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**The Diocese of St. Catharines  
 60th Anniversary—1958-2018**  
*“Put out into the deep water and let down your  
 nets.” (Lk 5:4)*  
**Sunday, February 25th, 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. — Mk 9:2-3

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| Sat. Feb 24  | 9-10am   | Reconciliation  |
|              | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation            |
|              | 5:00pm   | ✠ Mario Forte (Family)  |
| Sun. Feb 25  | 9:30am   | ✠ Louis Marshall (Mike & Anne Young)                            |
|              | 11:00am  | Missa Pro Populo  |
| Mon. Feb 26  | 9:30am   | ✠ Dave Battersby (Janet Battersby & Family)                     |
|              | 7-8pm    | Holy Hour & Reconciliation                                      |
| Tues. Feb 27 | 9:30am   | Intentions of Joseph Mullin (Walters Family)                    |
| Wed. Feb 28  | 9:30am   | Intentions of Connie Foli (Walters Family)                      |
| Thurs. Mar 1 | 9:30am   | Michael Wilson (Karen Kennedy)                                  |
| Fri. Mar 2   | 9:30am   | ✠ Irene Gage (Bill & Mary Podolyak)                             |
| Sat. Mar 3   | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation            |
|              | 5:00pm   | ✠ Deceased Members of the Marfics Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak) |
| Sun. Mar 4   | 9:30am   | ✠ Martin Kolenko Sr. (Joe & Teresa Hozjan)                      |
|              |          | ✠ David MacDougall (Family)                                     |
|              | 11:00am  | Missa Pro Populo  |

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**  
**Offertory February 17th & 18th, 2018**

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| 73 Envelopes     | \$1, 895.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 70.30    |
| Total Offertory  | \$1, 965.30 |

**Special Request:** If you have jigsaw puzzles ( 150-300 large pieces—scenery/buildings etc), please consider donating them to the parish to be forwarded to the Welland Hospital Exendicare.

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
 How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether. Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he *“led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.”* But what happens there? *“And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white.”* Today’s Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don’t enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation. Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah’s revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor. A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let’s persevere this Lent! Today’s Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he’ll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

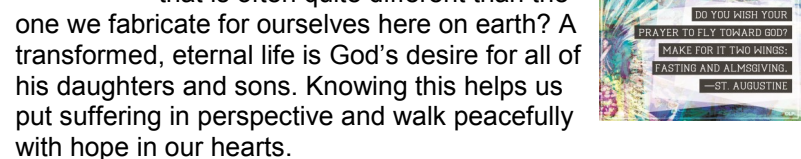


**TRUST**  
**PERSEVERANCE**  
**GLORY**

**On Saturday March 17, 2018,** in every parish across the diocese a priest will be available from 10am-2pm 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 to the Lord.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention Month of March:**  
 Evangelization: *Formation in Spiritual Discernment*—That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:** The hope of being transformed or transfigured into the image of God awaits all of God’s children. We walk through this life knowing that our eternal destiny is to be like God and live eternally in his presence. How does this truth about who we can become change the way we live today? Does it even matter to us that we are called to a higher purpose that is often quite different than the one we fabricate for ourselves here on earth? A transformed, eternal life is God’s desire for all of his daughters and sons. Knowing this helps us put suffering in perspective and walk peacefully with hope in our hearts.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
**Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!**  
 Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

**Upcoming Weekend: March 2-4, 2018 (Four Points by Sheraton, Argentia Rd., Mississauga). For more information and application, please go to [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925.**

**40 Days for Life –** Be part of this peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, February 14-March 25. People are welcome to participate on any of these days from 8 am – 8 pm, with two or more people to give public witness for one or two hours standing on Portage Street at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign “Pray to end Abortion – 40 Days for Life.” You are welcome to simply show up or if you wish to sign up go to: [www.wppcprolife.com](http://www.wppcprolife.com), and follow the link, or contact Angela: [angelabraun@live.com](mailto:angelabraun@live.com) or Annette: [loeffenlife@gmail.com](mailto:loeffenlife@gmail.com) or phone 905-931-0363.



