

From the Diocese and Beyond

1. **Right to Life Dinner:** with guest speaker Amy Ford. Sat. Feb. 29th, Holiday Inn, (327 Ontario St.) Adults—\$50, Students—\$25. Tickets: Jenor Darryl 905.892.0543. jnohara@computan.com., **before Feb. 23** so St. Al's can sit together.
2. **Annual Benefit Gala:** Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Supports students in need, and providing scholarships. Fri. Apr. 17. Club Roma. \$80/ person. Info: 905-735-0240. or foundationgala@nfce.com.
3. **The "Light is On":** Confessions every weeknight, Mon—Fri, 8 pm to 9 pm at St. Denis Parish, 230 Lake St., St. Catharines.



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten spring begins this week, of course. Every day of lent is a day of penance. What kind of penance? It used to be the case that the Church specified for us. (See the bulletin insert this week.) Now, we must choose for ourselves. Penance is meant to increase humility. This humility elevates our minds to higher things, decreases concupiscence and increases grace. Fasting from food, for instance, is humbling in many ways. Now, having accomplished some penance, is it possible to be proud of that fact? Yes, but we do penance anyways, trusting that the process—said to be necessary by God—will be beneficial by the grace of God.

Our Lord gives us an important principle in the methodology to follow: When you fast, don't do as the hypocrites ... wash your face so you seem not to fast ... so that your father who sees in secret will reward you. Also, St. Paul gives us the chief end to be achieved: if I move mountains but have not charity, I am nothing, for charity is the greatest of all.

With these two guideposts, let us trust in God and not be afraid of failure. This is part of the humility to be achieved.

Let us fast from all the news and entertainment, and replace it with good spiritual reading. This is planting good seeds in the garden of the mind. Great books are available from our Lending Library downstairs. Let no one go hungry for good reading!

Are the Sundays in Lent a day of penance or not? These are not days of fasting, according to the old rules; but if we treat them the same as Easter Sunday it is contrary to the spirit of the season.

May God bless our Lenten observances.

God love you, *— Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP*



Bulletin of Information

23 February, 2020

St. Aloysius Parish

Traditional Latin Mass Apostolate

Diocese of St. Catharines

Served by the

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

Sunday Mass Times: 9 am (low) and 11 am (high)

Weekdays: please see inside cover.

Confessions: 30 minutes before each Mass, Saturdays 4—5 pm
or by appointment.

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 8:30
am—6:30 pm, with Benediction; First Fridays 6—7 pm.

Baptism: Contact the office one month prior to proposed date.

Marriage: Contact the office six months prior to proposed date;
preparation is required.

Legion of Mary: Praesidium Meeting, Tuesdays 2 pm.

Holy Face of Jesus Devotion: Tuesday following 7:30 am Mass.

First Friday: Hour of Reparation 6-7pm, followed by 7 pm Mass.

First Saturday: Rosary and Meditation after 9 am Mass.

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Schedule of Masses and Intentions



Announcements

Date	Liturgy	Mass Intention	Requested by
Sun. 23 Feb.	Quinquagesima Sunday, 2nd cl.	9 am Kump Grandchildren 11 am Pro Populo 5 pm—40 Hours	Helene Kump ——
Mon. 24 Feb.	Feria, 4th cl.	7:30 am Celebrant's Intention 40 Hours Continues	——
Tues. 25 Feb.	St Matthias, A 2nd cl.	40 Hours Concludes 7:30 am Leopold & Anna Zendek	Milly & Leo Ratell
Wed. 26 Feb.	Ash Wednesday, 1st cl.	7:15 am Jasmine Mastracci Adoration Cancelled 7 pm Celebrant's Int.	Genevieve Nohara ——
Thurs. 27 Feb.	Thursday after Ash Wednesday, 3rd cl.	7:30 am Sr. Maria Immaculata Glofcheskie	Richard & Loretta Gensens
Fri. 28 Feb.	Friday after Ash Wednesday, 3rd cl. (Comm. St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows)	7 pm Frank Stevens 7:45 pm Stations of the Cross	Luke & Susanne Dreisbach
Sat. 29 Feb.	Saturday after Ash Wednesday, 3rd cl.	9 am Paul + & Genevieve Nohara	Walter and Karina Maczynski
Sun. 1 Mar.	1st Sunday of Lent, 1st cl.	9 am Pro Populo 11 am + Giovanni Emmanuel	—— Michael & Colleen Arsenault

Shading indicates a special schedule.

- Welcome.** Please join us in the hall for coffee after the 11 am Mass.
- Forty Hours Devotion:** Sunday Feb. 23rd at 5 pm to the morning Mass on Tuesday. Please take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with our Lord by signing up. List is at the back of the church.
- Ash Wednesday:** Please note the following: **1)** morning Mass starts **15 minutes earlier** so that there is time to bless and distribute the ashes; **2)** Neither Mass nor the ashes is of obligation; **3)** Of obligation, however, is the fast and abstinence—see the insert for the current rules; **4)** Ashes will also be distributed at 7 pm; **5)** Adoration is cancelled this day.
- Stations of the Cross in Lent:** These will be prayed AFTER the evening Mass on Fridays, beginning about 7:45 pm.
- Photo Directories:** If you had your picture taken this summer, please pick up your directory at the back of the church. If you would like to purchase one, please see Marie in the bookstore. (Supply limited.)
- Mardi Gras Supper:** Tuesday Feb. 25th at 6 pm. Potluck style. Please sign up on the sheet provided (back table) noting how many in your family will be in attendance and what food item you plan to bring. All welcome.
- Lenten Days of Recollection:** Women—Sat. Mar. 7 and Men—Sat. Mar. 14. Sign-up to attend (or to work) at the back of the church, OR register by email: staloyiuspastor@protonmail.com.
- Marathon??** Our very own Matthew Jagas, along with some other (crazy) OLGS seminarians, have decided to run in a marathon on May 3rd. They had the brilliant idea to make it a fund-raising opportunity. See pictures and full explanation here: <https://www.wonderwe.com/sl2vrzs>.
- Thank you to our volunteers!** As you may know, we rely on our fearless volunteers to keep the wheels turning. We are in need of cleaners. If you'd like to pitch in, there's a place for you! The rewards are out-of-this-world. Please call the office and ask for Viola 289-362-1598.
- Fundamentals of Catholicism:** A Course for Adults. Thursdays 6:30—7:30 pm at St. Denis Parish (230 Lake St., St. Catharines). Register for a course outline and schedule: staloyiuspastor@protonmail.com.
- Youth Group:** For those twelve (12) and up. Meets regularly. For more info please call the office and I'll put you in touch with the parent leaders.
- Offertory Collections:** For 9 Feb: Offertory—\$1,405; Building Fund—\$100; Flowers—\$60; 16 Feb.: Offertory—\$1,341; Building Fund—\$110; Thank you for supporting the material needs of the parish.
- Young Adult Group:** Happily meets regularly. Next mtg March 28 in the church hall. If interested contact mariasarahdelduca@gmail.com.