

July 17 & 24, 2020



My Dear People of St. Ann Parish,

Fr. Naveed, Seminarians Kevin and Mauricio, and I are continuing to keep all of you in our prayers, and we hope that you are praying for us. Tuesday through Friday, we gather at 4:45 p.m. to pray the Rosary and Vespers for all of you.

We are very pleased to welcome Fr. Naveed Arif to our Parish. Father will be ordained a Priest for 10 years in November. Father brings a wealth of international experience to our Parish as well as his experience in formation, missionary work, and education. Following the Masses this weekend, Father Naveed will be available in front of the church. It will be your opportunity to welcome Father and make him feel at home.



It looks like the City of Hamilton will pass, today, the bylaw making masks mandatory in all public places including churches. This bylaw already exists in parts of our Diocese like Waterloo and Wellington. If this bylaw does pass, then it will be required for all people to wear a mask when they come to church. Not following the bylaw can put you at risk of being fined up to \$1,000.00 and can also put our parish at risk of being closed. We hope that no one from St. Ann Parish will put us in the situation of risking having our church closed. Please, wear a mask when you come to church. You may have noticed the Priests have started wearing a face shield to distribute Holy Communion. Although not required by the authorities, the Diocese suggested that we do this to help ensure everyone's safety.

Our novena to St. Ann begins today. Last week we included the prayers for the novena. We invite all our families to join in prayer to Good St. Ann for an end to the pandemic, for the safety of all our families, for God's blessing on our parish and parishioners, and for our own personal needs. Let us all join together in calling upon our Patroness, St. Ann, for her care, support, and intercession. St. Ann, pray for us.



The meeting of the Episcopal Board this past week went very well. Our discussions were fruitful and interesting. One of the items we discussed was the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation for the coming year. In the next couple of weeks, the Diocese will provide guidelines and directives on how we will celebrate First Communion and Confirmation for the coming year. In the fall we will celebrate these Sacraments with those who missed them due to the shut down and after January, we will celebrate the Sacraments with the students who are in grades 2 and 7 this school year. It is an exciting time since we need to find new and innovative ways to prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments. This will be a great opportunity to look at best practices and see what we can change and what we need to highlight even more. In order to ensure we find the best practices to share our Faith, I have invited David Dayler to take on a new role to oversee all our Faith sharing and Faith educating programs. I am incredibly happy that he has agreed, knowing that we are in good and very experienced hands. Thank you, David, for your continued service to St. Ann Parish and Parishioners. Exciting days ahead!

This edition of EFWF is for two weeks. The next edition will be sent out on Friday, July 31st. We continue to live-stream our Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass. To watch the Mass, go to YouTube.com, and search for St. Ann Parish, Ancaster, or use this link: www.youtube.com/c/StAnnCatholicParishAncaster.

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

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

Monday, July 20 *St. Apolinaris*

8:00 a.m. † Leon and Rita Ducharme



Tuesday, July 21 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

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 Gallo † Joseph Mendrek † Delphine Francis
Int. of Stephen Int. of Mary Ellis Int. of Cathy Stutz

Wednesday, July 22 *St. Mary Magdalene*

8:00 a.m. † Roy Dove



Thursday, July 23 *St. Bridget*

8:00 a.m. † Tina Russo

Friday, July 24 *St. Sharbel*

8:00 a.m. † Nora Grace Pye

Saturday, July 25 *St. James, Apostle*

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. – Confessions in the Lady Chapel

9:00 a.m. – † Frank Vitucci

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

5:00 p.m. – † Joseph Commisso

Intentions of Fr. Greg Merkley

Sunday, July 26 *Solemnity of St. Ann*

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

Monday, July 27

8:00 a.m. † Tina Russo

Tuesday, July 28

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. † Joe Bianco † Diane Despres Intentions of Fr. Greg Merkley

Wednesday, July 29 *St. Martha*

8:00 a.m. † James Gideon

Thursday, July 30 *St. Peter Chrysologus*

8:00 a.m. † Sarah Campbell

Friday, July 31 *St. Ignatius*

8:00 a.m. † Kalla and John Kostas

Saturday, August 1 *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. – Confessions in the Lady Chapel

9:00 a.m. – End to the Pandemic

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

5:00 p.m. – † Intentions of Helena Buchowiecka

Sunday, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9:00 a.m. Missa pro Populo – Mass for the People –

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Feast of St. Ann

July 26

The Feast of st. Ann is next Sunday. Since the Feast Day of the Parish Patron has the rank of a Solemnity for the Parish, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Ann rather than the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time on the weekend of July 25-26. Our novena to St. Ann will need to be a little different this year, since we cannot handout the booklets with the prayers. The novena will begin today, Friday, July 17th. After Mass each day, the celebrant of the Mass will read the novena prayers for us and we will all actively pray in silence for Good St. Ann's intercession. May St. Ann profoundly interceed for us before the throne of God and beseech her grandson, our Lord Jesus, to bless all of us abundantly.



St. Ann, Pray for us.

