OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm
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Pastoral Team

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Sacraments

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated in our Parish on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30pm. Parents should contact the parish office at least two months before the desired date of baptism. An interview with a member of the pastoral staff and a Baptismal preparation class is required.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Confession is celebrated every Tuesday and Thursday before mass, and every Saturday from 9:30am to 10:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm. You are also welcome to book an appointment with one of the priests by contacting the parish office.

Marriage: Weddings are celebrated in our Parish on any day except Sundays, Christmas, New Year's Day or during the Easter Triduum. Couples wishing to be married here should contact the parish office about one year before the desired date. Wedding dates will not be set until after the first interview with a Priest. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required.

Daily Masses

Monday: 9:00am
Tuesday: 7:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am
Thursday: 7:00pm
Friday: 9:00am
Saturday: 9:00am

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm*
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am
***THIS MASS IS LIVE STREAMED.**

Confession Times

Tuesday & Thursday:
6:15pm to 6:45pm

Saturday:
9:30am to 10:30am
and
3:30pm to 4:30pm

Sacrament of the Sick: Parishioners are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick dur5ing a serious or chronic illness or before surgery. To arrange a time to receive the Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

Hospital Ministry: A Chaplaincy service is available to Catholics at the Niagara General Hospital.

Homebound: Communion is brought to the homebound on the First Friday of every month. Parishioners are invited to call the parish office if they wish to receive communion at this time or to arrange a pastoral visit by a priest or parishioner.

Catholic Schools

Mary Ward Elementary School: 905-354-9221
Notre Dame Elementary School: 905-358-3861
St. Gabriel Elementary School: 905-354-5422
St. John Henry Newman: 905-354-9033
St. Vincent de Paul: 905-356-7505
St. Paul High School: 905-356-4313

2023 Envelopes are here! Please locate yours in the Narthex.

By Your Endurance You Will Gain Your Souls

As we approach the end of Ordinary Time in the Church's Liturgical Calendar, Jesus continues to prepare us for the final struggle. Our readings this Sunday speak of the suffering which awaits those who love Jesus, and the great importance of an often-overlooked virtue: endurance. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record Jesus' insistence on the necessity of endurance, and each of them places His words on the subject just before He enters Jerusalem to be crucified. Clearly this is important to Jesus, and it should be important to us.

What is so special about endurance? Why did Jesus single it out? The word itself is technically defined as 'the ability to bear suffering without breaking', and 'continued existence over time'. When I think about endurance, I think of my own experience as an athlete. I spent most of my time in high school and university as an oarsman, racing boats over two-kilometre courses, and one of the things I learned was the utter primacy of endurance. The bigger, more impressive looking oarsman possessed tremendous power, but if that power wasn't backed up by endurance, then as soon as the discomfort of racing set in it was rendered essentially useless. The greatest athletes in the sport certainly possessed the necessary power, but what separated the great from the good was the ability to endure- to keep going, to continue to generate power over time, and simply to outlast anyone else keeping the same pace.

'Endurance' also reminds me of a great quote from my favourite movie series, Rocky Balboa. As a boxer, Rocky's main talent was not his power, skill, or speed, but his ability to withstand great beatings. Speaking to his son about going through difficulties in life, he famously says. "The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It is a very mean and nasty place and it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't how hard you hit; it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward."

The value of endurance is evident in a sport like rowing, in the immortal words of Rocky Balboa, and most especially in our lives as we follow Jesus. He gave us the greatest example of endurance when, 'for the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the Cross, despising its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of God. Consider how He endured such opposition from sinners in order that you may not grow weary or lose heart.' (Hebrews 12:1-3)

May we, like Jesus, faithfully endure everything that comes our way.

God love you,
Father Corso

Coffee Sunday

This weekend Coffee Sunday will be after the 9:30am and 11:00am mass in the Ferrando room. We are excited to announce that this is the "Welcome to Our Lady of the Scapular" event for Father Michael. We encourage everyone to pop in to meet our new Pastor! We are thankful to the Legion of Mary for hosting this week's event.

Wedding Anniversary Certificate

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2022. To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish by **November 16, 2022.**

Adult Faith Formation: RCIA

Whether you are not yet Christian seeking baptism, a baptized non-Catholic wanting to be received into the Church, or a Catholic who simply wants to know more about your faith, you are invited to join our adult catechesis for the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) . To register, please visit our website or contact the office.

Sessions take place every Tuesday immediately following the 7pm Mass in the Ferrando Room, this week: Confession, Baptism, and Confirmation.

If you are interested in helping facilitate these sessions, please contact Fr. Daniel at fr.daniel@scapular.ca

The Flying Fathers

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education and the Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after masses **this weekend** in the church. If you are unable to make the game but still wish to donate, you will be able to do so this weekend by speaking to both parties. We also have tickets available for purchase in the parish office. They are $10.00 each.

Catholic Women's League

CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will take place on Saturday December 3rd, 2022 9:30am till 2pm. We are looking for nearly new Christmas Gift items and hand knitted items. Any items can be dropped off Thursday December 1st and Friday December 2nd between theses times. 10am - 1pm and 4pm - 6pm.

Our Christmas Dinner will take place at Casa Mia Ristorante on December 7th, 2022, at 6pm.Tickets will be available at November 2nd's Meeting. ~ Blessings, Pat

Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary Niagara Curia, is inviting you to attend a Healing Retreat, on Sunday, 13th November, 2022 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Venue: Ferrando Room, Agenda includes Legion Prayer, Reading of verses from Old and New Testaments, Music, Healing Pray Over and one 10 min break. For more information, email

Alex: pushpalex@cogeco.ca

The Legion of Mary recites the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary every Sat. before the 5 p.m. Mass. Please join us at 4:20pm in prayer.

