

May 8, 2020



My Dear People of St. Ann Parish,

Fr. Greg, Seminarian Kevin and I are all well and are continuing our prayers for you each day. We ask God daily to keep all of you and those closest to you safe and healthy. Each day we pray together Morning and Evening Prayer from the Divine Office, the Holy Rosary and of course the daily offering of the Holy Mass.

This week will mark two months since our churches were closed. The last Mass offered publicly in this Diocese was on March 16th. That afternoon we received notice that public Masses were suspended and the following day the churches were closed completely. Who would ever have imagined this? But we are people of hope and finally there seems to be some hope that we may be able to return to a regular practice of the Faith. This week the Bishop has allowed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confession, with some conditions (see below for details). I think it will still be weeks before public Masses begin again, so for the meantime, continue to follow Mass on the internet.

We hit a milestone lately. Our YouTube Channel has received so many subscribers that we are now able to have a customized title. Maybe not so great, but these days any milestone is wonderful to celebrate. Again thanks to Fr. Greg for all the work he is doing with our YouTube page and our Facebook page. He answers all the questions and comments that come in and great thanks to Kevin Dunn who comes every morning and Wednesday evening to videotape our Mass and Adoration. Without his efforts we would not be as present to you as we have been able to be.

The roof of the parish hall was repaired this week. Hopefully, now that the church has been repainted, there will be no more water leaking into the church.

Many thanks to those who:

1. Organized and participated in a drive by for Fr. Greg on his anniversary. He was surprised and moved by your kindness and loving care for him.
2. The young adults who cleaned all the pews and hymn books
3. Maintenance committee who rehung all the Stations and put the sanctuary back together after painting
4. Brought dinners this week to celebrate Fr. Greg's and my anniversaries. They were delicious.
5. Spent hours working in our parish gardens this week.

May God reward all of you for your goodness and service to St. Ann Parish.

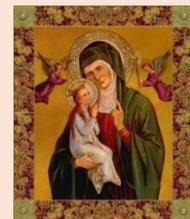
We will be celebrating Mass downstairs in the chapel again for the next couple of weeks as we replace the carpet in the church with tiles. St. Ann church is going to look amazing when we can finally gather again around the Altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. Fr. Greg and I are truly looking forward to the day when we can greet all of you, once again, at the doors of our church and share with you the great Sacraments of our Faith. Praying for God's continued and greatest blessings on you and your families.

Stay safe and stay healthy. St. Ann, pray for us.

God bless,

Fr. Lobsinger, E.V., P.P.





**St. Ann,
Pray for them**

Monday, May 11

7:30 a.m. † Pedro and Agustina Ravarra

Tuesday, May 12

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, or St. Pancras

7:30 a.m. † Edel Quinn † Amelita Pangan

Wednesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 a.m. † Stan and Maria Filice

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction live-streamed

Thursday, May 14

St. Matthias

7:30 a.m. † Alfred McCarthy

Friday, May 15

7:30 a.m. † Richard and Elizabeth Hamon

Saturday, May 16

- Not video taped or live-streamed

11:00 a.m. For an end to the COVID 19 Pandemic

† Veronica Ann Piccoli

Sunday, May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Missa pro Populo – Mass for the People

All Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.



**The Parish Office is closed until further notice.
Please call the parish number if you require assistance.
905-648-6874**

QUESTIONS FOR FATHER



A number of you have asked about the possibility of us producing a video answering questions about the Faith, something similar to Friday's With Father. Fr. Greg and I are happy to make this video, but we



need your questions. So, if you have a question about the Faith, have always wondered about some aspect of the Faith or the Church, are curious about Priestly life and ministry or need some aspect of the Church's teaching explained in a fuller manner, here's your chance. Email your questions to: questionsforfather@gmail.com and once we have enough questions to make it worthwhile, we will produce the video. We look forward to your questions and the opportunity to help you grow in your understanding of the great gift of our Catholic Faith. If there is enough interest, we may even try a group Zoom meeting so we can see each other and interact live, let us know your interest when you email your questions.

