

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10th, 2024 ~ Liturgical Year B

Mass Intentions

✠ March 11th to March 17th, 2024

Monday..... NO MASS.....March 11th

Tuesday.....March 12th

8:00 am ✠ Rina & Franco Zecchini (by Pasquale Zecchini)

✠ Roger Cyr (by Fran, Darren & Lindsay Cyr)

Wednesday.....March 13th

8:00 am ✠ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

(by Jennifer Olszowy)

✠ John Galassi (by McManamy family)

7:00 pm 📖 Sung Evening Prayer with Men's Schola

ThursdayMarch 14th

8:00 am ✠ Frank Tony Mauro (by Maria Mauro)

✠ Carmela Mascioni (by Mike LaFratta & family)

Friday.....March 15th

8:00 am ✠ Michael & Mary Macoretta (by Family)

✠ Emily Franceschini (by Margery Longo)

7:00pm Via Crucis - Stations of the Cross **in Italian**

Saturday.....March 16th

8:00 am ✠ Pompeo & Joe Petrini (by Maria Petrini)

✠ Mary Macoretta (by Patricia)

5:00 pm ✠ Palma Cosentini (by Margaret Cosentini)

✠ Quinta Serra (by Angela Salvatore)

✠ Jimmy Ricciuto (by Josephine D'Addario)

✠ Elena Pizzacalla (by Catechist Sisters)

✠ Josephine Innocentin (by Nicole Brochu)

✠ David Street (by Mary Jane & Bob Rose)

Sunday.....Fifth Sunday of Lent.....March 17th

8:00 am ♡ ✠ For The People of Holy Rosary Parish


9:30 am ✠ Robert Scricca (by Carol Dottori)

✠ Chiarina Serravalle (By Catechist Sisters)

11:00 am ✠ Eduardo Lucciola (by Cleclia Lucciola)

✠ Ernesto & Angela DiFruscia

(by Cleclia Lucciola)

 **SANCTUARY LAMP:** This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **Mario DiFruscia**. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of March

For families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Lent 2024 One Church Thorold Ministerial

March 13, 2024 –Bemi Mcdede

All Wednesday services will be held at St. St. John's Anglican, followed by fellowship & Light Refreshments

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service followed by Individual confessions on Thursday, March 21st, 2024 at 7:00pm.

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10 Marzo 2024

Il Signore, che è buono e fedele, non si stanca mai di richiamarci alla conversione. In Gesù, innalzato sulla croce, ci guarisce dal male. Chiediamogli di donarci la ricchezza della sua grazia per corrispondere con gioia al suo sconfinato amore.

I love art and believe that true art expresses God's hand in creation. I do enjoy landscapes, mountains and waterfalls, but there is no more beautiful handiwork in all of creation than human beings. "We are God's masterpieces" - the second reading proclaims. But man threw mud on the painting and smashed with a hammer the statue, damaged God's masterpiece by sin. God endowed man with wondrous gifts to use to find him, but instead mankind hid behind the gifts and refused to see or seek the Creator behind the creation.

We call upon God during Lent to restore beauty to his world. We call upon God to teach us once more what true love is. Love is experienced, beauty is restored, order defeats chaos, and goodness conquers sin through the Cross of Jesus Christ. The awesome love that was displayed on the Cross is the continual means of our salvation. God has not thrown out his canvas. He is still completing his artwork. Only, we must now be his paint brush. The restoration of God's artwork began with Jesus, but it must continue with us.



Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ One of the most common traditions of Lent is to pray the Stations of the Cross. This prayer helps us reflect on the passion and death of Christ in preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration. We are invited to follow Jesus as he walks towards his crucifixion. Death cannot hold him; he rises again! Peacemakers must also rise against repeated obstacles as they work for peace and reconciliation through dialogue. They are a sign of hope in a world of conflict. This Friday, at 7:00 pm, in the Church, you are invited to pray the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** in the promise of Easter. **Prayers for this Friday (March 15th) will be in Italian. English booklets are also available.**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR TAIZE PRAYER:

An evening of meditative prayer with music on March 23rd, 2024 at 2:00 pm; Music provided by: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Choir & Niagara Men's Schola.



Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League

Reminder:

Our regular monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:15 p.m.

Beginning in the Church with Stations of the Cross followed by our meeting at 7:00p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish Hall. - All are Welcome!

CWL Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Calling All Book Lovers!!!!

The CWL is seeking new and gently used books and puzzles for our **Upcoming Spring Book Sale** More details will follow soon!



The CWL would like to thank everyone who participated in the inspirational **World Day of Prayer Service and Reception on March 1**. We had visitors from churches across the Niagara Region as well as the staff and Grade 7 and 8 students from **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School**. A special thank you to **Father Janusz** for his support of the event.



FROM FORGIVENESS TO HEALING

Come and Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION



On Saturday, March 16, 2024, in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10:00am – 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.



Mark your calendar **for the second Thursday of each month**. The format is takeout only **from 4 to 7pm**. Beef on a bun, roasted potatoes and coleslaw for only \$12. Hope to see you there on March 14th.

Save the date for our annual Garden Fest April 12-14!

High quality fertilizer, grass seed and compost will be available for sale. Save your bottles for the bottle drive. **Community BBQ on Saturday from 11-3pm**. All proceeds to selected charities.

EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone who would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for Easter flowers and decor is asked to include your loved ones' name on the "Flowers for Easter" envelope in your boxed set of Offertory Envelopes, or any other envelope marked "Flowers for Easter" with your name and address.

HEARTWARMING WELCOME: We welcome, with great joy, our newly baptized **Georgianna Iolanda Grace Goodman** who joined our Parish on March 3rd, 2024. May God bless this new member and her family.



Welcome Sunday - All parishioners are invited to enjoy some fellowship and refreshments in the parish hall, next Sunday, March 17th following all Masses.

Week 4: March 10

Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

The following is provided from the Code of Canon Law for your information:

Can.1251 Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Can.1252 The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority (age 18 – C.97), until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance. The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat.

The 2024 Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Annual Benefit Gala in support of students in need and scholarships

will take place **Thursday, March 21, 2024** at Club Roma Event & Conference Centre (125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines). Tickets are \$100.00 per person and may be purchased online at www.niagaracatholic.ca or by cheque. Call 905-735-0240, ext. 214 for further information.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: If you have automatic withdrawals from your bank account to pay your bill expenses, then you understand the pre-authorized remittance principle. Many people use direct deposit for their Church offering, finding it both convenient and ecologically friendly. "Donation cards" will be available for you to put in the Sunday collection basket in place of your Church envelope. For more information, contact the **Parish Office at 905-227-3178**.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: There will be a Learning & Prayer Session for **Confirmation** Candidates on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION: There will be a Learning & Prayer Session for **First Communion** Candidates and their Parents on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30pm in our Parish Hall. Families will sign up for an interview time following this Session.



*We extend sincere condolences and our prayers to the family and friends who mourn the recent loss of **Lydia D'Ambrosi**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!*