

~ *First Sunday in Lent* ~

February 21st, 2010

Monday ~ Chair of St. Peter ~ February 22nd

7:30 am - *Robert Rapattoni* +

8:30 am - *Giovanni DeSisto* +

Tuesday ~ February 23rd

7:30 am - *Zora Modric* +

8:30 am - *David Morris* +

Wednesday ~ February 24th

7:30 am - *Isabelle Longtin* +

8:30 am - *Tilmon Arsenault* +

9:30 am - St. Charles School Mass (Church)

Elvira Biasatti +

Thursday ~ February 25th

7:30 am - *John Continelli* +

8:30 am - *Patricia McLean* +

12:15 pm - *Lenten Ecum. Service @ St. John's Anglican*

Friday ~ February 26th

7:30 am - *All the Souls in Purgatory* +

8:30 am - *Antonietta DeDivitiis* +

6:00 pm - *Mass in Honour of St. Padre Pio*

7:00 pm - *Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis (Italian)*

Saturday ~ February 27th

8:15 am - *Giulio Nardangeli* +

5:30 pm - *Luigi Rondinone* + *Carmelo Zappavigna* +

Sunday ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent ~ February 28th

7:45 am - *People of Holy Rosary Living & Deceased* + +

9:00 am - *Anna Maria & Carmela Maddalena* +

Gino D'Ambrosi +

10:30 am - **Children's Mass** - *Benedetto Giardini* +

11:00 am - **St. Aloysius** - *Suzanne Chorney* +

12 noon - *Deceased Members of the Carmela & Rosario*

Mancini Family +

Share Lent Campaign 2010 ~ Ash Wednesday marked the beginning this year's Share Lent campaign "SEE YOUR GIFT GROW". We are encouraged to use the tools provided by Development & Peace as part of our Lenten practices. This material includes The Lifestyle Awareness Calendar, the Lenten Coin Folders and the Solidarity Sunday Collection Envelope. As we renew our spiritual commitment this Lenten season, let us also respond to the needs of our neighbours around the globe. **At the entrances of the church**, you'll find a postcard asking the Prime Minister and our local MP to act against hunger in the world. Please fill these out and mail (the postage is not required) so that our government can use its influence as host of the 2010 G8 meeting to urge all G8 nations to increase support for local agricultural production and small-scale farmers in the Global South.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

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Many of us have faced some kind of test in the process of applying for a job. The test is to assess how well the applicant might function in the position offered.

Just before embarking on his public ministry, Jesus undergoes a gruelling ordeal in the desert. He is caught at a particularly vulnerable moment: alone, exhausted, starving.

The temptations placed before Jesus highlight the kind of ministry he is about to begin. What kind of a leader will Jesus prove to be? He will not be someone who offers instant gratification, who seeks all-encompassing political power or who dazzles his followers with cheap tricks.

Instead, Jesus will model compassion, gentleness, humility. He will be the servant-leader who does not hesitate to wash the feet of his disciples, the king whose journey will culminate not on a throne but on a cross.

When we are tempted to be selfish or greedy or manipulative, when we undergo our own desert experiences, we can draw hope and strength not only from the example of Jesus but from his presence with us in every moment of our lives.

First Reconciliation Celebration ~ The children will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with their families on Tuesday, February 23rd and Wednesday, February 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Charitable Tax Receipts for 2009

Tax receipts for income tax purposes are available in the Chapel (lower church). Please pick them up as soon as possible. **Please note:** If you did not use envelopes in 2009 and wish to begin using them, please take a **new box** (available at the entrances of the church) and print your name, address and phone number on it. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus - Council #2319

The regular Sunday Morning Breakfast takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month. There is one **today**Sunday, February 21st after the morning Masses. Come and enjoy a great breakfast with your family and friends.

~ Parish Pasta Supper ~



Our next parish Pasta Supper night will be on Thursday, March 4th in the parish hall. Take-out starts at 3:30 p.m. and, dinner is served from 5 - 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship Corner - Thank you !

