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Sunday, April 17th, 2016  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” — Jn 10:27-30

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Sat. April 16	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Sun. April 17	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
	9:30am	✠ Mick Kennedy (Karen & Michael)
	11:00am	✠ Mary Voogt (Voogt & Green Families)
Mon. April 18	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. April 19	9:30am	✠ Renato Ferrara (Ferrara Family)
Wed. April 20	9:30am	✠ Bryan Brazeau (Deacon Jim & Judy McLaughlin)
Thurs. April 21	9:30am	Intention Available
Fri. April 22	9:30am	Intention Available
Sat. April 23	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Christine Meyo Family)
Sun. April 24	9:30am	✠ Nina & Czeslaw Aleksiejuk (Jan & Lana)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.  
Offertory April 9th & 10th, 2016

82 Envelopes	\$2, 295.00
Loose Collection	\$ 130.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 425.00
Syrian Refugee Family	\$1, 250.00

**Mass Intentions:** There are a number of spots available for Mass intentions, particularly during the week. If you would like a Mass celebrated for a loved one, living or deceased, phone the office or you may use the envelopes at the back of the church. Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of ✠Fr. Obioma Anyanwu who passed away in his sleep while in Nigeria Africa. Fr. Obioma served as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Port Colborne. Please pray that God will grant him eternal peace and pray also for his family, friends, parishioners and all who mourn his loss.

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"Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.' How blessed we are to be the "sheep" of such a Good Shepherd! Jesus promises that "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." When we follow the voice of our Shepherd, he leads us exactly where we want to go. But, of course, it's up to us to make sure that we recognize this voice.

In today's culture, many voices are competing for our attention. The voice of the media is a loud one, entering our homes and families through television, the Internet, print materials, and so on. We are also more and more a culture whose ears are literally filled with the voices of our favorite singers and the sounds of our personal playlists--the sight of people marching through their day with earphones blocking out other sounds is now a common sight. All of this has its appropriate place. We simply need to be sure that we don't allow these voices to become the primary ones in our lives.



To hear the voice of Jesus, we need to encounter his word in the Bible where he speaks to us loud and clear. We need to fill our ears with the message of the Gospel, to listen attentively to the prayers and preaching at Mass, and to "tune in" to the teaching of the Church and of the Holy Father, which is easily available to anyone these days through those same media outlets mentioned above.

All of these things will help us to stay close to our Shepherd, and to avoid going astray into regions where we might get lost in spite of ourselves. Jesus promises of those who hear his voice and follow him that, "No one can take them out of my hand." When we stay near the Lord, we can rest assured that he will fulfill his promises.

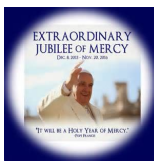


WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS  
(APRIL 17, 2016)

In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations". Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects us as his flock and promises us the gift of eternal life. The Church invites us to honour the vocation of all Christians given at baptism. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously. May those who are discerning their life's vocation listen to the grace of God to guide them. This year's theme is "**We are God's people**".

**Prayer for Vocations:** Generous God, You show us the way that leads to everlasting life. Through baptism you have called us to proclaim the Good News. Bless and strengthen those who have made a commitment of service in the Church. Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation. Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, with deacons, priests, and with people in consecrated life. Filled with your Holy Spirit we ask this blessing that we, your people, may follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen.

**Welland & Port Colborne Pro-Life:** Annual General Dinner Meeting: **Saturday, April 30th, 2016 at** St. Anthony's Church Hall, 360 River Road, Welland. Registration: 6pm—Delicious Dinner 6:30pm. Guest Speaker—Mr. Jim Hughes, President of Campaign Life Coalition. Tickets: \$30 Adults, \$25 Students, \$15 Children 12 and under. Call 905-714-0547 to reserve your ticket.



**The Jubilee Year of Mercy : In response to our Bishop's request, St. Ann's has a Prayer Hour for Mercy with Eucharistic Adoration every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of Confession is available during that time until 7:55 p.m. when we will have Benediction. In addition, Confession is available before each weekday Mass from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. Tuesday to Friday. Confessions on Saturday are available from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in addition to the usual 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. It is my hope that this Year of Mercy will be a time of increased prayer and increased reception of the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, so that we may grow much closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and better appreciate and put into practice the great love and mercy He shows us. **Also, at any time you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you may come to the rectory or phone to make an appointment.**

**Confirmation Meeting, Thursday, April 28th, 2016, 7pm:** If your child is in Grade 7 at St. Ann's School (or attends another school) and will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish this fall, please attend this information meeting. Your child is welcome to attend with you. Important information will be distributed.

