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Sunday, April 16th, 2017
The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” — Mt 28:5b-7

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Sat. April 15	9-10am Noon 4-5pm 8:30pm	Holy Saturday Reconciliation Blessing of Easter Baskets Reconciliation Easter Vigil Missa Pro Populo
Sun. April 16	9:30am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
	11:00am	✠ John & Teresa Sporbeck (Shelley & Nick Dawson)
Mon. April 17	9:30am 7-8pm	Intention Available Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. April 18	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Wed. April 19	9:30am	✠ Renato Rolando Ferrara (Ferrara Family)
Thurs. April 20	9:30am	✠ Jean Frasier (Helena & Adam Sarvis)
Fri. April 21	9:30am	Intention Available
Sat. April 22	4-4:45pm 5:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Missa Pro Populo
Sun. April 23	9:30am 11:00am 3:00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday ✠ Martin Kolenko Jr. (Teresa Hozjan & Family) ✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Meyo Family) Divine Mercy Prayers

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekend Masses.
Offertory April 8th & 9th, 2017

91 Envelopes	\$1,968.25
Loose Collection	\$ 205.85
Total Offertory	\$2,174.10
Easter Flower Memorial	\$ 55.00
Share Lent Collection	\$ 50.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 585.00

EASTER SUNDAY

“Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed.” The two Marys were in for a surprise. They had come, as usual, to do the ritual anointing of their dead friend’s body. But on their arrival, not only was there an earthquake, there was also an angel whose “appearance was like lightning” and whose “clothing was white as snow.” The brave guards were so scared they “became like dead men,” but the women managed to stay on their feet and hear the words of the angel. Guess what! Jesus isn’t here. He’s been raised from the dead. Now go share the good news!



No wonder these women were feeling a mixture of emotions! They were frightened by these incredible supernatural events, but overjoyed that Jesus was alive again. Just imagine their joy when “Jesus met them on their way,” and they were able to embrace him and worship him. What a day!

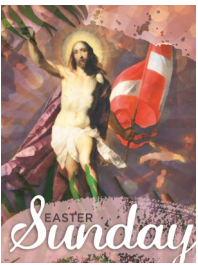
Now, we too join in the celebration of this day of all days. Every Easter, we recall these glorious events, but we do more than just remember. We also rejoice that our Lord is alive right now, that death and sin have been conquered forever, that the gates of heaven are open for us. The joy of Easter is not a nostalgic kind of happiness that only looks backwards. It is instead a call to rejoice in the gifts that we can enjoy today and in eternity.

We may not have seen the angel, felt the earthquake, or kissed the feet of the risen Lord, but we are nonetheless the beneficiaries of this momentous event. We are an Easter people, a people in the hands of a loving God whose power can overcome all the terrible threats and trials of existence with the amazing gift of eternal life.

Everyday Stewardship

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: *what!?* It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean when we hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?



You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God’s name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won’t live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, “What difference does Easter make anyway?” Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it *does* make a difference.

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 50 YEARS

Thank you for your support to the 2017 Share Lent Campaign!
 Development and Peace—Caritas Canada thanks everyone who donated to Share Lent. Thanks to your generosity, **\$3,147.40** was collected in our parish last weekend. This sum will go towards meeting the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to make a donation, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory. Envelopes can be found at the back of the church. Please remember if donating by cheque, make payable to “St. Ann Parish.” **Please make your donation on or before the weekend of April 22/23.** Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Alleluia, the Lord is risen! Mary of Magdala went to Jesus’ tomb and found that it was empty. She was the first witness of the Resurrection and announced the empty tomb to other disciples. We are called to be witnesses too. Can you imagine the joy the disciples experienced when they realized that Jesus was actually raised from the dead? Sometimes our faith in the Resurrection can run lukewarm. We don’t fully doubt that Jesus was raised but we aren’t fully convinced either. Once we become convinced our lives, no matter where our roads take us, will automatically radiate with joy. Like Mary, we are called to then share that joy with others so that they may realize that it is the Lord and come to believe.

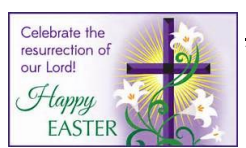
CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and halleluiah is our song.
 —St. John Paul II



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd. Our Lord said to Saint Faustina: *Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given to you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death....When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just judge but as the Merciful Saviour. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy... Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. Please join us on April 23rd @*

at 3:00pm for prayers.



Easter Prayer: Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,

the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Parish Calendar

April.....	Easter Vigil 8:30pm
April 15th....	Easter Sunday, Masses 9:30 & 11am
April 16th....	St. Ann School Easter Mass 9:30am
April 19th....	Divine Mercy Sunday, Prayers 3pm
April 23rd....	Pathstone Mental Health presentation 7pm (See info below)
April 27th....	First Communion, 2pm
April 30th....	Visitation of the sick and homebound
May.....	St. Vincent de Paul meeting after 11am Mass
May 5th.....	Weekday Masses cancelled
May 7th.....	Reconciliation cancelled 9-10am
May 10-19...	Special Collection: Pope’s Pastoral Works
May 20th....	Ascension of the Lord
May 21st....	Weekday Masses cancelled
May 28th.....	
May 29-June 2...	

Youth Ministry for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30pm.
 Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>.

Pathstone Mental Health
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PATHSTONE MENTAL HEALTH
 The Catholic Women’s League of St. Ann’s Parish in Fenwick ON is sponsoring an

inspiring presentation about Pathstone Mental Health on **Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.** Pathstone is supported by the non-profit Pathstone Foundation and contributions by donors. They have been providing free mental health services to children, youth, the elderly, and families for more than 50 years. They serve all children from birth to their 18th birthday. One out of five children in Niagara has a mental health issue such as Attention Deficit Disorder, Panic and Anxiety, Bullying, Autism, Depression, etc. Pathstone Mental Health is the only accredited provider of mental health in the entire Niagara Region. Last year alone, they provided services to 4400 children and youth. The need is great! We offer this invitation to our entire parish community, including our teachers, educational assistants, members of the school council, and extended family members. **"Children are always the only future the human race has; Teach them well."**

Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee: The committee is preparing for the arrival of the families and are in need of some household items. You will find a list on the parish website linked to the “Refugee Project” tab. Any assistance would be appreciated.

During the Year of the Rosary, you are invited to the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on Saturday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. His Excellency, Bishop Gerard Bergie will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm with the recitation of the Rosary following.



Thank You: Our Easter Celebration would not have been as possible without the assistance of our Altar Servers, Musicians, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Offertory Counters, Development and Peace Committee, Cleaners and Decorators. Thank you so much for giving of your time and talents.