
FEBRUARY 16, 2020 ~ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A PRAYER FOR A FAMILY

Catholic Online Prayers

O dear Jesus,

I humbly implore You to grant Your special
graces to our family.

May our home be the shrine of peace,
purity, love, labor and faith.

I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all
of us, absent and present, living
and dead.

O Mary,

loving Mother of Jesus,

and our Mother,

pray to Jesus for our family,

for all the families of the world,

to guard the cradle of the newborn,
the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph,

holy guardian of Jesus and Mary,

assist us by your prayers

in all the necessities of life.

Ask of Jesus that special grace

which He granted to you,

to watch over our home

at the pillow of the sick and the dying,

so that with Mary and with you,

heaven may find our family unbroken

in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Amen.

FAMILY DAY

There is nothing more valuable to
families than time together. And
yet it seems tougher than ever to
find, with so many of us living such busy lives.



On Monday, February 17, spend some quality
time with your family.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- The Parish office is closed
 - Mass is celebrated at 9:00 am.
 - There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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"POT OF GOLD" BAKE SALE

We'll be having our 4th annual "Pot of Gold" bake sale, as part of our Irish Festivities after all the Masses the weekend of March 14/15- We're asking for all you wonderful bakers to donate your favourite treats for this endeavour. We will happily receive all the baked goods you offer, cake, cookies, loaves, pies, muffins, & kiddie treats are all welcome.. We will gladly accept donations towards this event if you are unable to bake. No donation is too small! For more information Call Gerarda 289-687-6472

St Alfred Parish Irish Festivities' is requesting donations of prizes for our Silent Auction, and we look forward to receiving them at the parish office. No item is too small but we do request only new items be donated, as prizes. Thank you all for your generosity once again.

ST. CATHARINES RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER

Saturday, February 29, 2020 @, 6:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Guest Speaker: Amy Ford of Embrace Grace. Join us for dinner, fellowship and an excellent speaker who will inform, inspire and encourage us. To reserve tickets (\$50, \$25 for students), call 684-7505 or email: info@chooselife.ca.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is offering to bring the Pilgrim Virgin Statue to homes of families who would like to welcome Mary into their homes as a way of increasing family prayer and bring blessing to families. The Legionaires will accompany the statue to the home with some prayers and family rosary and will come back to pick up the statue in a week, 2 weeks, 3 weeks at an appointed date and time. To arrange a home visitation please contact Nicola Mancini 905-358-7895 or Naomi Perera 905-646-6630.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus Council 1394 will be hosting an all you can eat Breakfast on every Sunday this February from 9 AM-12 PM in their council hall at 235 Church St., St. Catharines. Adults eat for \$10.00. Children 10 and under eat for \$5.00. For reservations please call at least 2 days ahead and ask for Carl Pearson at 905-651-4586.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 17 ~ Sunday, February 23

Mon	Feb 17 ~ 9:00 a.m.	Joe DiCrosta/Ersilia DiRubbo
Tues	Feb 18 ~ 8:00 a.m.	Domenico Tota/Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Feb 19 ~ 9:15 a.m.	Shane Smith/Don Tytler
Thur	Feb 20 ~ 8:00 a.m.	Special Intention/Sandra Addison
Fri	Feb 21 ~ 8:00 a.m.	Umberto Donatelli/Cathy Gallant
Sat	Feb 22 ~ 8:30 a.m.	Ralph Biancaniello/Lodovico Rinaldi
	~ 6:00 p.m.	Delia Collado/Special Intention
Sun	Feb 23 ~ 7:45 a.m.	Nancy Gordon/ Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Cardillo
	~ 9:00 a.m.	Norina DeLuca/ Mr. & Mrs. Luciani Torroni
	~ 10:30 a.m.	Brian Beehler/Angelo Pizzacalla
	~ 12:00 p.m.	Pro Populo Dei

CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

As of January 31, 2020 our Cathedral appeal has raised \$868,595.44 in cash donations and \$72,092.32 in outstanding pledges. This brings our total raised to \$940,687.76 or 78% of our \$1,200,000 goal. THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF SO MANY!

NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ANNUAL GALA

with honorary guest, Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D. Bishop of St. Catharines. Supporting students in need and providing scholarships.

Friday, April 17, 2020.

Club Roma Event & Conference Centre
5:30p.m. Antipasto Bar ~7:00 p.m. Dinner
\$80.00/person.

Payment can be made online at www.niagaracatholic.ca or by cheque payable to the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. For more information contact 905-735-0240 ext 213

C.W.L. NEWS

The CWL Annual Retreat will be Wed., March 4 (8:30 am - 2:30 pm) or Thurs., March 5 (5:00- 8:00 pm) at the Mount Carmel Centre (Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls). Cost is \$40 per person and the deadline to register is Monday, February 17th. Call Lucy at 905-934-9297 if you are interested in attending.

ST ALFRED PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Save the Date- March 16-18

Featuring Patrick Sullivan who will present on The Eucharist- the Real Presence, and Eucharist: Food for the Journey

FEBRUARY 23 - 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VI DOMENICA ~ TEMPO ORDINARIO 16 FEBBRAIO 2020



*Così fu detto agli antichi:
ma io dico a voi ...*

FESTA DELLA FAMIGLIA -

LUNEDÌ 17 FEBBRAIO

- ~ L'ufficio parrocchiale sarà chiuso
- ~ La Messa sarà celebrata alle 9:00 a.m.
- ~ No ci sarà l'Esposizione del SS. Sacramento.

LETTERA DI DIO

La creatura che hai al fianco è mia. Io l'ho creata. Io le ho voluto bene da sempre, prima di te e più di te. Per lei non ho esitato a dare la mia vita. Te la affido. La prendi dalle mie mani e ne diventi responsabile. Quando l'hai incontrata l'hai trovata amabile e bella. Sono le mie mani che hanno plasmato la sua bellezza, è il mio cuore che ha messo in lei tenerezza ed amore, è la mia sapienza che ha formato la sua sensibilità, la sua intelligenza e tutte le qualità che hai trovato in lei. Ma non puoi limitarti a godere del suo fascino. Devi impegnarti a rispondere ai suoi bisogni, ai suoi desideri. Ha bisogno di serenità e di gioia, di affetto e di tenerezza, di piacere e di divertimento, di accoglienza e di dialogo, di rapporti umani, di soddisfazione nel lavoro, e di tante altre cose. Ma ricorda che ha bisogno soprattutto di Me. Sono Io, e non tu, il principio, il fine, il destino di tutta la sua vita. Aiutala ad incontrarmi nella preghiera, nella Parola, nel perdono, nella speranza. Abbi fiducia in Me. La ameremo insieme. Io la amo da sempre. Tu hai cominciato ad amarla da qualche anno, da quando vi siete innamorati. Sono Io che ho messo nel tuo cuore l'amore per lei. Era il modo più bello per dirti "Ecco te l'affido Gioisci della sua bellezza e delle sue qualità" Con le parole "Prometto di esserti fedele, di amarti e rispettarla per tutta la vita" è come se mi rispondessi che sei felice di accoglierla nella tua vita e di prenderti cura di lei. Da quel momento siamo in due ad amarla. Anzi io ti rendo capace di amarla "da Dio", regalandoti un supplemento di amore che trasforma il tuo amore di creatura e lo rende simile al mio. E' il mio dono di nozze: la grazia del sacramento del matrimonio. Io sarò sempre con voi farò di voi gli strumenti del mio amore e della mia tenerezza: continuerò ad amarvi attraverso i vostri gesti d'amore".