

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: October 11th, 2026



“May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlightn the eyes of our heart, that we might know the hope to which we are called.” (Ephesians 1.17-18)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 12TH TO OCTOBER 18TH

Monday, 12 th	Ferial	Office Closed	No Mass
Tuesday, 13 th	Ferial	9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls (N Vendittelli) +Joseph Vendittelli (N Vendittelli) All Members of Star of the Sea
		9:30 a.m.	Devotion – Our Mother of Perpetual Help Litany
Wednesday, 14 th	Ferial	9:00 a.m.	+Teresa Rego (G Rego) Sp. Int. of Bryce Sonnenburg (L Selimovic)
		9:30-10:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, 15 th	St. Theresa of Jesus – Memorial	9:00 a.m.	+Maureen Soni (M Paroyan) +Cristopher Bilodeau (A&L Favero)
Friday, 16 th	St. Marie-Marguerite D’Youville – Memorial	9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. for Dave & Barb Hickman (E McAuliffe) Sp. Int. of Sr. Margaret Mary -SOLI (K Shakespeare-Eckstein)
		9:30-10:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, 17 th		3:30-4:30 p.m.	Confession
		5:00 p.m.	+Walace & +Lil St. Onge (C Harper) +Joey Haper (C Harper)
Sunday, 18 th	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the DiFranco & DiFabio Families (N Vendittelli)
		11:00 a.m.	+Dn. Ed West (S Pyper)

From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends: Tuesday, October 13, marks the 109th anniversary of the final appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the children at Fatima, Portugal. I wish in the column this week to describe the Miracle of the Sun which occurred on

October 13, 1917 as She had foretold. This miracle was witnessed by 50-70,000 onlookers who had presented themselves at the spot where the three children experienced the previous apparitions of Mary. To add more credence to the miracle, I begin by quoting from the account of Dr. Jose Maria de Almeida Garrett, Professor of the Faculty of Sciences in Coimbra, Portugal:

“Suddenly I heard the uproar of thousands of voices, and I saw the whole multitude spread out in that vast space at my feet...turn their backs to that spot where, until then, all their expectations had been focused, and look at the sun on the other side. I turned around, too, toward the point commanding their gaze and I could see the sun, like a very clear disc, with its sharp edge, which gleamed without hurting the sight. It could not be confused with the sun seen through a fog (there was no fog at that moment), for it was neither veiled nor dim. At Fatima, it kept its light and heat, and stood out clearly in the sky, with a sharp edge, like a large gaming table. The most astonishing thing was to be able to stare at the solar disc for a long time, brilliant with light and heat, without hurting the eyes or damaging the retina. [During this time], the sun’s disc did not remain immobile, it had a giddy motion, [but] not like the twinkling of a star in all its brilliance for it spun round upon itself in a mad whirl.

“During the solar phenomenon, which I have just described, there were also changes of color in the atmosphere. Looking at the sun, I noticed that everything was becoming darkened. I looked first at the nearest objects and then extended my glance further afield as far as the horizon. I saw everything had assumed an amethyst color.

“Then, suddenly, I heard a clamour, a cry of anguish breaking from all the people. The sun, whirling wildly, seemed all at once to loosen itself from the firmament and, blood red, advanced threateningly upon the earth as if to crush us with its huge and fiery weight. The sensation during those moments was truly terrible.”

As incredible as all of this may seem, the event was thoroughly covered in the secular press, complete with photographs depicting the rapidly dried clothing of the sopping wet onlookers during the miracle. Needless to say, most of the skeptics went home forever changed. To this day, the Catholic faith remains strong in Portugal as foretold by the Blessed Mother as part of the 3rd Secret, “In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved.” The Apparitions in Fatima, including the determination of the children to maintain their conviction even when threatened with punishment and death, along with the Miracle of the Sun witnessed by tens of thousands, surely has more than a little to do with that. Let’s heed the message of Fatima so that our faith may always endure! Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us!! Fr. Richard

Pope’s Prayer Intention for the Month of October

For mental health ministry:

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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The Star of the Sea, Knights of Columbus round table of Council #9222, St. Catherine of Alexandria, will be holding a membership drive during the last weekend of October (24-25th) after the weekend Masses. To be eligible to join the Council, applicants must be 18 years old and Practical Catholic Man. Any interest or questions please see council members at the back of the church after Mass.