**Building cultural and religious tolerance in Lebanon**  
 During this second week of Share Lent, we focus on the organization Adyan, a Development and Peace partner that contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering cultural and religious tolerance. Adyan offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation, and coexistence. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. In this part of the world wounded by past and present wars, Adyan’s work is essential and your support is indispensable to them. “At Adyan, we promote spiritual solidarity, which means integrating the other into my thoughts and prayers. I must integrate the suffering of others and understand it.” - Nayla Tabbara, Director of the Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management at Adyan.

**The Catholic Women’s League** will meet on **Wednesday, February 28th** following morning Mass. All ladies are welcome to attend.

**Join the CWL in celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the St. Catharines Diocesan Council– 1958-2018: Saturday, April 21st,** Mass 4:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Dinner 6pm, Club Roma, St. Catharines. Tickets \$35, all welcome. Ticket Deadline: Feb. 21st.

**YOUTH MINISTRY: YM for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings. Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>.** If you would like to volunteer, check out our website or email me [gbroadley@branchestheword.org](mailto:gbroadley@branchestheword.org)  
**Youth Ministry:** This Sunday, February 25th, our parish will host Teen Youth Night from 6:30-8:30pm. The topic will be “Persuasive Pro-Life” followed by Eucharistic Adoration. All youth are invited!

**Parish Calendar**  
**Feb 25th....** Youth Mass 9:30am, Youth Teen Night 6:30-8:30pm.  
**Feb 28th....** St. Ann School Lenten Reconciliation  
**Feb 28th....** CWL meeting following morning Mass  
**March.....**  
**March 2nd.....** World Day of Prayer– 2pm. Kirk on the Hill Presbyterian Church, 1344 Haist Rd., Fonthill. All are welcome!  
**March 2nd....** First Friday Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. For the office to arrange.  
**March 2nd....** Youth Ministry Bingo Lookout Ridge  
**March 12-16...** March Break  
**March 17th....** Diocesan wide day of Reconciliation 10am-2pm  
**March 18th.....** Solidarity Sunday  
**March 19th.....** Feast of St. Joseph  
**March 25th....** Youth Mass 9:30am  
**March 25th.....** Palm Sunday  
**March 29th....** Holy Thursday (Bingo Cancelled)  
**March 30th.....** Good Friday  
**March 31st....** Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)  
**April 1st.....** Easter Sunday

**The Way of the Cross:** For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the **Stations of the Cross** are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on day of Christ’s crucifixion. **Join us for the Way of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm.**

**Seasonal Agricultural Worker Ministry**  
 Most seasonal farm workers will start to arrive early March and will not come prepared for our colder temperatures. **To better support and welcome our seasonal workers to St. Ann’s Church, we are in need of the following new or gently used items: sweaters, coats, hats, gloves, socks, bicycles, luggage, toiletries (e.g. new toothbrush/toothpaste/soap, etc.). Please drop off items in church basement. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE & SUPPORT!** Also, volunteers are needed to assist with a light meal provided for the workers following the Spanish Masses. **The first Mass will be on Sunday, April 15th at 1pm and the second on May 20th at 1pm. From June-November, the Masses will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 1pm.** Food donations are welcome or if you can assist in preparation and clean up, that would also be very helpful. Call the office soon if you can assist.

**Kindergarten at Niagara Catholic: Nurturing Souls and Building Minds. Winter/Spring Open House,** February 28, 2018, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Online registration available year-round. [niagaracatholic.ca/join-us](http://niagaracatholic.ca/join-us)

**Roof Fundraiser:** As you have heard these past two weekends, the most pressing maintenance issue we have at this time is our roof. It was last replaced in the mid 1990’s and is showing wear and stress and needs to be replaced. Fundraising begins **this weekend** . Please come down to the parish hall and consider making a donation for this much needed project. We gather here for the celebration of Holy Mass, ministry, social events and fellowship. Keeping the building maintained will assure many more years of church community for our families. Volunteers will be available to assist you with information on how to complete the donation process. If you have any other questions, we would be happy to answer them. If you would like to make a donation but are unable to do so this weekend, we will accept donations at any time. Thank you!



