All Saints - Oct. 31- Nov. 1/2026

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 31 *Saturday*
† Joe & Laurie Leon **8:00AM**
† Bob Saracino **4:00 PM**

November 1st All Saints
For the needs of all Parishioners **9:00 AM**

November 2 *Monday* **8:00AM**
†For all the Faithful Departed

November 3 *Tuesday* **6:30PM**
† Joseph Azzopardi

November 4 *Wednesday* **8:30AM**
† Italo Chiavetti

November 5 *Thursday* **8:00AM**
† Justin Chiavetti

November 6 *Friday* **8:00AM**
† Marino, Palmina & Yvette Polverari

November 7 *Saturday*
† Nell Sneek **8:00AM**
† Argilio Lametti **4:00 PM**

November 8 All Saints
For the needs of all Parishioners **9:00 AM**

Deo Gratias

The Diocese of St. Catharines is blessed to have retired priests who dedicated, in some cases, almost 60 years of their lives to caring for and ministering to others. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are most grateful. At age 75, priests in the Diocese of St. Catharines begin receiving a monthly benefit and health insurance coverage from the Clergy Aid Society. Next weekend, November 8 & 9, our parish will take up the annual ***Deo Gratias*** to show our appreciation for those priests who have cared for us and ministered to us throughout the years. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best contribute to the ***Deo Gratias*** collection this year. You may return your special ***Deo Gratias*** envelope at Mass next weekend or the next. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids

During the month of November the Knights of Columbus is once again collecting new and gently used winter coats, toques, mittens and boots for needy children and adolescents in Port Colborne and Wainfleet. If you wish to donate please place your item (s) in the box at the back of the Church. Cash donations are also welcome. Please make your cheque payable to the Knights of Columbus. For information or to make ash donations contact Josef Van Ruyven 289 969-9369. Thank you for your generosity!

Youth Group

The next meeting of the St. Therese of Lisieux Parish Youth Group will occur in the Parish Hall this Sunday, November 15 starting at 10:00 AM. For information call Dorothy Murtaugh at 905-658-9579.

Separated and Divorced Ministry

The next meeting of the Diocesan Separated and Divorced Ministry Group will occur at Mount Carmel Spiritual Center (7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls) on Monday, November 9 from 7:00 until 9:00 PM. The topic to be discussed is "Causes of Anger". For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 or email separated and divorced @saintcd.com.

Book of Remembrance

A Book of Remembrance will be placed in front of the Altar throughout the month of November. To have the name of a deceased loved one included in the Book, write his/her name **NEATLY** on the envelope included in your Box of Envelopes or one at the back of the Church and drop it into the Collection or off at the Parish Office.

Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day Service will be held at H.H. Knoll Park (160 Sugarloaf Street) on Wednesday, November 11 starting at 10:45 AM.

Offertory Envelopes

In December, the Parish will be distributing Offertory Envelope Boxes for the Year 2027. In the past few years, the number of boxes used on a regular basis has declined while the cost of providing them has increased. In response, the number of boxes we will purchase in the future will be reduced. Parishioners who use Offertory Envelopes on a regular basis (at least six times a year) or contribute at least $100 per year will continue to receive a box of envelopes. Other contributors are welcome to use the Pink Visitor Envelopes available at the back of the Church The reduction in the number of Offertory Envelope Boxes will also require us to change the Envelope Number for some Parishioners. When you pick up your Box of Envelopes for 2026 please ensure you have the correct box by checking the label with your name on it rather than going by your Envelope Number.

Coffee Sunday

A Coffee Sunday will be held this Sunday, November 1st following the 9:00AM Mass.

Bishop's Fundraising Gala

The Second Annual "Light the Way" Bishop's Fundraising Gala will take place at the Niagara Falls Convention Center (6815 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls) on Friday, November 27 starting at 5:30PM. The event includes a live and silent auction, entertainment, wonderful food and company. The proceeds will support the growth of Parishes, faith formation for the Laity and the education of Seminarians. Tickets can be purchased through the Diocesan website or the QR Code on posters in the Parish.

Knitting Club

The Knitting Club continues to meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 10AM–12PM. Anyone who is interested in learning how to knit or crochet is welcome to join it. For more information call Mary Van Ruyven at 905-668-9269.

New Email for e-Transfers

The Diocese is updating all emails for e-transfers. The new email for E-transfers to St. Therese is: emt.sttherese@saintcd.com. Please DO NOT USE celineincarmel@gmail.com as it is no longer active.

Spiritual Book Club

Join us for lively discussions of inspirational books chosen to deepen our faith. The November book is **The Alchemist, *Paulo Coelho*.** Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month.at 1:00PM, St. Julia Church, St. Catharines. Information: Brenda at bcoleman@bell.net or 905 646-1995.

Contemplative Prayer Niagara

Are you interested in learning to pray in silence? We follow the teachings of St. John of the Cross and Fr. Thomas Keating. Meetings held the first and third Wednesday of each month on Zoom. Study book: **Story of a Soul, Autobiography of St. Teresa of Lisieux. Information**: Brenda at 905 646-1995 or bcoleman@bell.net

Confessions

Confessions are heard at St. Denis Parish (230 Lake Street, St. Catharines) every Monday to Friday starting at 8:00 PM. A different Priest will be available each evening. Confessions are also heard at St. Andrew's Parish (4 St. Andrew's Avenue, Welland) every Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 PM.

CWL Meeting

The next meeting of the CWL will be on Tuesday, November 3rd at 1:00PM.

CWL Membership

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish Catholic Women's League is collecting Membership dues for 2027. For those who use Offertory Envelopes a special envelope is included in your box of Envelopes. For those who do not use Offertory Envelopes put $40 in a white envelope and write on it CWL Membership along with your name. Envelopes can be dropped into the Offertory Collection.

From the Bishop's Desk

Monday, November 2 is All Souls Day. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (1030). The Catechism goes on to say, "The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the doomed" (1031). It seems today that many of our faithful assume that immediately after death our loved ones are in heaven. Sometimes even our preaching at funerals can contribute to this assumption. If everyone is in heaven then there is no need to pray for the dead or offer Masses for the repose of their souls. Unfortunately, these practices are becoming less known especially with our youth. To pray for the dead is not morbid, but hope filled as we are able to assist those we love even after death. We pray these souls to heaven. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Confirmation Meeting

An information meeting for all parents, Candidates and sponsors will be held in the parish hall on Wednesday, November 4th beginning at 6:00PM.

Weekly Collection

October 24/25 Sunday Offering $ 1,430.00

NEW EMAIL FOR E-TRANSFERS

E-transfer: emt.sttherese@saintcd.com