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“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”

- Parish Mission Statement

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

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Living Waters Columbarium - Director of Sales, Marketing & Promotions

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Masses Intentions of the Week

MONDAY, February 5, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, February 6, 2018

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: + *Deacon Gary McCallum / Catherine Reznik*

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + *Francine Gauthier / Chris Buchel*

THURSDAY, February 8, 2018

10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass - Aquilina Faustino +

FRIDAY, February 9, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + *Jane Cadieux / Raymond Cadieux*

SATURDAY, February 10, 2018

4:30 p.m. Liturgy - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + *Julian Ibo Sr. / Marilou Epres & Boboy Ibo*

SUNDAY, February 11, 2018 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners



**Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized
in Living Waters Columbarium:**

February 5 - Nieves B. Bernardo

February 11 - Erlinda Ambrosio Aguilar



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For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there’s the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don’t we need to relax?

We’re all busy. But just imagine Jesus’ situation in today’s Gospel. He heals Peter’s mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find “those who were with him pursued him.” How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. “He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.” Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today’s Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a “prayer chair” in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn’t linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can’t return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.

KIDS’ CORNER

In Galilee, Jesus healed the sick and drove evil from the town. Everyone wanted to meet Jesus and see him heal people. Jesus brings God’s life-giving, healing power to the people. The Gospel also reminds us that Jesus took time to pray so he could carry out his healing ministry.

We are all called to imitate Jesus’ compassion and love for people.

How can you help Jesus feed the hungry, care for the sick and comfort others?



- Pflaum Gospel Weeklies



Please remember to return your 2018 Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Card via the Sunday offertory basket, the parish office or mail.

Sunday’s Offertory - January 28, 2018

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah’s Buddies / Youth	\$ 28.52
Loose:	\$ 1,008.60
Votives:	\$ 196.70
<u>Novena Mass</u>	<u>\$ 272.25</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 15,506.07

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement is \$ 20,000.00

Lenten Opportunities

During this Lenten season, as we turn to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, it is our opportunity to revisit our commitment to the gift of time - our time spent with God. This year, parishioners are encouraged to participate in the following **Liturgical Lenten** practices:



Ash Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Our communal celebration to begin the season of Lent will be held on Wednesday, **February 14** at 7:00 p.m. In this liturgy, we will hear the call to Lenten conversion and the opportunity to deepen our life as the baptized. The signing with ashes, will mark our willingness to *“turn away from sin in order to be faithful to Gospel living”*.

The Way of the Cross

Jesus' Way to the Cross models so much of what we as Christians face every day in our lives as we strive to live as God's children. Each time we reflect on the "way of Jesus" to the Cross, we are drawn into the deeper meaning of our own fidelity to Jesus and our life as Christians. Praying the Way of the Cross is an invitation to encounter not only the Jesus of history, but also the Jesus of mystery. The Way of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten season, with additional opportunities especially designed for seniors, to be prayed on three Wednesday morning's following the 9:30 a.m. liturgy. (TBA)



Collecting Old Palm Leaves

Do you still have blessed palm leaves from previous Palm Sunday celebrations? Leave them with us! We invite you to drop them off in our "baskets for palms" located in the narthex over the next few weeks. Thank you!

The **Adoration Chapel** will NOT be accessible from 3:30 p.m. on **Friday, February 9** through to 6:00 p.m. **Saturday, February 10**

Thank you for your understanding.



Submit Parish Survey by February 9

Our online survey was sent to all registered parishioners via email last week. These surveys are anonymous and are very easy to complete.

Printed copies are also available at the parish office. We look forward to receiving your input!

First Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation

Applications for the preparation of First Eucharist and Confirmation are now available. Preparation for both Sacraments will begin in the Spring and will be celebrated in June 2018.



Preparation for First Eucharist is open to all baptized, active, registered parishioners in Grade 2 and higher, who have completed at least 1 year of Faith Formation and are currently attending Faith Formation this year. **The application deadline for First Eucharist is March 4.**



Preparation for Confirmation is open to all active, registered parishioners in Grade 6 and higher, who have completed Faith Formation and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Reconciliation. **The application deadline for Confirmation is March 31.**

Please contact Rachel at rbanmann@stgianna.ca to receive your application.

St. Christopher Apostolate - Drivers Wanted



A number of our parishioners are in need of regular transportation in order to join us for Sunday Liturgy. Currently, those in need live in the Linden Woods and South Tuxedo areas. If you are open to participating in this special ministry, please contact the parish office so we can help to facilitate connections.



Kerygma - "What the Hell?"



- Thursday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.
- in the narthex

In this Kerygma session, Fr. Darrin will explore the concepts of heaven and hell and everything in between. Is hell for real? Is there such a thing as purgatory? Who goes to heaven and what do we know for sure? ...and much more!

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