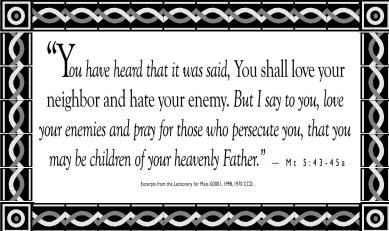
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Sunday, February 19th, 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat. Feb 18	9-10am 4-4:45pm		Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed
			Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm		Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Feb 19			Nina Aleksiejuk
			(Jan & Lana)
	11:00am	Ŷ	John Sporbeck
			(Mary Ann Biggar)
Mon. Feb 20	9:30am		Intention Available
	7-8pm		Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Feb 21	9:30am	Ŷ	Kelly Morellato
			(Rachel, Jordan & Davis Racz)
Wed. Feb 22	9:30am	Ť	Armand & Betty Mei
			(Patti & Cyril Simek)
Thurs. Feb 23	9:30am		Intention Available
Fri. Feb 24	9:30am		Intention Available
Sat. Feb 25			Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm		Exposition of the Blessed
	F. 00	л.	Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	7	Ernesto Pignataro
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Sun. Feb 26	9.30am	ď	Louis Marshall
	11:00am		(Mike & Anne Young) Missa Pro Populo
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Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory February 11th & 12th, 2017

90 Envelopes \$2, 178.50 **Loose Collection** \$ 101.45 \$2, 279.95 **Total Offertory**

2016 tax receipts are now available at the back of the church. ing in a speedy recovery. Please pick them up to help defray mailing costs. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

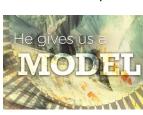
There will be follow up meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 7pm in the church hall for the parents/guardians of those receiving First Holy Communion on April 30th. This is a mandatory meeting for parents. Important information will be distributed.

Seventh SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

These instructions don't come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that-



although it may not change the heart of our "enemies"—will nonetheless change our hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then we are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend

the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this." instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us. we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us. It is one of the most challenging commands of the Gospel for believers. We should consider how well we fulfill this command of the Lord.

Countdown to Lent.... What is Lent?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1st) and ends on Holy Saturday. "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Please pray for Deacon Jim as he undergoes surgery on Feb. 21st and for Stephanie Anthony as she undergoes surgery on March 7th. May Our Lord the Divine Physician grant them heal-

40 Days for Life – Be part of this peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, March 1-April 9. We ask each church to adopt ONE DAY 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". To sign up: www.wpcprolife.com, or 40daysforlife.com/Niagara Falls. For info or help, call Annette, 905-325-1251.

Catholic Women's League News

The Catholic Women's League will host the St. Ann Syrian Family Welcome Shower on Sunday, February 19th, 2017, 2pm in our parish hall. There will be a recently welcomed Syrian, Rana Bshara from St Kevin Parish who will share her family's experience. If you would like to bring a gift, although not necessary, we are registered at Wal-Mart Canada. First Name: St. Ann's , Last Name: Catholic Church Under Wedding Registries (Gifts do not need to be wrapped) Gift cards would be much appreciated.

Lenten Retreat: will take place April 5th OR April 8th at Gethsemane Ministries in Wellandport. Both days are the same and you may choose the day which best suits your schedule. The cost is \$30 (includes lunch) and the CWL will reimburse half the cost for all women who attend. The guest speaker will be Ann Jacobs. Topic: Mary Responding in Faith. To register, please phone the office. DEADLINE is Sunday, February 26th.

Pierogies: The CWL will be making pierogies on March 20th (preparing filling) and March 21st to prepare dough and assemble. If you can assist, please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

awaiting the arrival of their family. Navigating their new raised. surroundings is just one of the challenges they will face. We are appreciative of any assistance you can provide.

