

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30th, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

✠ March 31st, 2025 to April 6th, 2025

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

Monday.....**NO MASS**.....**March 31st**
7:00pm Lenten Retreat - Mass with a Sermon

- ✠ Jimmy Ricciuto (by Bill & Rose Roscoe)
- ✠ Ray Petrarola (by Nazzareno & Mary Grossi)

Tuesday..... **April 1st**
8:00 am ✠ Shauna McCreedy (by Jim & Jo-Ann (Feor) McCreedy)
✠✠✠ For Syria persecuted ✠✠✠ (by Mary Cody)

7:00pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service followed by Individual confessions

Wednesday.....**April 2nd**
8:00 am ✠ Michelina Nardelli (by Family)
✠ All Souls in Purgatory (by Mary Cody)

7:00pm Sung Evening Prayer with the Niagara Men's Schola
Thursday.....**April 3rd**

- 8:00 am ✠ Jim Asselstine (by Patricia)
 - ✠ Maria Ricciuto
- (by Vince & Simone Covatto, Joe, Addy & Kathrine Lostracco)

Friday.....**April 4th**
8:00 am ✠ Nikolai Sanders Sarles (by Patricia)
✠ For the abandoned Souls

6:00 pm ♥♥♥ In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus ♥♥♥

7:00pm Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) in Italian

Saturday.....**April 5th**
8:00 am ✠ Olga Kita (by Mark & Paula Kita)
✠ Benedetta D'Amizio (by Friends)


- 5:00 pm ✠ Constantino Alfonso (by Family)
 - ✠ Irene Lizzotti (by family)
 - ✠ Antonio & Rosa Bonadie (by Josephine D'Addario)
 - ✠ Domenic & Jackie Palmerino (by Family)
 - ✠ Sam & Joanne Palmerino (by Family)
 - ✠ Patricia McCuaig (by Family)
- ♥ **Special Intention for Ryan Rose & Stephanie Ralph**
(by Mom & Dad)

Sunday.....**Fifth Sunday of Lent**.....**April 6th**
8:00 am ✠♥ The People of Holy Rosary Parish
9:30 am ✠ Mancini deceased members (by Livia & Family)
✠ Ann Iamonaco (by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)
11:00 am ✠ Joseph Zimmile (by The Catechist Sisters)
✠ Peter Cowan (by Family & friends)

SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Olga Tatarnic*. 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.

 The popular **beef-on-a-bun** will be held on Thursday, April 10th, 2025. **Our Beef on a Bun Dinner**, is held on the **second Thursday of each month**. The format is takeout only. **Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$13.**

Binding up the broken-hearted

A diplomacy of hope is also a *diplomacy of forgiveness*, capable, at a time full of open or latent conflicts, of mending relationships torn by hatred and violence, and thus caring for the broken hearts of their all too numerous victims. My wish for the year 2025 is that the entire international community will work above all to end the conflict that, for almost three years now, has caused so much bloodshed in war-torn Ukraine and has taken an enormous toll of lives, including those of many civilians. Some encouraging signs have appeared on the horizon, but much work must still be done to create the conditions for a just and lasting peace and to heal the wounds inflicted by the aggression.

Release to prisoners

The diplomacy of hope is, in the end, a *diplomacy of justice*, without which there can be no peace. The Jubilee year is a favourable time to practise justice, to forgive debts and to commute the sentences of prisoners. However, there is no debt that allows anyone, including the State, to demand the life of another. In this regard, I reiterate my call for the death penalty to be eliminated in every nation, since it finds no justification today among the instruments capable of restoring justice.

Nor can we forget that, in some sense, we are all prisoners, for all of us are debtors: to God, to others, and also to our beloved earth, from which we draw our daily sustenance. As I observed in my annual *Message for the World Day of Peace*, "each of us must feel in some way responsible for the devastation to which the Earth, our common home, has been subjected". Increasingly, nature itself seems to be rebelling against human action by extreme manifestations of its power. Examples of this are the devastating floods in Central Europe and Spain, the cyclones that hit Madagascar in the spring and, just before Christmas, the French Department of Mayotte and Mozambique.

We cannot remain indifferent in the face of all this! We do not have that right! Rather, we have a duty to make the greatest effort to care for our common home and its inhabitants, now and in the future.

An extract from Pope Francis: 'diplomacy of hope' based on truth, forgiveness, freedom, and justice.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2025/january/documents/20250109-corpo-diplomatico.html>

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: The Lenten Retreat in our Parish is happening this week, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The topic is Jubilee: **Conversion, Forgiveness, Reparation, and Hope**. **Fr. Stuart MacDonald** is our guest speaker.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service followed by Individual confessions on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025 at 7:00pm


EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

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

This Tuesday, April 2nd, 2025, 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

***NEW* HOLY ROSARY YOUTH GROUP**
Fridays April 11th & April 25th
6:00pm in the Parish Hall.
Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to join our youth group for fun, faith formation, and fellowship. For more information, to sign up, or to get involved, please contact Father Daniel.