Offertory for Sunday, January 31st, 2010

**Sincere thanks for your financial stewardship in support of
our many ministries.**

Holy Rosary

Envelopes	\$4,055.25
Loose	\$454.12
Total	\$4,509.37

St. Aloysius -

Envelopes	\$292.00
Loose	\$136.00
Total	\$428.00

Youth Ministry Wake-A-Thon ~ Thank you to the participants and volunteers who stayed up all night to raise \$1,000 for the "Out of the Cold Program"

RCIA ~ Rite of Election will be celebrated today, the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria at 2:00 pm. Catechumens and candidates who have been journeying in the RCIA process will gather with their sponsors, families and friends. The catechumens will inscribe their names in the Book of Elect and candidates will be recognized. A social will follow.

St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner ~ will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27th beginning at 6:30 pm at John-Michael's Conference Centre, Hwy #58 in Thorold. The speaker is Fr. David Mainse, founder of 100 Huntley Street and Crossroads Television System (CTS) For information and to reserve tickets (\$45each/\$25 for students) call 684-7505 or Phyllis @ 641-0877.

Chorus Niagara - presents St. John Passion - (Johann Sebastian Bach) Sat., March 6 @ 7:30 p.m. Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, 290 Main St. E., Grimsby.

Family Gnocchi Night ~ hosted by Club Roma Choir at 125 Vansickle Rd., St. Catharines, on Sunday, Feb. 28th - served from 4 - 7 pm - adults \$10; children (6 - 10) \$5; children under 5 free. Take-out available. Tickets available at the door.

Married Couples ~ want to make your marriage great? Want to share your feelings and dreams like you used to? Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and restore effective communication, rekindle romance and renew commitment. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held March 5 - 7, 2010. To register or for additional information call Martin & Gerry at 905 934-5816 or e-mail: martinandgerry@sympatico.ca

~ **Holy Rosary C.W.L.** ~

have donated \$275.00 to cover the expense of the candles used in the celebration of the sacrament of Baptism at our church. Thank You !

AVVISI ITALIANI

1^a Domenica Di Quaresima

21 febbraio 2010

Oggi inizia la Quaresima, tempo in cui siamo invitati ad ascoltare più intensamente e a digiunare per prepararci all'incontro con Dio e alla gioia della Rissurrezione.

1) Per favore, ritirate al piano di sotto la vostra ricevuta delle tasse per le offerte alla chiesa effettuate nel 2009.

2) Gruppo di Padre Pio ... venerdì, 26 febbraio, rosario e santa Messa incominciando alle ore 6:00 p.m. Tutti benvenuti! **In oltre Gruppo Di Padre Pio** farà la "Tavola di San Giuseppe", sabato, 20 marzo. Per biglietti chiamare Cristina 905 227-3032.

3) Con la prima domenica di Quaresima facciamo insieme a Gesù un periodo lungo di 40 giorni nel deserto, perciò la chiesa ci esorta alla preghiera e alla penitenza della Via Crucis alle ore 7:00 di sera.

Catechist Sisters of the Sacred Heart Day-Care

Registration for September 2010 takes place during the month of February. Half-Day and Full-Day programs are available for toddlers and pre-school children. Before and after school care is offered to students from Jr. Kindergarten to Grade 3. Transportation will be provided by the Niagara Catholic School Board to and from St. Charles School. For more information please call 905 227-4133.

Permanent Deacons ~ The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is once again interviewing men who feel they may have a vocation to Diaconate. If you feel the call to serve the Church as a deacon, contact the office at the Catholic Centre for further information and to set up an appointment. The next formation class will begin in September. Please call Deacon George Newman at 905 684-0154 ext. 225 or e-mail deacons@vaxxine.com

Thought of the Week

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason.

God has a plan!

If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it ... Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.