WORK IN THE CHURCH THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE ONE HEART, ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN

The work on the sound system continued this week, the new speakers are hung, and the new equipment is installed. Just the tuning of the system is left, but that will not occur until the floor is completed. We have selected the new tile for the nave and sanctuary. On Monday they will remove the pews and on Wednesday the carpet comes up. Thanks to the young people who came this week and cleaned all the pews and washed all the hymn books. A dusty and messy job well done, while maintaining proper social distancing, of course. Thanks to the Finance Council and the Maintenance Committee whose guidance have been invaluable through all of this. A special thank you to all who have stepped up and offered your time and talent to St. Ann Parish. May God reward all of you for your generous service.



Notice the new placement of the Stations of the Cross.



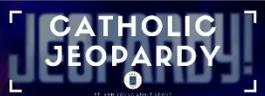
St. Ann Parish YouTube Channel

Since so many of you have subscribed to our YouTube Channel, we are now able to have a customized title for our channel. On our new customized channel, you will find videos of the Daily (Monday – Friday) and Sunday Masses from St. Ann Church, as well as our weekly Eucharistic Adoration and other videos that we have made. It is amazing, but **hundreds of people every day are watching Mass from St. Ann Church.** This Ministry is helping not only St. Ann parishioners, but is being watched by many others. **Starting on Easter Sunday, over 1,000 per week have viewed our Sunday Masses.** Donations to help cover the cost of this endeavor are greatly appreciated. Please go to Canadahelps.ca and search for St. Ann Parish, Ancaster. The new customized link to watch the Mass is: www.youtube.com/c/StAnnCatholicParishAncaster The old link still works.

Weekly Donation to St. Ann Parish

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Ann Parish. I have been so very moved by how many of you are continuing your donation to St. Ann Parish, even in these difficult and uncertain times. Many times, each day, the mail slot on the front door opens and an envelope falls through. Your care and love for St. Ann Parish is visible in your generous giving. May God reward all of you for that love and care for your parish community. Currently there are four methods to make your donation to St. Ann Parish:

- ✚ Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) is a great way to provide your regular offering to our Parish. To register for EFT, call the Parish Office and we will email you the necessary forms.
- ✚ Drop off your weekly envelope by putting it through the mail slot in the Parish Office door.
- ✚ Post-dated cheques. Instead of coming every week, put several post-dated cheques into the same envelope.
- ✚ Online donation: hamiltondiocese.com/covid19parishfund/ works like “Canada Helps” but is through our Diocese and does not take a commission. You can make a one-time donation or schedule a regular donation.



YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS BI-WEEKLY ZOOM MEETING

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our parish Young Adults group has a night every two weeks, where young adults can check-in with each other, hang out, and listen to a talk by Fr. Greg on a particular topic. There are always opportunities for questions during and after the talk. The next Young Adults Zoom night takes place on Friday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel welcome to e-mail Father Greg at: gmerkley@hamiltondiocese.com or see our Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/st.annyoungadultsgroup/>

Pope Francis' Prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick



*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every
danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

***Our church bells
ring each day at
9:00 a.m., Noon
and 3:00 p.m.***



MILITARY



FIRE FIGHTERS



POLICE



PARAMEDICS



PEACE OFFICERS

Thank you. Merci.

***in honour of our
Healthcare
Workers and
First Responders***

**Please remember to pray for all our
Healthcare Workers and First Responders,
may our Blessed Lord and Dear Lady keep them safe.**

Image of Jesus the Divine Physician

**May Jesus, our Divine Physician, hold all of us tightly in His
Loving Arms and bring healing and comfort to all peoples and lands. Amen.**



14 Century Prayer to our Lady in Time of Pestilence

The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord
drove away the plague of death which the first
parents of man brought into the world.

May this bright Star now vouchsafe to extinguish
that foul constellation whose battles have
slain the people with the wound of death.

O Glorious Star of the Sea preserve us from
pestilence; hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honours
Thee by denying Thee nothing.

Save us, O Jesus,

for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplicates Thee.

O most pious Star of the Sea preserve us from pestilence; hear us, O

Lady, for Thy Son honors Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin
Mother supplicates Thee.