As you prepare to vote in this fall’s municipal election, we would like to remind you to please ensure you are registered as a Catholic school supporter. Whether you own or rent your home, a portion of your property taxes is dedicated to funding for public education. All ratepayers have the right to choose whether they want this portion directed to Catholic schools. Please review your property tax bill or property assessment notice to confirm if you are a Catholic school supporter. If you have recently moved, your school support designation will have defaulted to the English-Public school board. For more information and to change your current designation please visit <https://www.mpac.ca/en/MakingChangesUpdates/SchoolSupportDesignation>. Your designation also helps determine how you are listed on the Preliminary List of Electors, placing you on the correct voters list for the municipal and school board elections.

ASSISTING NIAGARA CATHOLIC STUDENTS IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS Last Christmas the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education provided almost \$24,000 in relief to assist Niagara Catholic students in need and their families. This act of kindness gave hope, joy, and dignity during a challenging time through the delivery of gift cards for food, clothing or personal care items. Please help the Foundation to repeat this Christmas miracle. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Charity is not a sign of pity. It’s a sign of love. Cheques payable to Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 7C1. Donate online at www.nfce.org Visa, MasterCard and American Express accepted. Phone 905-735-0240 extension 210. Donations are tax receiptable.



The Heavenly Hosts Christmas Market is coming..on Sat. Nov 28, 2026. Please start considering gently used or new donations for the bazaar. General table, items for gift baskets (new), silent auction (higher end), Christmas decorations, children’s items, jams and preserves. (No books) Items can be placed on the pew in the hall. Thank you!



PRAYER ANGELS Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish’s intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 mgmartin113@gmail.com ‘He who prays most receives most.’ St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



CWL CORNER

(Catholic Women’s League)

“Blessed are the Poor”

E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to pray the Living Rosary on October 7. It was a prayerful and meaningful experience.

This is the final weekend to purchase tickets for our Trivia Night which will be held on Friday, October 23 at the Armenian Community Centre on Martindale Rd. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the games begin at 7:00. No Trivia Tickets will be sold at the door. Book your table of 8 for \$175 or individual tickets for \$25. Food, snacks, prizes, and cash bar will be available! For info, contact Jayne.evans98@gmail.com.

The Diocesan annual CWL Mass for its deceased members will take place at St. Mary’s Church in Hagersville, on Saturday, October 17 at 1:00 pm. This year the names of Joelle Toal, Betty Lou McNulty, Maureen Soni, Mary Jane McIntee, and Dorothy McIntyre will be added to the Diocesan CWL Book of Life. All are welcome. Please RSVP your attendance to Jayne Evans.

October is also known as Socktober in our parish. Last year we collected over 300 pairs of warm, useful socks for those in need. Baskets are available at all our church entrances. Let’s bring warmth to our brothers and sisters who need our help.



Oct. 17 th / 18 th	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	N Linkson	J Bayza	Dn Maurice
Lector	MJ Stacey	I Serafini DeLuigi	A Piller
Hospitality Ministers	P Waters J&P Merritt	Zacharchuk Family	H Green G LaRoche C Dutta

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:



October 4th, 2026



Parishioner Envelopes		\$ 4,482.00
Loose Collection	CAD	\$ 426.00
	USD	\$ 0.00
Indigenous Reconciliation		\$ 110.00
Needs of the Canadian Church		\$ 115.00
Total Offertory Collection:		\$ 5,133.00

Our Special Needs

\$ 650.00

