

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8th, 2026 ~ Liturgical Year A

Mass Intentions

✠ March 9th, 2026, to March 15th, 2026

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

Monday.....NO MASS..... March 9th

Tuesday..... March 10th

8:00 am ✠ Helen Albanese (by Vince Addario)
✠ Fortunata Marra (by Rosa Rondinone)

Wednesday.....March 11th

8:00 am ✠ Howie Nobert (by Joanne Priestman)
✠ Christina Peacock (by Joanne Priestman)

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

Thursday.....March 12th

8:00 am ✠ Rina & Franco Zecchini (by Pasquale Zecchini)
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)

Friday..... March 13th

8:00 am ✠ Lena Addario (by Vince Addario)
✠ Dan Meloche (by Patricia Goldsworthy)

10:00 am Mass with School community

✠ Philip Doyle (by George Saranchuck)

12:30 pm Mass with School Community

✠ Hayden Umbenhower (by Friends)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (in English)

Saturday.....March 14th

8:00 am ✠ Frank "Tony" Mauro (by Maria Mauro)
✠ Jack Priestman (by Family)

5:00 pm ♥ **100 Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League**

♥ **For the Special Intention of Fr. Michael Basque (by Mary Cody)**

✠ Eduardo Lucciola (by Family)

✠ Gilliane Cayouette (by Bob & Mary Jane Rose)

✠ Natividad Binamira & Cuachi Bio (Elizabeth DiFruscio & family)

✠ Joe Repka (by Elizabeth DiFruscio & Family)

Sunday..... Fourth Sunday of Lent.....March 15th

8:00 am ♥ ✠ The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am ♥ **100 Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League**

✠ Ugo Angrilli (by Anna & Carlo Grossi)

11:00 am ♥ **100 Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League**

✠ Patricia Fortura (by The Catholic Women's League)

SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **John Gabriele**. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Pope s' Prayer Intention for the Month of March

For Disarmament and peace:

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Join Bishop Bergie to cheer on the Niagara Ice Dogs against Ottawa 67s on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$20 each. A limited number of tickets are available.

"I Have No Husband"

My dear family in Christ,

The third Sunday of Lent kicks off a three-Sunday campaign of beautiful Gospel readings that the Church offers particularly to those who are preparing for Baptism at Easter. Of course, they are also perfectly applicable to all of us preparing to renew our Baptismal vows on the same day. Each of these three Gospels focuses on a particular aspect of the gift of our Baptism, that we may not even know, or may just take for granted.

The account of Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at the well tells a beautiful and heartbreaking story of our desire for true, total, eternal love- and all the counterfeits that we have been let down by. The woman has sought love in husband after husband, and perhaps her longing has brought her not only shame, but despair. Her thirst for water brought her to the well, but her thirst for love has brought her to Jesus- and we may rightly say that *His* thirst, His unquenchable desire for her heart has brought Him to her, to this 'chance' meeting at the well.

There is an interesting play on words here- when Jesus tells her to go and call her husband, the woman shamefully admits that she has no husband. We can hear her say, 'No one has loved me enough to stay. No one has satisfied my infinite longing to be known and loved.' Is this not the cry of every heart? Is this not the great fear frustration of every life- that our hearts are made for the infinite and perfect and fulfilling Love and yet everything and everyone we try to get it from eventually lets us down? What if we have this yearning and there is nothing to satisfy it?

It's easy to miss, but Jesus offers her an alternative. "... you have had 5 husbands, and the one you are with now is not your husband." Who is the man she is with now? It's Jesus- she is with Him at the well, though He is not her husband- *yet*. To those paying attention, the Good News of the Gospel is not only that God has created us, and saved us, but more than that, God desires to *marry* us. As baptized Christians, we become part of the Church, whom scripture calls the Bride of Christ. At the well, Jesus is *proposing* to the Samaritan woman- not in the natural way, but in a far greater way than she can ever imagine. He and He alone can offer her the Living Water she thirsts for, that she has not found anywhere, or in anyone else.

This is the great gift of our Baptism. Without taking anything away from the other unimaginable gifts (that we become part of God's family by adoption as sons and daughters, our sins are forgiven, and are given all the grace, Faith, Hope, and Love that we need to become saints and get to Heaven), the great mystery of our Faith is that it is a marriage proposal. The Son of God descends from Heaven- He 'gets down on one knee', if you will- and offers Himself entirely to us on the Cross. He anxiously awaits the free response of His beloved Bride, of whom He said on the Cross, 'I thirst'.

This Easter, I pray each of us can say 'Yes'.

God love you,

Father Daniel Anthony Corso

"Take me in his place... I am a Catholic Priest."
-St. Maximillian Kolbe

This week Bulletin is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
5th Promise: "I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings."

III DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA/ A S. Giovanni di Dio, S. Ponzio, S. Provino - 8 marzo 2026

Cristo disseta la nostra sete. Portiamo a lui le nostre aridità e condividiamo con i fratelli la gioia dell'incontro che salva.

HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

Date	Time	Activities
Weds. 11 th , 18 th , 25 th , & April 1 st , 2026 <u>All Weds. during Lent</u>	All at 7:00pm	Niagara Men's Schola Holden Evening Prayer composed by Marty Haugen
Thurs. Mar 19 th , <u>Mass Feast of St. Joseph</u>	7:00pm	Niagara Men's Schola-Mass with Latin
Sat. March 28 th	2:00pm	Taizé Service for the weekend of Passion Sunday
<u>March 21st -24th, 2026</u> √ Sat. & Sun. Masses <u>Monday & Tuesday</u> √ 6:00pm confession 7:00pm Mass	Lenten retreat and confession with Fr. Paul MacDonald Theme: "GIVE ME A HUMBLE AND CONTRITE HEART"	

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday March 21, 2026 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

On Saturday, March 21, 2026 in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10:00am – 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. 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.

EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

This Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines**. For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at corso.danielanthony@gmail.com or follow us on [Instagram@emmaus.ya](https://www.instagram.com/emmaus.ya)



Thursday, March 12, 4 pm to 7 pm, Holy Rosary

Hall. Enjoy a hearty meal including a fresh bun stuffed with slices of beef and gravy, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$14. The Beef-on-a-bun is held on the second Thursday of each month. The format is takeout only. Cash payments only.

PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to pray for our Candidates preparing for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Each week you, or your family, are encouraged to choose a candidate or candidates, from one of the Photo Albums located below our statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. By praying for that candidate you can make a difference in their lives and accompany them on their faith journey.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League

Hop into Easter with a sweet treat!

KRISPY KREME DONUTS! Easter Sunday April 5,

Pick Up 12:00-2:00 pm Holy Rosary Hall

Pre-orders encouraged (until March 22)

Limited available for walk-ins.

After Sunday 11 am Masses, pay with cash or

E-Transfer hrcwl100@gmail.com

Order forms also available, payment due March 22.

1 dozen \$16.00/ 2 dozen \$30.00/ 3 dozen \$42.00

More info? Contact Julia cwlhollyrosary@gmail.com

Thank You for Your Support!

NEXT CWL MEETING: Tuesday March 10 @ 1 pm Holy Rosary Hall Walk down memory lane.... 100 Years as a CWL Parish Council!

We extend sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends who mourn the recent loss of **Domenico Antonio Vocella**. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

Weekly Offering

	18-Jan-26	25-Jan-26
Offertory: Regular & Initial	2,814.35	2,318.30
Online Offertory	1,152.28	1,465.63
Church Basement	585.85	664.75
Gift for Jesus	-	-
Maintenance	30.00	60.00
Total	\$ 4,582.48	\$ 4,508.68

Thank you for your generosity!

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of January 11th, 2026	\$102,935.90	-	\$ 102,935.90
New Donations: January 18th, 2026	-	-	102,935.90
2nd Collect January 18th, 2026	585.85	-	103,521.75
Structure Engineering	-	\$ 2,469.05	101,052.70
Additional Lab Analytical-Asbestos (22)	-	678.00	100,374.70
Incurring Expenses as of April 13th, 2025	-	6,415.38	93,959.32
Consulting Fees invoiced by: ECCO Management Inc., E360 Solution & Manpower	-	27,890.00	66,069.32
Abatement and Demolition of the Basement	-	122,300.00	(56,230.68)
Uncategorized - Ductless Carrier Multi Zone	-	\$ 9,449.06	\$ (65,679.74)

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of January 18th, 2026	\$103,305.90	-	\$ 103,305.90
New Donations: January 25th, 2026	-	-	103,305.90
2nd Collect January 25th, 2026	664.75	-	103,970.65
Structure Engineering	-	\$ 2,469.05	101,501.60
Additional Lab Analytical-Asbestos (22)	-	678.00	100,823.60
Incurring Expenses as of April 13th, 2025	-	6,415.38	94,408.22
Consulting Fees invoiced by: ECCO Management Inc., E360 Solution & Manpower	-	27,890.00	66,518.22
Abatement and Demolition of the Basement	-	122,300.00	(55,781.78)
Uncategorized - Ductless Carrier Multi Zone	-	\$ 9,449.06	\$ (65,230.84)

SPECIAL COLLECTION - DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Please take with you a "Development & Peace" envelope. They will be collected on next weekend collection, March 14th & 15th, 2026.