A Holy Season of Renewal: Enrich your Lenten experience by joining the parish of St. Mary, Welland, for a series of 8 talks presented by Fr. Stuart MacDonald. Topics will include: Faith; Spiritual Life: Sin: Penance: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving: 11:30am, beginning Feb. 14th—April 6, 2017. There is no fee, information contact Linda Marconi, 905-735-0240 Ext 214. but please register to ensure sufficient materials are available. Contact Helen Smits 905-988-2274 or cooj0510@gmail.com

Join the "Call for Conscience" - February 6 - March 31, 2017 In the coming weeks, members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament will review Bill 84 which deals with legal issues related to euthanasia/assisted suicide. At present, the College of successful. end their life. No other country does this. Please visit them to amend Bill 84 to add conscience protection.



Catherine of Alexandria for the 50th anniversary on Sunday, a little better than the way we found it. March 12 at 11:30am.

Parish Calendar

CWL shower for Syrian Refugee Initiative

First Communion Parents Meeting 7pm

February.....

Feb 19th.....

Feb 23rd.....

March 22nd.....

March 25th.....

March..... March 1st..... Ash Wednesday. Masses 9:30am & 7pm March 3rd.... Visitation of Sick and Homebound March 3rd..... World Day of Prayer....more to follow March 5th..... First Sunday of Lent March 7th..... Morning Mass cancelled March 12th St. Vincent de Paul meeting after 11am Mass March 20/21... Assistance needed for making pierogies March 22nd.... Finance Council meeting 6:30pm

YOUTH MINISTRY: YM for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30pm. Registration form is on our website http:// stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry. If you would like to website volunteer. check out our gbroadlev@branchesoftheword.org

Confirmation Class 5-6:30pm

Respect for Life Mass, Cathedral 10am

Youth Ministry bake sale/auction—A HUGE thank you to all of you who assisted with our Winter Festival Fundraiser for youth ministry this past weekend. The fundraiser was a great success and so much fun! Thank you to all our youth who worked so hard, and to The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee is eagerly all the families for their baked goods and support. \$716.20 was

looking for some more volunteers to assist with driving the A Lifeline for Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or families to appointments, grocery shopping, school, activities angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of etc., when they arrive. As with all vulnerable sector/high risk couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential ministries, police screening is required. Please contact the information about, or to register for the program beginning with a office and we will assist you with the paperwork. The SRRC is weekend on March 24, 2017 please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

2017 Bishop's Gala: The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is hosting the 14th annual Bishop's Gala April 1, 2017, 5:30pm at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd., St. Catharines. The Marriage'; Paschal Mystery; Four Last Things. Talks will be event supports scholarships and students in need throughout the Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, which means given twice weekly—Tuesday 7-8 pm and Thursday 10- Catholic Schools of the Niagara Catholic district School Board. For

Everyday Stewardship- Reflection

My pastor likes to say that his parents would always remind him to "leave a place you visited a little better than the way you found it." I have always tried to live by those words as well. The important word here is "tried" as I am sure that I have not always been

Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to The desire to always go a step further, to give even more than is participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to required, is truly honorable. Jesus speaks to his disciples about this when he urges them to give more than what is asked and to travel www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call two miles in service when all that was required of them is one. As for Conscience" and write directly to your elected MPP asking disciples of Jesus, we are called to live the same way. It is fundamental to understanding a stewardship way of life.

True generosity has no limits. When we say that mature disciples The Canadian Organization for are to answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost, we are **Development** and **Peace** inviting good stewards to embody this type of generosity. We can (CCODP) is celebrating its 50th be the person who does not respond to the call, be the person who anniversary this year. Part of the responds and gives what is required, or, finally, be the person who celebrations include a pilgrimage seeks to give above and beyond what is required. God doesn't just across the country of a Solidarity Quilt. The quilt is scheduled to give us what we need, but he gives us more than we need. Made in be present in the Diocese of St. Catharines March 8 – 14, 2017. his image, we are called to do the same. If we try to live in this Bishop Bergie will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. manner every day, then we might just succeed in leaving this world

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