St. Helen Church



Opened - October 2, 1938

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Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Krzysztof Szczepanik Book keeping: Lidia Molinaro

Office hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday and all Statutory holidays

Website: www.sthelenscatholic.ca

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sthelenscatholic

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am (unless otherwise posted in the bulletin)

Adoration:

Daily after morning Mass weekdays

Sacraments

Baptism:

Sundays at 12:30pm Call parish office.

1st Communion & Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday 4:00pm - 4:30pm or by appointment with the priest.

Marriage:

Arrangements six months in advance. Marriage preparation is required.

RCIA & RCIC:

Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please let us know when someone has a serious or prolonged illness or is to have surgery. This sacrament celebrates the healing of mind and body and the forgiveness of sins. **Catholic Funeral Rites:**

When a death occurs in your family, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

Chronic Care Facilities:

Pastoral visits are made monthly. Reception of Holy Communion is available to residents.

Homebound:

Notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs. When the sick, aged or incapacitated are confined to home for an extended time, pastoral visit can be arranged.

Schools

St. Mark School

Principal: Jennifer DeCoff Vice-Principal: Joe Tolomeo

St. Edward School Principal: Jeff Moccia

Contacts

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Kindly complete the following and place in the collection box. Envelopes will be on the round table in the foyer the following weekend.			
☐ New Parishioner*	☐ Change of address	□ Moving	
Name	Phone	E-mail	
Address		City	
☐ I would like to use offertory envelopes*		Postal Code	

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B September 8, 2024

Mass Intentions September 10 - 15, 2024

As we gather, let us remember and pray for		
Tue.∼	Sept. 10h	
9:00am	+ Giuseppi Sgambelluri	
	(by Angie Sgambelluri)	
Wed. ∼	Sept. 11th	
9:00am	+ Michael D'Alessio	
	(by Luis & Connie Elia)	
Thurs.~	Sept. 12th	
9:00am	+ Augustine Lee	
	(by the Family)	
Fri.	St. John Chrysostom, BishopSept. 13th	
10:00am	Special Int. of Rosamery Salmon	
Albright	(by Zofia Haight)	
Sat.	Sept. 14th	
5:00pm	+ Tony Macri	
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Sun. ~	Sept. 15th	
9:00am	Pro Populo Dei	
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11:00am	Special Int. of Nicola Zelic	

THE DIOCESAN SEPARATED AND DIVORCED **HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP** meets

(by Zofia Haight)

every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, For our pamphlet or information, please call us at 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email us at separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform. To participate via Zoom please see contact information above to pre-register.

Next meeting Monday Sept. 9; topic "The Journey".

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those you called to share your priesthood. With our love and prayers, we join You in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out His gifts of holiness, compassion and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an "Ambassador of Christ," bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mary, Mother of all Priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen.

> Our mortgage as of June 30, 2024 \$2,278,372.68



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

GIUSEPPI SGAMBELLURI

The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

SANCTUARY LAMP

We have an opening for the Sanctuary Lamp for September 29 and October 6, 13 & 20. If you would like to book the lamp in memory of your loved one or any intention please contact the office sooner rather than later as the year is filling up. Cost is \$35.00 per week.

ST. HELEN PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Helen Parish Pastoral Council meets 4 times a year. The members are: Anthony van Engelen, Marcel & Carol van Ruyven, Rebecca Williams, Veronica Haining, Kelly Burns, Loredana Pijl, Georgina Belanger.

To have an input or to hear from the parishioners PPC did set up the box at the office window where you can drop off any suggestions/ideas you might have. If you wish to contact member of PPC please send an email to Anthony at st.helen.ppc@gmail.com

Thank you for your engagement.

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTION

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.





THURSDAY MORNING BINGO

In the St. Helen Church Hall 4106 Mountain Rd., Beamsville, ON Doors open at 10:00am, Bingo games start at 11:00am **Delicious Lunch Available**

FRIDAY EVENING BINGO

Pizza available at 6pm, games start at 7:00pm

A MASS OF PENANCE AND HEALING will be celebrated on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines). Bishop Bergie, with clergy of our diocese, will pray for healing for those harmed by the sinful actions of priests, religious and laity, especially in our diocese, and pray for God's mercy and forgiveness. While there is much to celebrate about our Diocese of St. Catharines, there is also a great need for us to acknowledge the pain that is part of our history.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES:

Gentlemen are invited to attend a spiritual talk & activity designed to strengthen our faith and fight spiritual battles. Held monthly, each night will consist of a one-hour talk + a social hour with refreshments.

Wednesday, September 11 @ Star of the Sea Church, St. Catharines, with Fr. Richard Kowalchuk Schedule: 7:00 pm Confessions; 7:30 pm Spiritual talk on the subjects of "Endurance in the spiritual life" & "What we can learn from the history of the Miraculous Medal" + blessing, enrollment, and distribution of Miraculous Medals; 8:30 pm social hour with refreshments in the hall. Bring your own medals to have blessed and we will also have plenty to distribute. Who should wear the Miraculous Medal? Anyone and everyone! When the Blessed Virgin Mary spoke to St. Catherine Labouré, she said that those who wear this medal will receive great graces, especially if worn around the neck; graces will be abundantly bestowed upon those who have confidence.

SACRAMENTS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25

Registration information with detailed instructions will be sent this week **from the school via email** to the families of catholic students in grades 2 and 8 who were baptised in the Roman Catholic Church. Grade 8 students must also have received the Sacrament of First Communion. Please look for the email (please check the spam folder as well).

If your child is in grade 2 or 8 in the public school system and was baptised in the Roman Catholic Church, please contact the parish office.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION - SEPT. 15

In an effort toward healing and reconciliation, the Bishops of Canada have pledged 30 million dollars to financially support Indigenous reconciliation efforts. The Diocese of St. Catharines has pledged \$250,000 to this fund over a five year period. This second collection will take place **SEPTEMEBR 15.** Envelopes attached. Thank you for your generous response and donations.

ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 6, 2:00pm-3:00pm.

Please mark your calendar and plan to spend one hour of peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. **Beamsville locations: King St. at Mountain, King St. at Ontario, and Greenlane at Ontario.** For details call 905-563-7096 or winslownancy@hotmail.com



Our largest fundraiser of the year; proceeds to debt reduction.

Plan to support us with your attendance!

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST COMMUNION:

A Registration meeting for parents of grade 2 students baptised in the Roman Catholic Church who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion this school year will take place on <u>Tuesday</u> <u>September 24, 2024 at 7:00p.m.</u> in the parish hall.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

A Registration meeting for parents and grade 8 students who are already baptised in the Roman Catholic Church and have received their First Communion, and wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this school year will take place on <u>Thursday September 26, 2024 at</u> 7:00p.m. in the parish hall. Students are welcome.



PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST ~ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

We have had great success in our 'after Mass coffee' socials this past summer. People are staying after Mass, chatting, getting to know each other and becoming more like a parish family.

We would like to enhance our get-togethers by having a parish breakfast on **September 29th between the 9:00am and 11:00am** Masses.

Please come join us for some food and fellowship. There will be no charge for the breakfast. (*Freewill offering accepted for those who are able*).

JOIN US FOR ALPHA

All are welcome to Alpha at St. Helen's parish hall **Sept. 25 to Nov. 27**, Wednesdays **from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Alpha is a series of videos and discussions that each week explores life and faith in a friendly, open and

informal environment. Each session includes dinner, a short video and follow up discussion. Please join us as we explore our faith in fellowship and friendship. There is no charge but please register so we have numbers for dinner. For more information please email Kelly Burns, sthelensalpha@gmail.com



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