

The Ascension of the Lord

Parish Update: May 17th, 2026



“Go make disciples of all nations; I am with you always, to the ennd of the age.”
(Matthew 28.19, 20)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
MAY 18TH TO MAY 24TH

Monday, 18th	<i>Ferial</i>	
Office Closed	No Mass	
Tuesday, 19th	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Renatta Miketic +Ivan Glavash	(A&T Miketic) (L Selimovic)
Wednesday, 20th	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic	(A&T Miketic)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday, 21st	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic	(A&T Miketic)
6:45-8:15 p.m.	Choir Practice, Church	
Friday, 22nd	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic	(A&T Miketic)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 23rd		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Confession	
5:00 p.m.	+Joan Elizabeth Harrison And +Leni & +Frank Janish	(H Janish)
Sunday, 24th	Pentecost Sunday	
9:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Paroyan, Prokopich, Artinian & DiMaurizio Families (M Paroyan)	
11:00 a.m.	+Dan Carmichael	(Carmichael Family)

From the Pastor’s Desk

Dear Friends: Just one more week to go in the Easter Season! Certainly, there are growing signs of new life springing up all over the place and the fact that the weather has been cooler with ample rain means that our lawns are looking lush and green, which is always pleasing to the eye. To the person of faith, nature’s annual renewal serves as a symbol of the rebirth taking place in our spiritual lives. Notice that the flowers and leaves which become tired and aged by the end of the summer season do not simply turn young and vibrant again. No, a type of death intervenes, leaving an opening for fresh blossoms, leaves, grass and flowers in the spring.

We have watched, often helplessly, as faith practice declined across Canada and well beyond, over the past several decades. To stem this troubling tide, various movements and programs were introduced or simply emerged, some of which you may have participated in. The Charismatic renewal, retreat experiences like Cursillo, World Youth Days (WYD), Teens Encountering Christ (TEC), COR and Life in the Spirit Seminars, to name only a few arrived on the scene to bring about a new springtime in the Church. I myself have benefited from my involvement in COR, TEC and a Life in the Spirit Seminar, in addition to participating in the 2002 WYD and two International Eucharistic Congresses. All of these have been strengthening and all definitely helped me to push on in ministering to the ardent believer and those, shall we say, with less enthusiasm and commitment. It is not as though all interest in the faith had disappeared as the parishes I served received ongoing requests for Baptisms, weddings, First Communion and Confirmations and funerals. However, very often these sacraments took place in isolation. The desire to worship and be formed in the Christian faith in community did not seem to be on many people’s radars. And, naturally, with this limited view of Catholicism, the secular culture, which already exerts serious influence on each of us, generally won the day. Many Catholics embraced the views of the society concerning life, family and the overall irrelevance of Sunday church attendance. What we have been seeing of late, however, is an incredible renaissance. It often begins with the young who express an interest in the faith and who then ask their parents to take them to church. Upon their arrival, we are able and ready to offer a warm welcome and an invitation to our Children’s Liturgy. This is usually enough for younger children. But, what about those in their teen years? And beyond? These are some areas parishes and the diocese are working to address in earnest. These are precisely the areas of concentration which are being funded through the annual Bishop’s Appeal. To those who have made an offering, THANK YOU. If you have been considering making a donation, please do it now, as the campaign closes on Pentecost Sunday, one week from now. It will then be necessary for us to use parish funds to complete our portion of the overall goal. Your support, as always is very much appreciated. Your partner in mission, *Fr. Richard*

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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.

Our annual **CWL June Dinner and Service Pins Presentation** will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at the Dalhousie Yacht Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and are available by contacting jayne.evans98@gmail.com.

Service pins are given to members for every five years of service. We have several members who have completed more than 70 years of service! May God continue to bless the members of our CWL Star of the Sea council.

Choose Life Niagara was thrilled to receive our parish's donations of diapers and baby essentials. Thank you to all for your generosity!



May 23 rd /24 th	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dn Maurice	Dn Maurice	Dn Maurice
Lector	R Jesik	G Rego	A Pillar
Hospitality Ministers	D MacNeill P Waters N Linkson	C DeLuca K Gilmore W Riddle	Bott Family

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

May 10th, 2026

Parishioner Envelopes		\$4,140.00
Loose Collection	CAD	\$ 482.00
	USD	\$ 55.00
Bishop’s Annual Appeal (Hearts on Fire)		\$1,325.00
Total Offertory Collection:		\$6,042.00
Our Special Needs		\$ 110.00

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU

Pope’s Prayer Intention for the Month of May
THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – our **next meeting** will be at 1:30, on **Monday, May 25**. If you like to knit, crochet, loom – come on out and help us make hats and scarves for Out of the Cold, prayer shawls, lapghans and baby blankets! We supply the yarn!!



Our Parish Photo Directory: A reminder that the next set of photo appointments is quickly approaching. **May 26th to May 30th**. Thank you for supporting this parish project we look forward to seeing everyone in the Directory.

For the first time, our Diocese is launching the **Bishop’s Annual Appeal: Hearts on Fire**. Through this appeal, our Diocese is seeking to strengthen vital ministries, especially in youth and young adult outreach, and in evangelization and faith formation for people of every age and stage of life. So many today are searching for meaning, belonging, and hope. As a Church, we are called to walk with them—just as Jesus walked with the disciples—and help them encounter the living Christ. As a Diocese, we have a united goal of \$400,000. In the coming weeks, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called to support this mission. Together, we can help set hearts on fire with the love of Christ in our Diocese. Donation envelopes are at the entrances of our church. Thank you!



Star of the Sea Vacation Bible School– June 29 to July 3, 2026: Last week to register for VBS! Registration forms are available at the back of the church. **Only 45 spaces available please secure your spot with payment by May 22, 2026.** This year’s theme **Wilderness Adventure, Through the Sacraments!** Don’t miss out on the fun!!

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



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