FOUR INFALLIBLE DOGMAS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As Catholics we have many wonderful beliefs and devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, but what do we really believe? As Catholics, we are only required to believe 4 things about Mary. These 4 infallible dogmas are necessary for us to believe if we wish to profess the fullness of our Catholic Faith.

1. Mary is the Mother of God. The Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., declared Mary to be Mother of God (Theotokos). Since Jesus is true God and true man, Mary is the Mother of God and not just the mother of the human part of Jesus but of His humanity and divinity, making her the Mother of God.
2. Mary is a Perpetual Virgin: The Council of the Lateran in 649 A.D., declared Jesus was conceived "by the Holy Spirit without human seed" and maintained her virginity before, during and after the birth of Jesus.
3. Her Immaculate Conception: In 1854, Pope Pius IX declared "The most Blessed Virgin was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin" and never sinned in her entire earthly life.
4. Her Assumption into Heaven: In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary as an infallible dogma by stating: "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."



These four beautiful beliefs help us on our journey to Heaven. By calling on the Ever Virgin, Mother of God, Immaculately Conceived and Assumed into Heaven, she can help us in our struggle to overcome sin and make a firm resolve to follow her Son with all our heart, just as she did.



Confession Anyone?

After many weeks not being able to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession), permission has been given to resume the celebration of this Sacrament, but under certain conditions.

General Conditions:

You must request the Sacrament and set up a time to come to receive it. Regular Confession times are still not permissible. Therefore, going to confession anonymously is not possible at this time.

St. Ann's Specific Conditions:

1. Confessions will only be heard in the Lady Chapel, not in the confessional, church or offices.
2. Entrance to the building is only from the side door leading directly into the Lady Chapel.
3. Only one person will be allowed to enter the building at a time.
4. There will be no access to the church for prayer or to make your penance.
5. The confessor and the person going to confession will wear a protective mask.
6. Proper social distancing will be maintained before, during and after the Sacrament.
7. The necessary surfaces will be wiped down after each person has finished.

I realize that these are not the best of circumstances, but it is the best we can offer at this time. Please call Fr. Greg or Fr. Lobsinger (905-648-6874) if you wish to make an appointment for confession.



I absolve you of your sin.



REQUEST FROM THE MEADOWS LTC

We have created a "Community Care Box." This box is located at the bottom of our flagpole because we are #Canadaproud. Our address is 12 Tranquility Ave, near Ancaster High school off of Meadowbrook. Any member of the community that wants to bring a smile to our residents' faces can participate. Artwork, Poems, Cards, Posters, Painted Rocks, or any other creations that you want to share with the residents, you can drop off in our Community Care Box. The Recreationists will deliver them out daily. When you are creating your masterpieces, just keep infection control in mind, clean surfaces, clean tools, clean hands, and clean hearts.

The Meadows LTC - 12 Tranquility Ave, Ancaster, ON.

WORK ON THE CHURCH GARDENS

This past week, our dedicated group of garden volunteers were busy cleaning out the gardens on the church grounds. Many of these gardens had become overgrown and in need of some major pruning and replanting. If you drive past the church, you will notice a big change. Many of the small unhealthy trees have been removed to make way for some new bushes and plants. Many thanks to those who put in the hard labour to dig out and remove the old plants and thanks to our parishioner who has given of her talent to redesign the gardens for us. Hopefully, in a week or two, we will be able to replant the gardens and in a couple of months we will see the beauty of all their hard work.



In front of the rectory facing Wilson Street

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please remember in your prayers those who have died especially Giuseppe (Joe) Scardamaglia, Margaret Barr, Lucy Gillies and all who died from the COVID 19 virus. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Let us also remember those who mourn them, may they be comforted by our Good and Loving God.

MOTHER'S DAY IS THIS SUNDAY – MAY 10

We wish God's greatest blessings on all mothers, living and deceased. May you know, today and always, the love and appreciation we all have for you.

Happy Mother's Day



Did you know? -

- ✚ During the 1600's in England, Mothering Sunday took place on the 4th Sunday of Lent. It began with a prayer service in honor of the Virgin Mary. Afterwards children would present their moms with flowers.
- ✚ Mother's Day sees around one quarter of all flowers purchased throughout the year falling on this holiday.
- ✚ In the United States alone, around 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day.