

June 19, 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.

The big day has come. After a three-month break, we will celebrate our first Sunday Mass with a congregation this Sunday. Weekday Mass this week has gone well. Thanks to our weekday Mass people for your patience and cooperation. Please see the directions below so that you are prepared for the changes that are now necessary to attend Mass. You can also check out our YouTube channel for a brief video outlining what will happen when you come to Mass. Please remember we can only hold about 100 people per Mass. By numbers, we can have 130 in the church, but to maintain social distancing, we can only seat about 100 in the church and 20 in the hall if necessary. Once the church is full, the doors of the church will be closed and anyone arriving for Mass will be invited to return for a subsequent Liturgy. We cannot bend on this. This is for everyone's safety, and if we have more than the allotted number in the church and are caught, the consequences would be severe - not only for St. Ann but possibly for the whole Diocese. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

A special thanks to Linda and David Dayler who are heading up our new Health and Safety Committee. Our volunteers are present at each Mass to help ensure we all stay safe and healthy. Please follow their directions and please, don't give them a hard time when they insist upon following the new rules. The rules are there to help us and the volunteers are only there to help as well. Thanks for all your efforts.

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the world day of prayer for the sanctification of the clergy. I hope you pray for Priests often and for your own Priests of St. Ann daily. Being a Priest is a wonderful life and the opportunities to serve God's people and celebrate the Sacraments is awesome. Yet, still it is not always easy. Pray that all Priests may be holy like their Master, Jesus.

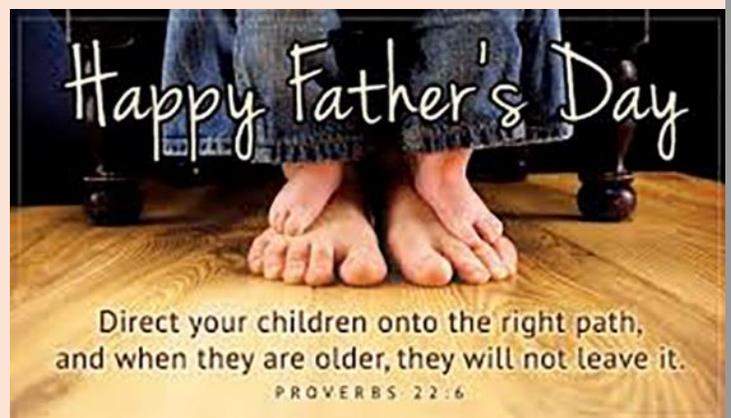
We welcomed back to work this week our caretaker Kristopher Ureck. After being off for three months due to lack of work, he has returned with lots to do. Cleaning, sanitizing, mopping, cutting grass, and so on. We are grateful to have staff who help to ensure everything is ready when we come to be nourished by the Lord. We also welcome back our Music Director, Philip Sarabura. Philip has been our Music Director at St. Ann Parish for many years. We are grateful for all his efforts to help us sing the praises of God. Hopefully, we will welcome back the rest of our staff at the end of the month, once the state of emergency is lifted. We are blessed with a good and diligent staff here at St. Ann. May God reward them for all their good labours.

To all our Dads, we wish a blessed and happy Father's Day. A question: Why does the race to obtain a Father's Day gift always end in a tie? Enjoy the day Dads.

Praying that you and those you love will remain safe and will use this time to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus.

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

God bless,  
Fr. Lobsinger, E.V., P.P.





**Monday, June 22**

*St. Paulinus of Nola, Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More*

8:00 a.m. † Leon Ducharme

**Tuesday, June 23**

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

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Confession in the Lady Chapel

7:00 p.m. † Maria Barbard † Wanda Pawlikowski † Dennis King



*St. Ann,  
Pray for them*

**Wednesday, June 24**

*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

8:00 a.m. † Rene and Mary Narbonne

**Thursday, June 25**

8:00 a.m. † Christian Engelhardt

**Friday, June 26**

8:00 a.m. † Mihail Boicescu

**Saturday, June 27**

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

8:00 a.m. – Confessions in the Lady Chapel

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Paul Hong

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. – Confessions in the Lady Chapel