Awaken The Spirit Within You

Awaken the Spirit within you is a parish centered prayer and faith ministry whose mission is evangelization and the salvation of souls. Would you like to strengthen your personal faith, strengthen your faith community, and strengthen your sacramental life?

With the Word of God and the gifts of the Holy Spirit we pray together for individual and community intentions, and for deliverance and healing. If you would like to become a member of our ministry you may join through Flocknote. For more information and prayer requests, please contact one of our Coordinators - Caroline Campaner 905-394-2475, Franca DiCiero 289-296-4863, Sergio Demesa 905-401-2091 or email us at: awakenthespirit@scapular.ca

Updating our Parishioner Information

We are updating our records. Located in the Narthex there are forms to update your information. Even if you think nothing has changed, please fill one out so that we may ensure our records are up to date. We also have an electronic version on the website under "Register & Donate". If you choose to do the paper copy, once completed please put into the Sunday collection.

Holy Name Society Meeting

The Holy Name Society of our parish meets every 3rd Sunday of the month (except July and August) in the Ferrando Room of the church hall. Our next meeting is Sunday November 20 from 9 - 10 am. All men of the parish are invited to deepen and grow in holiness and knowledge of the Catholic faith together! Refreshments will be available and new members are always welcome. Thank you for your interest and support! For more information, please contact Dave at davlynorr@gmail.com.

Christmas Olive Wood Display Fundraiser

Next weekend (November 19/20) after all masses there will be a Holy Land Christmas Olive wood religious articles fundraising sale. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Debit, Checks and Cash.

Donation Envelope Boxes for 2023

You will notice that the donation envelope boxes for 2023 have been put out in the Narthex this weekend for pick up. There is a list in a black binder near the boxes which you can use to find your envelope number should you not know it. The list is sorted alphabetically by Last name of the Head of Household and there's also a second list sorted by envelope number. One of our Hospitality ministers will be available and able to assist you to find your box.

Please make sure to pick them up in a timely fashion as we will only have them out for a short time.

Marriage Encounter

The BLD Open in Spirit to God St. Catharines Community will sponsor a Marriage Encounter Weekend from November 26-27, 2022 at the St. Alfred Church. This faith event is designed to expand and deepen the joys of couples who are married sacramentally in the Roman Catholic Church, whether they have been married for a short time, or for so many years.

You can check their website at bldstcatharines.org for more information.

God Bless You.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of Nov 13th

Saturday, Nov 12	9:00 a.m.	† St. Judas Thaddeaus
Saturday, Nov 12	5:00 p.m.	† Settimo Nespeca
Sunday, Nov 13	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Sunday, Nov 13	9:30 a.m.	† Lodovico Vivani † Angie Holmes † Deceased of the Reich Family † Holy Souls of Purgatory Fr. Jose (special intentions)
Sunday, Nov 13	11:00 a.m.	† Mary Colalillo
Monday, Nov 14	9:00 a.m.	† Albert Wright
Tuesday, Nov 15	7:00 p.m.	† Deceased Members of the McEwan Family † Juliet (Rosemary Okafor's Sister)
Wednesday, Nov 16	9:00 a.m.	† Lodovico Vivani † Jane Nowak
Thursday, Nov 17	7:00 p.m.	† Anna Bozza † Angela Messina † Luciana Fantegrossi † Pasqualina Gravina † Evelyn Lallemand
Friday, Nov 18	9:00 a.m.	† Salvatore & Stella Ienco
Saturday, Nov 19	9:00 a.m.	† Marina Factor
Saturday, Nov 19	5:00 p.m.	John Pingol (special intention)
Sunday, Nov 20	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Sunday, Nov 20	9:30 a.m.	† Angela Arcaro † Antonio Lamascese † Nancy Ann Settanni † Biagio & Maria Sandolo † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, Nov 20	11:00 a.m.	† Filippo & Anna Scarpino

† = Deceased

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, our parish Book of Rememberance will be on display. This book contains the names of those who have died and were buried through our Parish since November 2021. If you would like to include the names of deceased loved ones you wish to be remembered at the November masses please complete an envelope (located in the church) and clearly **PRINT** their names. We will be receiving names for the book up until Sunday, November 13 with the final update to the book taking place on Monday, November 14.

Weekly Offertory
November 6th, 2022

will be posted next week

Thank You for your Faithful Generosity!

Please make sure your address is up to date in the office for the upcoming 2022 tax season.

Mass Intentions

Please pray for these loved ones who have passed, and the ones who have special intentions.

Booking a Mass Intention

Please see Christina in the office.

Looking to join our church?

Please fill out a registration card (located throughout the church & in the office) and drop it off in the office or through the mail slot.

Upcoming Special Collection

Please support the Deo Gratias Collection of **November 12/13, 2022**. All revenue will go to our Clergy Aid Society. We are grateful to God, and to our retired clergy in the diocese of St. Catharines who, from the time of their ordination, have cared for us and our spiritual needs. In thanksgiving to God for them and their years of faithful service, your generous support of the Deo Gratias collection will enable us to care for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. The revenue from this collection does not go into an endowment fund but goes directly to the Clergy Aid Society which provides an income for our retired clergy.