

St. Helen Church



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Opened - October 2, 1938

Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Krzysztof Szczepanik

Office Administration: Patti Belancic

Book keeping: Lidia Molinaro

Office hours:

Monday: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Closed all Statutory holidays

Website: www.sthelenscatholic.ca

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.

Chronic Care Facilities:

Pastoral visits are made monthly.

Reception of Holy Communion is available to Catholic residents.

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.

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: Angela Villella

St. Edward School

Principal: Jeff Moccia

Contacts:

Music Ministry:

Anthony van Engelen

advel@yahoo.com

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am

(unless otherwise posted in the bulletin)

Adoration:

Daily after morning Mass weekdays

Ministry Scheduling & RFM:

Rebecca Williams ~ sthelenministryscheduling@gmail.com

Fundraising Events:

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Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Anthony van Engelen

st.helen.ppc@gmail.com

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*

Name _____

Address _____

I would like to use offertory envelopes*

Change of address

Phone _____

Moving

E-mail _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

January 26, 2025

Mass Intentions

January 28-February 2, 2025

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

- Tue.~ 9:00am****St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest.... Jan. 28th**
 + Joseph Kozlowska
(by Nagler Family)
- Wed. ~ 9:00am** **Jan. 29th**
 + Deceased members of Elia Family
(by Giuseppina Elia)
- Thurs.~ 9:00am** **Jan. 30th**
 + Joe Comisso
(by Will & Patti Belancic)
- Fri. ~ 9:00am****St. John Bosco, Priest..... Jan. 31st**
 Special Int: Nancy Winslow
(by Jean Barlow)
- Sat. ~ 9:00am** **Feb. 1st**
 + Bert Lang
(by Angela Schell)
- 5:00pm** + Antoinette Caruso & Balinda Rea
(by Viola & Peter Izzo)
- Sun. ~ 9:00am** **Feb. 2nd**
 Pro Populo Dei
- 11:00am** + Deceased members Palmieri Family
(by Maria & Piera Palmieri)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE


Offertory - Jan. 18/19	\$1,830.25
Loose	\$222.10
Building Fund	\$2,102.05

"May God bless you for your faithful stewardship!"

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

Last year we emailed most of the tax receipts which was both convenient and cost saving. If you would like your 2024 tax receipt emailed when it's ready in January, send a new email to the office with the subject line **PLEASE EMAIL MY 2024 TAX RECEIPT.**

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

 2025 offertory envelopes are available at the parish office. If you would like to use the envelopes and don't have it contact the office. Please discard and recycle any **old** offertory envelopes from 2024 and prior years. Those numbers may be reassigned to someone else and your contributions would be posted to another account. You can also contribute via e-transfer or AFT. If you need more info please contact parish office.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

COMPAGNONE FAMILY MEMBERS

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

The next available opening for the Sanctuary Lamp is **June 8 and 22, 2025.** 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.

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every fourth Tuesday at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre. Next session will take place on **Tuesday, January 28th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**
Topic: Embracing the New Year.
 For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: separateanddivorced@saintcd.com.

WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE



To commemorate the **2025 World Day of Marriage**, Bishop Bergie will celebrate a special Mass on **Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 2:00 pm**, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of

Alexandria. All married couples, especially those celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ anniversary in 2025, are invited to attend. This 'Anniversary Mass' will become an annual event in our diocese.

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have or will celebrate their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary in the year 2025. To receive a certificate, please contact the parish office.



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The people understood the book of the Law as it was read to them. (*Nehemiah 8*)

You form the body of Christ, yet each of you is a different part of it. (*1 Corinthians 12*)

Today this Scripture has been fulfilled. (*Luke 1*)



Today we hear in the opening words of Luke's Gospel his reason for compiling his Gospel. He writes for Theophilus "so that [you] may see how reliable the instruction you have

received." This story of Jesus who comes to "proclaim glad tidings to the poor ... to announce a year of favor from the Lord" should make a profound difference in the lives of all who hear it. In his humanity, Jesus reveals a God who is approachable and present to us in all that is good and right and loving around us.

While Israel longed for a Messiah who would lead them to victory and vindication, Jesus the Messiah comes with a much different message of humility, reconciliation, compassion and forgiveness. The "good news" of the Gospel calls to become rather than to shun, to lift up rather than condemn, to seek the humble of way servanthood rather than the satisfaction of self-righteousness.

In the Father's Son, Isaiah's vision of a world transformed and reconciled in God's peace and justice is fulfilled; in God's Christ, God re-creates us and our world in the light of grace and the spirit of compassion. In baptism, we take on the work of "fulfilling" Isaiah's vision of healing, justice and reconciliation in our own "civilizations."

Isaiah's vision read by Jesus in today's Gospel includes us: We make Isaiah's vision a reality in our own Nazareth, in every act of hope we make happen, in every kindness prompted by God's grace. As witnesses of Christ's resurrection, as baptized disciples of his church, we inherit the Spirit's call to "bring glad tidings" and "proclaim the Lord's favor" to the poor, the imprisoned, the blind, the oppressed and the helpless.

ST. MICHAEL MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES



Date: Monday, February 3 at 7:30pm

Location: St. Julia Church,
St. Catharines

Speaker: Fr. Ronald Angervil

Confessions: 7:00pm

Social Hour: 8:30pm

Topics: The significance of numerology in our spiritual life; Ongoing purification and redemption; Blessing of candles & throats.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING



There will be a Prayer Shawl meeting on

Tuesday, January 28 at 11:00am-

1:00pm in the church hall. Please enter

through the church doors off the parking lot. All are welcome !!!

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTION

For the right to an education:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025



Summary of the Holy Father's Pope Francis Wednesday catechises:

As we continue our Jubilee cycle of catechises on "Jesus Christ our Hope", we now consider the trusting response of the Virgin Mary to the message of the Archangel Gabriel that she was chosen to be the mother of the Messiah. Mary, "full of grace", understood and freely accepted the unique mission entrusted to her by God, and in this way cooperated with him in fulfilling the hope of Israel and in giving birth to the Saviour of the nations. Filled with the Holy Spirit, she continued to cooperate in the fulfilment of God's plan, as we see from her maternal intercession at the wedding feast of Cana, which led to the first of the Lord's miracles. From Mary, may we learn to trust firmly in God's promises, to testify by our lives to the hope born of the Gospel, and to offer that hope above all to those of our brothers and sisters who are struggling and tempted to despair.



**Praying
Fasting
Almsgiving**

Wednesday, February 19th (max 80 people) or
Saturday, March 1st (max 100 people)

at: Mount Carmel -7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls
please arrive between 8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
program starts at 9:00a.m. - bring a journal!

Cost \$50.00 per person (includes lunch)

(no afternoon session; Retreat ends after lunch)

Guest Speaker: Domenic Inneo

**"Freedom in Christ: Understanding and
Removing Common Blockers"**

Cheque payable to: CWL of Canada-St. Catharines
Diocese

To register contact the president by: **February 10th**
either cwls005@gmail.com or call Alda 289-493-1704.

NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to parishioner who generously donated our new 50 candle holder for Blessed Virgin Mary. It is much appreciated. Those 4 hour candle are still \$1.00each.



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Sacrament after 9:00am Mass

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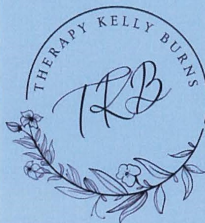


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