8:00pm
Easter Sunday April 1:	9:00am & 11:00am Masses.

PARISH DISCERNMENT

Bishop Bergie has invited the Halimand Deanery, Group V, to begin the Parish Discernment Process Saturday **April 14, 2018**, at the Gethsemane Centre, 84008 Wellandport Road from **9:30am to 12 noon**. Sr. Margaret Kane, CSJ, will be the facilitator.

The Parish Team has now been discerned and confirmed. We thank those individuals willing to accept this wonderful opportunity as we move the parish forward and into the "New Evangelization"...

Father Christopher G. Gillen. Josie and Vern Dell. Elaine Parry. Lisa Poort. Heather Tomascin. Andrew and Caroline Steger.

DIOCESAN "RESPECT FOR LIFE"

Solemn Mass: Annunciation of the Lord Monday, April 9 (7:00 p.m.) Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria -- Bishop Gerard Bergie presiding (reception following, hosted by the C.W.L.) The Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, and other groups are invited to send representatives and carry banners in the procession. For info, call Elise Mathie (905/684-7569) or Martina Flatman (289/686-6122).

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Supporting scholarships and students in need. [+ Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction] ~ Bishop's Gala ~ Do you know that one in five students goes to school hungry every day? Many need daily necessities of life. Your support of the Bishop's Gala can help. Join us on Friday, April 20 (cocktails 5:30 pm, dinner 7:00 pm) Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd., St. Catharines. Tickets \$80 each, with a \$30 tax receipt upon request; includes one drink ticket and two bottles of wine on each table during dinner (must be purchased by April 13). For tickets, call Sherry Morena at (905-735-0240 x213)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses beginning Monday April 2nd to 13th inclusive. Weekday Masses will resume on Monday April 16th. Unfortunately, Fr. Christopher will be returning to Ireland.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP MARCH 17/18, 2018

Sunday Offering (71 Env):	\$1,759.00
Loose:	\$ 228.20
Share Lent (55 Env):	\$1,735.00
Loose:	\$ 92.60
Initial Offering (1Env):	\$ 20.00

*Thank you for your tithe/stewardship.
God Bless.*

GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION

(March 30)

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. They depend on the collection for their lives. As a collection requested by Pope Francis, it helps to maintain not only the holy places and provide for the formation of future priests above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational, and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of our Christian brothers and sisters and the local population. A donation in response to the Pope's annual appeal is a direct way of changing the lives of those in that region caught in the grip of war, violence, and instability. Let us give generously and show solidarity by responding to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus!

THE SERRA CLUB ST. CATHARINES

Promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life presents Trivia Night on Friday, April 27. Dinner served at 6:00 pm, trivia starts at 7:00 pm St. Alfred Church, St. Catharines (tickets \$20/person or \$160/table of 8) Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, coffee, dessert, and a door prize ticket For tickets, contact Jodi Di Domenico (905/353-0158) didoms99@msn.com or Mike Lettieri (289/296-5485)

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

- Cheryl Dell/Alessandra DeFilippis – Mar 25
- Tom Diletti – Mar 26
- Marika Patey – Mar 27
- Scott Pearson – Mar 29
- Cathy Mous/Mike Perry - Mar 30
- Caroline Steger – Mar 30
- Hailey Miller – Mar 31
- Cameron Cooney/Robert McMaster – Apr 1

Anniversaries:

- James & Caroline Burke – Apr 1