Ministry of Care Resuming Home Visits



The Ministry of Care Team are able to resume home visits to bring the Eucharistic to those living in their own home and who are not able to attend Mass due to health concerns. The person must be able to wear a mask or face shield, receive communion in the hand and the home situation must allow for social distancing. The team have been educated in health and safety for COVID 19 and will take every precaution to protect the wellbeing of all concerned during their visit. If you wish to have the Eucharist at home please contact Linda Dayler at 905-648-6874 Ext. 226 or ltdayler@stannparish.ca.

Seminarian Kevin leaves St. Ann Parish on July 27th

Next Sunday, July 26th, will be Seminarian Kevin's last weekend with us here at St. Ann. Having successfully completed his Pastoral Year, he is now ready to return to the seminary for his final two years of education before ordination to the Priesthood. Next weekend, July 25-26, following all the Masses, Seminary Kevin will be available outside in the staff parking area giving you the opportunity to say goodbye. We have all enjoyed his presence among us and we pray for God's continued blessings on him as he continues his journey to ordination. Seminarian Kevin will be completing his studies at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore. We wish him every blessing and grace in all his future endeavors.

**Due to staff holidays,
the parish office will be closed this week on
Monday, July 20th and Friday, July 24th.**



Re-Keying St. Ann Church



The entire church, hall, and rectory were re-keyed this past Thursday. Your old keys no longer work. Since we did not have an up-to-date list of all who hold keys, the safety of our buildings and those who use them could not be assured. If you currently have keys for St. Ann Church, Hall or Rectory and believe you should continue to have keys, please email the parish office at stannancaster@hamiltondiocese.com. In your email give us your name, what

keys you currently have, and why you believe you require to continue to have keys. After reviewing your email, a decision will be made whether or not to issue new keys. Many who currently have keys will be asked to come to the office and sign out a key when one is needed, rather than being assigned their own personal key. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. With so many keys out and about, it makes it difficult to maintain proper security and safety.



**The Parish Office is now open,
but the Office will only be accessible by appointment.
Please call 905-648-6874 to let us know that you are coming.**

**Those having appointments with one of the Priests
will be required to sign in with their name and contact
information.**

**Summer Office Hours: Monday to Thursday – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday to Sunday - Closed**

Weekly Donation to St. Ann Parish

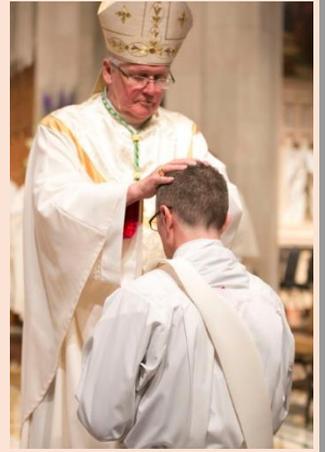
Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Ann Parish. I have been so very moved by how many of you are continuing your donation to St. Ann Parish, even in these difficult and uncertain times. Your care and love for St. Ann Parish is visible in your generous giving. May God reward all of you for your love and care for our 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.
- ✚ When you come to Mass there is a box in the foyer. You can drop your envelope in the box either on the way in or the way out of Mass.
- ✚ Online donation: hamiltondiocese.com/covid19parishfund/ or through canadahelps.ca, search St. Ann Parish, Ancaster. You can make a one-time donation or schedule a recurring donation.



ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

Normally, ordinations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Hamilton occur on the First Saturday of May. Due to the COVID-19 shutdown, the ordinations this year have been postponed to Saturday, August 15th. The Diocese is rejoicing that we will ordain 4 men to the Priesthood in just a month's time. Deacons Hayden Starczala, Pawel Stankiewicz, Paul Edmondstone, and Francesco Sordo have been called to be Priests for the Diocese by Bishop Crosby. Unfortunately, due to the necessary limitations, the ordination ceremony this year will be by invitation only. Please pray for these men that they will be open to the guiding power of the Holy Spirit and be faithful and faith-filled Priests, serving God and His people for many years.



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.

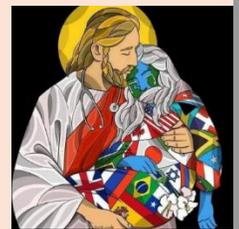
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

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



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.
Our Church Bells ring each day at 9, Noon and 3:00 in honour of our
Healthcare Workers and First Responders**



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** encouraged to wear a mask. It may be disposable or re-useable.
- Proper social distancing must be maintained. This means only 1 out of every 2 pews may be used.
- Unless you live in the same house, you must be 2 meters away from other parishioners.
- With these restrictions in place, we can only sit approximately 90 people per liturgy.
- When you enter 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.
- Only 90 people will be permitted to be present for Mass.
- There will no longer be hymn books or any pamphlets available in the church.
- 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 container for your offering. Please place your gift there.
- The Sign of Peace will no longer be a shaking of hands, but rather a simple bow.
- For the reception of Holy Communion, you will be directed forward by our health and safety committee, please wait for their directions. When the person ahead of you is receiving Holy Communion, you will remove your mask by the ear straps. 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.
- 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.

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. I ask for your patience, understanding and cooperation. By following these guidelines, 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.**