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Opened - October 2, 1938

Est. as a Parish - January 1, 1986

Pastor: Rev. Krzysztof Szczepanik
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Office hours:

Monday: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Closed all Statutory holidays
Website: www.sthelenscatholic.ca

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

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

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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*

Name _____

Address _____

I would like to use offertory envelopes*

Change of address

Phone _____

Moving

E-mail _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

March 23, 2025

Mass Intentions

March 25 – 30, 2025

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

Tue.~	....	The Annunciation of the Lord...	Mar. 25th
9:00am		Special Int: Gino & Helen Francavilla <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Wed. ~	.....		Mar. 26th
9:00am		+ Roberto Nalli <i>(by Panzino & Manziona Family)</i>	
Thurs.~	.....		Mar. 27th
9:00am		+ Tony Celi <i>(by Kate & Steve D'Onofrio)</i>	
Fri.	.....		Mar. 28th
10:00am		+ Leo Bonomi <i>(by Nancy Winslow)</i>	
Jacob			
Sat. ~	.....		Mar. 29th
5:00pm		+ Maria Armandina Da Silva <i>(by Christina Badia)</i>	
Sun. ~	.....		Mar. 30th
9:00am		Pro Populo Dei	
11:00am		+ Jim Atkinson <i>(by Loris & Bonnie Savegnago)</i>	

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.

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTION

For families in crisis:

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

St. Alfred Parish is extending invitation to all to join them as they "JOURNEY TO THE CROSS" in their Lenten Mission on **March 26th, 27th and 28th** from **7:00pm - 9:00pm**, with Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and our Key note Speaker, David Patterson host and founder of Yes Catholic. (yescatholic.com)

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, contact the parish office. The Mass stipend or offering given is **\$10.00**. Mass cards are **\$2.00**.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

MIKE & TERESA COMMISSO

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 **August 17, 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, March, 24th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**
Topic: Asking for God's Grace
For more information please call 905-356-4113 or email: separateanddivorced@saintcd.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Be part of a very successful, international movement of prayer and fasting to end abortion. The **40 Days for Life** began Ash Wednesday in front of the Greater Niagara General Hospital, 5546 Portage Rd., Niagara Falls where abortions are committed, sometimes up to 40 per week!!! It continues until Palm Sunday, April 13. **Please commit to one hour or more as part of your Lenten prayer and fasting.** To sign up: www.wpcprofile.com. For more info, contact *Angela* at angelabraun@live.com or *Stef* at stefilee0007@proton.me

PRAYER TEAM/WARRIORS



To become a member of this ministry or to submit your prayer request, please contact sandmac@gmail.com



THURSDAYMORNING 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 6:00pm, games start at 7:00pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



This Sunday addresses the mercy of God and insists particularly on the necessity of our own conversion. The first reading demonstrates the mercy of God who has pity on his people who are oppressed in Egypt. The second reading helps us recall certain events of the Exodus which are meant to warn us. In the Gospel, Jesus insists on the necessity of Conversion. The mercy of God cannot be effective if we close ourselves to practicing mercy and if we refuse to convert ourselves. But what is fundamental, is the goodness and the mercy of God for it is through his mercy that conversion becomes the foundation of solid hope.

THE DIOCESE OF ST. CATHARINES INVITATION: SETTING HEARTS ON FIRE WITH GOD'S LOVE

The Diocese of St. Catharines invites Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, **April 5, at 10:00am to 2:00pm**. In every parish across the diocese, a priest will be available to hear individual Confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate this wonderful sacrament of reconciliation and healing. *For a list of parishes in the diocese go to: www.saintcd.com*

BENEFIT GALA TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN NEED AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education's Annual Benefit Gala with honorary guest Bishop Gerard Bergie will be held on **Thursday, March 27** at Club Roma. The event will have the Niagara community all in support of students in need outreach programs and scholarships for students attending Niagara Catholic District School Board schools. Starts at **6:00pm**, with cash bar, wine tasting, silent auction tables and a pre-dinner antipasto, followed by a delicious meal. Tickets are \$100.00/pp. Purchase on line at www.niagaracatholic.ca or call 905-735-0240, ext. 214. There is a \$30.00 tax receipt available upon request.

PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl group will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 25 at 11:00am to 1:00pm** in the church hall. Don't know how to knit or crochet, no problem...we can teach you. All are welcome !!!

RESPECT LIFE MASS

His Excellency Bishop Bergie will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on **Tuesday, March 25**, Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. **Rosary for Life & Confessions at 6:15 pm and Mass at 7:00pm**



JOIN US THURSDAY MORNING



Join us this **Thursday** for the Stations of the Cross following the morning Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every **THURSDAY** during Lent season **7:00pm to 8:00pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation available at that time as well.



CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

The CEE weekends are for engaged couples and focuses strongly on fostering good communication in marriage. This in person marriage preparation weekend gives couples the opportunity to discover the deep meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage within the Catholic Church.

Upcoming Dates: October 17-18-19

Visit ceecanada.ca for more info. and to register or call Celine 289-241-4390 or Jennifer 289-228-0140

"ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN" BY DR. JOSEPHINE LOMBARDI

On Wednesday **March 26 at 7:00pm**, we will begin 4 weeks program based on book written by Dr. Lombardi.

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| March 26 | 1. "Why did Jesus address God as Father?" |
| April 2 | 2. "Seeking God's Kingdom and Knowing God's Will" |
| April 9 | 3. "Daily Bread and the Gift of Forgiveness" |
| April 16 | 4. "Managing Trials and Resisting Evil" |



External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?

Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights.

These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled. Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our [Mini-magazine](#) and watching our testimonial video at devp.org/lent.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends who mourn the loss of:

FRANCES KOBE



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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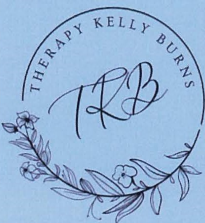
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