IV DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA «LAETARE» / C
Questa domenica è chiamata “Laetare”, cioè “della gioia”, e ci sono motivi per rallegrarci. Celebriamo infatti il ritorno a casa dell’intero popolo d’Israele, ed è anche il giorno in cui tutti i figli sono invitati a tornare al Signore, sull’esempio del ritorno a casa del figlio prodigo. Anche noi siamo chiamati a tornare dal Padre buono. Si celebra oggi il Giubileo dei Missionari della Misericordia (28-30 marzo).

 **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women’s League**
 CWL Monthly Meeting. All ladies welcome!
 April 8, 2025 at 7pm
Place: St. Therese Room aka A&B Room, Holy Rosary Hall

Jubilee 2025 Intention for the month of March



MARCH 2025

- 8-9 March**
Jubilee of the World of Volunteering
- 28 March**
24 Hours for the Lord
- 28-30 March**
Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Parish – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage
 Parishioners and relatives are invited on a Thirteen (13) days pilgrimage **From September 12th to 24th, 2025. Cost: \$5,250, includes: breakfast, dinner and bus fare. \$1,750 upon registration.** Please, call the **parish office: 905-227-3178**, for registration and more details.

DAY	ITINERARY	DAY	ITINERARY
1	Rome/ Montecassino	7	Rome
2	Pietralcina/ San Giovanni Rotondo R	8	Rome/ Assisi
3	Monte Sant’Angelo/ San Giovanni Rotondo	9	Assisi / Cascia
4	Foggia/ Lanciano;	10	Assisi / Cortona
5	Manoppello/ Gran Sasso Tivoi area	11	Siena/ Orvieto/ Civita Di Bagnoreggio
6	Rome’	12	Viterbo/ Abano Laziale/ Tivoli
13	Castelli Romani Area/ Rome/ Departure		

Basement Renovation – Update to March 23, 2025

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Funds collected	\$9,105.50	\$ -	\$ 9,105.50
Basement Assesment	-	-915.38	8,190.12
Structure integrity	-	-2,185.00	6,005.12
Kitchen Design Consultancy	-	-5,500.00	505.12
Collection: March 23, 2025	\$550.00	\$ -	\$ 1,055.12

Thank you for your generous and continuous support on renovating the Parish basement.

HAPPENNING IN OUR PARISH CHOIR		
Date	Time	Activities
Wednesday, Apr. 9 th ,	7:00pm	Niagara Men’s Schola sing Evening Prayer composed by Marty Haugen
Sat. April 12 th	2:00pm	Taizé Service for the weekend of Passion Sunday

FROM FORGIVENESS TO HEALING
Come and Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance
DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION
 On Saturday, April 5th, 2025, 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.

Weekly Offering

	23-Mar-25
Offertory:	3,376.50
Online Offertory	1,137.25
Parish Maint	-
Basement Reno	550.00
Total	\$ 5,063.75

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES:
Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 7:30pm @ Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Church, 21 Queen St. S. Thorold, with Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.

This month’s topics: Lectio Divina – how to read, meditate, contemplate & pray with Sacred Scriptures. Bring bibles to have blessed. **Confessions at 7 pm; talk starts at 7:30 pm; social hour at 8:30 pm.**

Week 4: March 30- Demanding fairer policies in Tunisia
 Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country’s debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone. This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our Mini-magazine at devp.org/lent/resources.

Sacraments	Date & Time	Place
Confirmation Learning & Prayer	Apr. 8 from 6:30-7:45pm	Hall
First Communion interviews	Apr. 9 from 4-5 & 6-7pm	Hall
First Communion interviews	Apr. 10 from 4-5 & 6-7pm	Hall

40 Days for Life Be part of a very successful, International movement of prayer and fasting to end abortion. The 40 Days for Life began Ash Wednesday in front of the Greater Niagara General Hospital, 5546 Portage Rd., Niagara Falls where abortions are committed, sometimes up to 40 per week!!! It continues until Palm Sunday, April 13. Please commit to one hour or more as part of your Lenten prayer and fasting. To sign up: www.wpcprolife.com Info: Angela angelabraun@live.com or Stefilee0007@proton.me
Special Collection: Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will be collected on April 6, 2025. Thank you for your generosity!

NEW IDEAS FOR A FUNDRAISING TOWARDS OUR PARISH BASEMENT RENOVATION ARE WELCOME!