5:00 p.m. All our Elementary and High School Graduates

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Alfonz Pavli

**Sunday, June 28**

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A*

9:00 a.m. Missa pro Populo – Mass for the People – *Note: This Mass will be live-streamed*

11:00 a.m. Missa pro Populo – Mass for the People



The Parish Office is set to open on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Please call the parish number if you require assistance before then.  
*Once open the Office will only be accessible by appointment.*  
*Please call 905-648-6874 to let us know that you are coming.*

**FIRST MASS IN THE CHURCH WITH A CONGREGATION**

**Tuesday June 16, 2020**

Approximately 80 people attended our first public Mass in three months.  
We are so happy to be able to welcome you back home to your parish church.



## 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.

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



**The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph  
will pray for you during the  
Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel,  
July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?  
You can participate in the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.  
Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to**

**Carmel of Saint Joseph  
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1  
St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0**

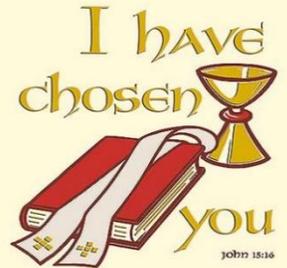
**For more information check the Sisters' website:**

[www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca)



## **PUBLICATION OF BANNS OF ORDINATION**

Deacon Hayden John Starczala is scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.



Let us all pray that Deacon Hayden John Starczala will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

## **Confession Anyone?**

With the churches opening, we will again have regularly scheduled confessions. **Confessions will be heard on Tuesdays from 6 - 6:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 - 8:45 a.m. and 4 - 4:45 p.m.** Since the confessional is not large enough to maintain proper social distancing, confessions will be heard in the Lady Chapel (crying room). Please be sure to maintain a proper distance while waiting in line.

If you prefer, you are still free to call the parish office and set up an appointment for confession. Whether coming to the regular scheduled time or at another appointed time, it is necessary for you to wear a mask during your confession. If waiting in line, a mask should also be worn at this time. Anonymity really is not possible at this time.



## Stacking Chair Giveaway

Thanks to the generosity of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, the parish has purchased 200 new chairs for use in the St. Ann Hall, Lady Chapel and Choir Loft. Thank you for your kind donation to make this possible. With the purchase of these new chairs, we have about 150 old stacking chairs to give away. If you would like some of these chairs, please call the parish office to arrange a time to come and get them.



## ***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. Amen.*



## **St. Ann Church will be open for personal prayer once again**

*St. Ann Church will be open for personal prayer this week:*

*Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: one hour after morning Mass ends*

*Tuesday: 6 - 7:00 p.m. includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

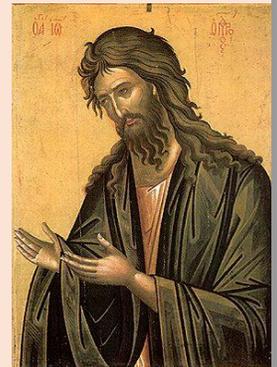
*Saturday: One hour after morning Mass, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., and between the evening Masses*

*Sunday: Between the morning Masses*

**Come and spend some time with our Lord who waits for you in the Holy Eucharist**

## **The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

June 24<sup>th</sup>, six months before the birth of Jesus, we celebrate the birth of John, Jesus' cousin. He was born of an older couple, Zechariah and Elizabeth, already past childbearing years. John was to be the one chosen by God the Father to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. John lived a rather unconventional life. He lived in the wilderness, ate honey and locusts, and spent his time baptising people for repentance of their sins. John eventually was beheaded by the order of King Herod. Herod had ordered John's arrest because John insisted that Herod's marriage to his brother's wife was contrary to God's law. John died for the truth and due to jealousy. May he intercede for us and help us to be people who faithfully stand up for the truth, no matter what the consequences.