YOUTH MINISTRY APRIL EVENTS



\*Sunday, April 17th—Family Baking Auction Fundraiser  
April 20th, 2016 — SCRIPTURE NIGHT— Crosswords: Lectio Divina  
\*Friday, April 22nd—SOCIAL NIGHT: Landmark Cinemas, St. Catharines, Movie TBA  
April 27th, 2016— ISSUE NIGHT—Fake Out: Popularity .  
First hour: begin planning float for May parade (hopefully all volunteers are able to attend!)

**GIANT GARAGE SALE** at Niagara Warehouse of Hope, 46 Broadway, St. Catharines, Saturday, April 23 (rain or shine), starting at 8 a.m. with bbq breakfast. Huge selection of home baking, crafts, jewelry, housewares, electronics, flowers/plants, books, toys and more. Hot lunch served. All proceeds to Niagara Warehouse of Hope, "Helping People Help Themselves." Bring along your broken or obsolete electronics for safe recycling.

**Altar servers:** If your child is Catholic , in Grade 3 or above this year, has made their First Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact the parish or speak to Fr. Chad.

**Training:** There will be training sessions after school hours before the servers are able to start serving on the altar.

**Serving the Altar:** Our normal Mass schedule is 1 Mass per month, but servers may volunteer for more Masses if they are available. Some special occasions will involve rehearsals as well. Attendance at your scheduled time is extremely important!  
**We are in most need of altar servers for the 11am Mass .**

**Next weekend—Vineyard** issue will cover Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family; Bishop's Gala; Pilgrimage to Cathedral Holy Door, Diocesan refugee update, Diocesan budget; In Memoriam—Fr. Anyanwu & Deacon O'Brien; Right to life dinner, RCIA and more.

Parish Calendar

**April 17th ...** Youth Ministry fundraiser— Bake Auction  
**April 19th.....** World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
**April 19th.....** Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee meeting— Fenwick Lions Club, 7pm  
Finance Meeting 7pm  
**April 20th....** CWL meeting 7pm. Guest speaker Lorrie Hulley  
**April 21st.....** Confirmation meeting for Grade 7 students and their parents 7PM **\*\*NEW DATE & TIME\*\***  
**April 28th...**

**May....**  
**May 1st.....** First Communion 2pm  
**May 8th....** The Ascension of the Lord  
**May 15th....** Pentecost Sunday  
**May 22nd.....** The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity  
**May 29th...** The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**May 30th– June 3rd...weekday masses cancelled**

**St. Ann Fenwick—Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee**  
**To date, a total of \$22, 420.00 has been donated.** We thank you for your tremendous support! We will continue to accept donations. Please use a separate envelope labelled "Syrian Refugee Family" with your name and address on it. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish".  
**The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee is pleased to introduce the family that we will be sponsoring. The family is made up of a pair of brothers Elias and Rimoun. Elias has a wife Maisaa and a daughter Monica. Rimoun also has a wife Marlin and a son and daughter, Charl and Chantal. This extended family has escaped Syria and are currently living together. The resettlement process is still in the early stages, yet we are eager to meet and welcome them. The resettlement committee will keep you updated.**  
**How can you assist? Does anyone have storage space available that is clean and dry to store clothing and furniture that has been collected for the families? Phone the office if you can assist and we will connect you with a member of the committee.** Once again, we are thankful and very grateful for the financial support & compassion shown in re-locating these families.  
**The next meeting of the SRRC** will be at the Fenwick Lions hall (Centennial Park –Church St) **April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Members of the St. Kevin's Refugee committee will be in attendance to give a presentation about the steps they are taking to prepare for their family.

**St. Elizabeth's Parish** (31928 Hwy. #3 Wainfleet) is having a Trivia Night in the school gym on Saturday, April 23 starting with a Pizza Supper at 6:15 PM followed by the event at 7:00 PM. Proceeds will help support the parish's construction project. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be reserved by calling 905-899-1699.

Catholic Women's League News

Our next CWL meeting will be **Thursday, April 21st at 7PM.** The guest speaker will be Lorrie Hulley who will speak to us on the topic of Advanced Directives. This will be an extension of last year's presentation on How to talk to your doctor. The CWL Annual Diocesan Convention will be held on May 24/25th. Numbers need to be in before our next meeting so please consider attending and we will collect numbers after Easter. **Deadline to register is April 20th.**  
**Other dates to note....**  
Feast of Our Lady of Food Counsel - Pilgrimage to the Holy door at the Cathedral April 26th at 6:30.  
Welland Evening of Reflection at St. Therese of Liseux April 27th at 6:30.