

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEB 17TH/FEB 18TH 2018**

Mass Intentions

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| Sat | 05:00 pm | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Sun | 09:00 am | For the People |
| | 11:00 am | †Ines Petruzzi |
| Mon | NO MASS | |
| Tues | 08:00 am | Special Intention |
| Wed | 08:00 am | Special Intention |
| Thurs | 02:00 pm | †Dorothy McMorrone (At Tufford Manor) |
| | 07:00 pm | Lenten Holy Hour |
| Fri | 08:00 am | †John Rutherford |
| | 07:00 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Sat | 05:00 pm | †Peppino Sechi |
| Sun | 09:00 am | †Dorothy McMorrone |
| Sun | 11:00 am | For the People |

Offertory: Feb 10/11 \$2,027.00

LENTEN EVENTS

- 1) We celebrate Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction every Thursday during Lent at 7 pm, with Confession available.
- 2) **Stations of the Cross** at 7 pm Fridays; Thanks to the CWL who led Fri, Feb 16th.
- 3) The Holy Father invited all the Church to observe the Friday of the first week of Lent, **Feb 23rd**, as a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the many areas of conflict throughout the world, particularly the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.
- 4) Booklets to help your prayers during your Lenten journey are available at the Church Entrance, for \$1.50 each.
5. Fasting is one of the pillars of Lent and provides a significant means of helping us listen to the Lord. It is a form of self-denial as we grow in our ability to say no to self and yes to

God. Fasting provides a spiritual cleansing where we “make room” in our souls for God. This also provides an opportunity to allow the things that are hidden to move to the surface to be exposed to God’s grace and mercy. Things move from darkness to the light of Christ. Ultimately, the purpose of fasting is to help us focus on God; to hunger for His presence and to listen to His words. Can. 1251 – Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Can. 1252 – The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained age 18 until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat.

ST ALFRED LENTEN MISSION

This Mission on the new Evangelization will be held **Sun Feb 25th through Tues Feb 27th, 7 pm** at St. Alfred Parish. Facilitator Fr. Graham Keep will guide us on “Proclaiming God’s Love in the World”. Talks: Sun Feb 25 – Encountering Love; Mon. Feb 26 – Love and Conversion, Tues. Feb 27 – Empowered in Love.

SHARE LENT – Thanks to money donated annually during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world. Use the Solidarity Calendar from last week’s Bulletin to be part of the Share Lent ‘Together for Peace’ campaign. Our Solidarity Sun collection is March 18th.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE - Be part of this peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, February 14-March 25. A sign-up sheet for **Sat, March 10th, 8 am to 8 pm, is the day for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish** and is at the Church entrance. Spend an hour or two on Portage Street at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign “Pray to end Abortion – 40 Days for Life.”– or contact Annette: loeffenlife@gmail.com **905-931-0363**.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY - Join us for coffee and treats after the 9 am Mass **Sun, Feb 18th** in the Parish Hall.

KOC BREAKFASTS - Council 1394 will hold Sunday morning breakfasts at their Hall, 235 Church St., from 9 am till noon Sun Feb 18th, and 25th. \$9 for adults, \$4 for kids. All are welcome.

ANNUAL BISHOP’S GALA - The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education’s annual Gala to support scholarships & students in need, is Fri, April 20, at Club Roma, Tickets \$80 ea, 905-735-0240, ext 213.

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN
Reflections by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family – Conscience and Why it Matters in the Question of Assisted Suicide – points will be published each week for your review; See www.canadiansforconscience.ca for how you can act.. As of June 2016, euthanasia is legal in Canada. Euthanasia, also labelled (physician) assisted suicide, is now called ‘**Medical Assistance In Dying**’ and is typically referred to by the acronym **MAID**. Through the manipulation of language and by using the euphemism, the grave evil entailed in intentionally ending (killing) a human life is obscured. Your help is needed-in advance of the Ontario June election, ask your candidates where they stand on these issues! 1)Legislative protection for healthcare professionals’ conscience rights; 2)Continued conscience protection for faith-based facilities;3)improved access to quality palliative care.

See Bulletin Board:

1. Film Night at St. Mary Parish Hall, Welland “**Bitter Harvest – The Ukranian Genocide**” **Wed Feb 21st at 7 pm**. Free admission
2. **Lasagna Night** at Club Roma, Fri Feb 23rd, 4 pm – 7 pm. Adults \$15, Kids \$8 age 5-10 yrs.
3. Walk for Coldest Night of the Year – **Sat Feb 24th, 5 pm**, from Marketplace, see Cnoy.org, Team is: ‘Catholic Women’s League-St. Catharines Diocesan Council’ or call Office.
4. **St. Cath Right to Life Dinner Sat. Feb 24th**, Guest Speaker Josh Brahm, 6 pm – 9 pm at Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway Conference Centre. Call 905-684-7505, \$50/person
5. **Pasta supper** at St. Alfred’s, Feb 28, 4:30 to 7 pm Adults \$11, \$7 kids. Penne, meatballs, salad.