

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:sthelenministryscheduling@gmail.com)

## Fundraising Events:

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## Facility & Grounds Maintenance:

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289-700-6342

## SVDP:

Lorraine Martin ~ *contact parish office*

## Prayer Warriors/Requests:

Sandra Mactaggart ~

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## Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Anthony van Engelen

[st.helen.ppc@gmail.com](mailto: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

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# Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Year C

## February 2, 2025

### Mass Intentions

February 4 - 9, 2025

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

Tue.~	.....	<b>Feb. 4th</b>
9:00am	+ Roger Judge <i>(by Shirley Judge)</i>	
Wed. ~	... <b>St. Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr.....</b>	<b>Feb. 5th</b>
9:00am	Spec Int. of Christina Zimara <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Thurs.~	<b>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>	<b>Feb. 6th</b>
9:00am	In Honour of St. Nicandro <i>(by Gennaro &amp; Giuseppina Elia)</i>	
Fri. ~	.....	<b>Feb. 7th</b>
9:00am	+ Maria & Peter Kamen <i>(by Zofia Haight)</i>	
Sat. ~	.....	<b>Feb. 8th</b>
5:00pm	+ Pierrino & Silvia Izzo <i>(by Viola &amp; Peter Izzo)</i>	
Sun. ~	.....	<b>Feb. 9th</b>
9:00am	+ Barbara Berge <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
11:00am	Pro Populo Dei	

### PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those 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.

### 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

**JOHN PACHEREVA**

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 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 second and fourth Monday at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. Next session will take place on **Monday, February 10th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**Topic: Overcoming Loneliness**  
For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: [separateanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto: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

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. (*Malachi 3*)  
Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect. (*Hebrews 2*)  
My eyes have seen your salvation. (*Luke 2*)



To raise a child is an experience of both incredible joy and devastating heartbreak. Every parent's life is "pieced" with turmoil, disappointment, illness, desperation, and fear. Certainly every mom and dad knows what Mary and Joseph went through. Within our families, our sons and daughters embrace and are embraced by the love we have known and seek to know better, to be grasped by the hand of God who has grasped us by the hand.

The prophet Simeon proclaims that this Child will be a "light" for Israel - but that light will endure great suffering and pain before finally shattering the darkness. Luke's Gospel of the Child Jesus reminds us that the crib is overshadowed by the cross, that this holy birth is the beginning of humankind's rebirth in the Resurrection.

In baptism, we incorporate our children into the life of the Risen Christ; within our home, we try to guide them in learning the Gospel values of compassion, love, forgiveness, justice and peace that we have embraced. Our celebration of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple calls us to recommit ourselves to giving our sons and daughters the best that we have - our faith in the God who loves us - so that they may grow "*and become strong, be filled with wisdom; and the favor of God upon them.*"

Anna and Simeon live among us today in our own families and communities and "temples." They inspire gratitude and teach compassion by the lessons of their long lives. In the wisdom that comes with age, in the love and care they extend to us in their grace and joy, in their faith that has been made strong and unshakable through a lifetime of struggle, the Anna's and Simeon's of our time and place are rays of God's light shining through all of our lives, illuminating the way to God's eternal dwelling place.

### 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.

### POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTION

*For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:*

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025



### **Summary of the Holy Father's Pope Francis Wednesday catechesis:**

In our continuing catechesis on this Holy Year's theme of "Jesus Christ our Hope", today we reflect on the experience of Saint Joseph, born of the royal house of David and called to be the legal father of Jesus, the promised Messiah. The Scriptures describe Joseph as a "just" man, obedient to the Law and docile to the will of the Lord. His role in the fulfilment of God's saving plan was made known to him in a dream; with great faith and trust, he responded by taking Mary as his wife and making a home for the incarnate Son of God. Joseph is the model of quiet faith born of openness and obedience to God's word. Like him, may we respond generously to God's plan for our lives and through the practice of hope and love, welcome Jesus into our hearts and homes.



**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 8:00a.m. - 8:45a.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.

### PARISH MISSIONAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Bishop Bergie is asking as many parishioners as possible across the Diocese complete the Parish Missional Health Assessment. This is a tool to help define a clear, realistic picture of every parish's strengths and growth areas. Please visit <https://dpc4olay0gt.typeform.com/MissionalHealth> and take a few minutes to complete the brief survey. You will get instant, personalized results delivered straight to your inbox. All results are also submitted anonymously to the diocese to give a comprehensive overview of how we are fulfilling our missionary call to evangelize.

### FEBRUARY 2 IS THE WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE.

The purpose of the day is "*to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels*" as well as "*to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord*" Pope St. John Paul II (1997)

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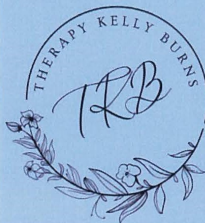


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