

## First Sunday of Lent ✠ March 1, 2020

Sat Feb 29 5:00pm † Dave Stepanchuk (family)  
Sun Mar 1 9:00am † Sjaan van Leeuwen (J & M van Ruyven)  
11:00am - Missa pro populo

Mon Mar 2 Lenten ferial  
No Scheduled Mass

Tue Mar 3 8:00am Lenten ferial  
† Mario & Marie Forte (Rick & Elsa McAllister)

Wed Mar 4 8:00am Lenten ferial  
† Ella Szakaly (John Gilmore)

Thu Mar 5 8:00am Lenten ferial  
† Deborah Caldwell (Marianne Mazerolle)

Fri Mar 6 **7:25am Way of the Cross**  
8:00am Lenten ferial  
† Ray Lafreniere (family)  
**8:30-9:30am Eucharistic Holy Hour**

### LENTEN SEASON FAST AND ABSTENINCE The Church's Law on Penance & Fasting in Lent

**Can. 1250** The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.

**Can. 1251** Abstinence from eating meat or some other food according to the prescripts of the conference of bishops is to be observed on ,of abstinence binds those who have completed their **fourteenth year of age**. The law of fasting, however, binds all those who have attained their majority until the beginning of their **sixtieth year**. Nevertheless, pastors of souls and parents are to take care that minors not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are also educated in a genuine sense of penance.

## Second Sunday of Lent ✠ March 8, 2020

Sat Mar 7 5:00pm † Theresa Lise Punyi (husband, Ernie)

Sun Mar 8 9:00am † Father Bruno Bonomi (family)  
11:00am -Missa pro populo

Mon Mar 9 Lenten ferial  
No Scheduled Mass

Tue Mar 10 8:00am Lenten ferial  
† Mr. & Mrs. D. Cote (Pauline McKellar)

Wed Mar 11 8:00am Lenten ferial  
† Christopher Quinn (ckh)

Thu Mar 12 8:00am Lenten ferial  
-Special Intention (ckh)

Fri Mar 13 **7:25am Way of the Cross**  
8:00am Lenten ferial  
†Natale & Vittoria Bonomi (family)



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### DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Clergy of the Dioceses will be gathering for their Lenten Day of Recollection at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre on Tuesday, March 3rd from 9:30 am to 3 PM. Please pray for them.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

On **Saturday, March 28**, in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from **10:00AM-2:00PM** to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; and you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

*"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."* – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

### 3rd Sunday of Lent ✠ March 15, 2020

Sat Mar 14 5:00pm † Irene Stepanchuk (family)  
Sun Mar 15 9:00am † Giuseppe, Anna & Francesca Bonomi (family)  
11:00am - Missa pro populo

### CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Cathedral has a very rich past. The parish church of St. Catharine of Alexandria became the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria when the Most Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy was seated at the throne during his installation as Bishop of the new diocese of St. Catharines. He received the crozier from His Eminence James C Cardinal McGuigan on November 25, 1958. We as a diocese will gather on November 25, 2020 to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this parish church – now our Cathedral – a beautifully restored Cathedral. Play your part now in this restoration project. Visit us on the web at [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today to play your part in this historic restoration project. May God bless you!

*"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God."  
—Pope Benedict XVI, Emeritus*

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday, February 28 **Stations of the Cross** begin at **7:25AM**  
Saturday, March 28 **Sacrament of Reconciliation** from **10:00AM-2:00PM**  
Sunday, April 5 **Palm Sunday**  
Tuesday, April 7 **Chrism Mass**  
Thursday, April 9 **Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30PM**  
Friday, April 10 **Good Friday Liturgy**  
Saturday, April 11 **Holy Saturday 7:55 PM**  
Sunday, April 12 **Easter Sunday**  
Wednesday, April 29 **Confirmation at 6:00PM**  
Sunday, May 3 **First Communion at 11:00AM**

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE- 2020**

Be part of a peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, February 26-April 5, 2020. **40 Days for Life** asks each church to adopt **ONE DAY** from **8:00AM-8:00PM** with 2 or more people to give public witness for 1-2 hours standing on Portage Road at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign, **Pray to End Abortion – 40 Days for Life**. To enroll in the campaign go to [www.wpcprolife.com](http://www.wpcprolife.com) and follow the link or contact Annette at [loeffenlife@gmail.com](mailto:loeffenlife@gmail.com) or phone 905-325-1251.

### **GRIEF RECOVERY OUTREACH PROGRAM:**

Grief Recovery Outreach Program sponsored by Armstrong Funeral Home and Davidson Funeral Home, starts on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue every Wednesday for 10 weeks beginning at 9:30am at Northland Pointe. This is a **FREE** seminar for the public. An RSVP is required. You can contact **Armstrong Funeral Home** at 905-834-3483 or **Davidson Funeral Home** at 905-834-4833

### **RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS**

The annual Respect for Life Mass to pray for the protection of life in all its stages will occur at St. Catharine's Cathedral (3 Lyman St., St. Catharines) on Wednesday, March 25 starting at 7:00 PM. A reception sponsored by the CWL will follow. For information call 905-684-7569.

### **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Our Lady of the Scapular Church** is offering perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. The chapel will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All are welcome anytime.

### **EASTER FLOWER OFFERING**

Please be generous when using the cream envelopes for the Easter Memorial Donations. Please print all names clearly. If you do not have envelopes, you may use a pink visitor's envelope and mark it flowers.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our next **general meeting** is on Thursday, March 12th at **7:00PM**.

#### **Blue Jays Excursion:**

Rangers vs Toronto Blue Jays  
Saturday June 6th, 2020

Bus Leaves at 12:00PM sharp. Game starts at 3:07PM. Tickets \$120 each. Call Joe Crawford at 289-241-2128 to arrange payment.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – MARCH 6**

The World Day of Prayer is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. It will be held at St. John Bosco Church (375 Main St. West, Port Colborne). The service will begin at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before each Mass.

### **CWL NEWS**

Our next **general meeting** is on Tuesday, March 3rd at **1:00PM**.

**The Welland Spring Conference** will be held at St. Therese of Lisieux parish (379 Fares St., Port Colborne) on Saturday, March 14 from 1-4 PM. Guest speakers are Lisa Coxon from Northland Points and Sylvia Verde.

**APPLE PIE SALE:** We will be having our apple pie sale on Friday, April 3rd, with pick-up dates – **NOT BAKED** – April 3rd from 12:00-2:00PM and **BAKED** on Saturday April 4th, from 10:00am to 2:00PM. The cost of a 9inch pie is \$9.00. To order call Irene at 905-834-6820 or Mary at 905-834-9520. Please call early to avoid disappointment.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the Easter Food Baskets please see Mary Nan as soon as possible. Any item or monetary gift would help to cut down the cost of putting them together.