## MASS TIMES FOR ST. ANN CHURCH

We are returning to the same Mass times we had before the COVID-19 closure, with one change. There will be an additional Mass on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. If we find after this weekend that we need more Masses, then more will be added. For now, the one additional Mass is our starting point. So, our Mass schedule is:

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses:

Monday - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. – preceded by Adoration beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Confessions: Will be heard in the Lady Chapel until further notice.

Tuesday - 6 – 6:45 p.m.

Saturday - 8 – 8:45 a.m.

Saturday - 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment

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## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MASS

On Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we received notice from the Bishop's Office that all the Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Hamilton will re-open on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. After almost exactly 3 months, we will once again be able to attend Mass, celebrate the Sacraments of Penance, Baptism, and Marriage, and have Funeral Masses in the church. This opening of the churches is not a return to the way it was at the beginning of March. There are a number of restrictions in place. All coming into the church will need to follow these restrictions, otherwise admittance to the church will be denied. I understand that some of these may seem difficult, but I ask for your patience and understanding. We want to be able to celebrate the Sacraments, but we also want to keep each other safe. So please, be patient, be understanding and if possible, even be Christian when coming to church. Please be aware of these when preparing to come to Mass.



- All people should take their temperature before coming to church. If you have a fever, cough or cold, please stay home.
- All people, other than the Priests and the Lector or Cantor, while performing their ministry, are strongly requested to wear a mask. It may be disposable or re-useable.
- Proper social distancing must be maintained. This means only 1 out of 2 pews may be used. So, your spot may not be available. Please exercise your greatest effort and willpower and choose a new spot.
- Unless you live in the same house, you must be 2 meters away from other parishioners.

- When you enter the church and when you leave the church, our health and safety committee will be at the doors to offer you hand sanitizer.
- Entrance to the church and exit from the church will only be allowed through the Wilson Street doors. The other doors will remain locked.
- Only 100 people will be permitted to be present for Mass. Not having a better plan, it will be on a first come basis. Once 100 have entered the church, the doors will be closed and others arriving will be invited to return for another Mass.
- There will no longer be hymn books or any pamphlets available in the church. If you don't remember the words, you are invited to hum along.
- There will be no collection taken during the Mass nor an Offertory procession with the gifts. At the doors of the church, there will be a basket for your offering. Please place your gift in the basket either on the way in or out of the church. The bread and wine will already be on the Altar before Mass begins.
- The Sign of Peace will no longer be a shaking of hands, but rather a simple bow to your neighbour is the new way.
- For the reception of Holy Communion, you will be directed forward by our health and safety crew, please wait for their directions. When the person ahead of you is receiving Holy Communion, you will remove your mask by the ear straps, careful not to touch the moist part of your mask. Holy Communion will only be given in the hand. Once you receive Communion, step slightly to the side, put the Sacred Host in your mouth and then re-cover your mouth and nose with your mask. Then return to your seat by the center aisle.
- After Mass is over, the Priests will not greet you at the doors, and you are asked to not congregate inside or outside the church. As you leave, you will again be offered a squirt of hand sanitizer.
- All pews and doors will be sanitized after each Mass.
- Washrooms will only be available when absolutely necessary. Only one person at a time may be in the washroom unless you live in the same house. Only the washrooms by the parish hall will be available. The small washroom by the Wilson Street doors will no longer be accessible.

### Regarding Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:

- These celebrations are once again available in the church. The restrictions above will also apply to these celebrations. As of last Saturday, the Government increased the allowed number of attendees to be 30% of the church's seating capacity. We can safely accommodate 100 people for these celebrations.



### Use of the Church's Meeting Rooms and Parish Groups:



- After consultation with our Parish's Pastoral Team, we have decided that no Parish Committees or Organizations will be permitted to resume meetings at this time. The Parish Meeting Rooms, Hall, and Kitchen will not be available for use by Parish or outside groups until further notice.

I know this seems like a lot. Again, I ask for your patience, understanding and cooperation. By following these guidelines all together, we will ensure our churches remain open and the Sacraments remain available to us.

**For any who feel unwell or that coming to Mass is unsafe,  
the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass  
continues to be in place.**