

Greetings from Father Sam

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia. Many thanks for our choir, lectors, extra ordinary ministers of communion, ushers, lectors, Holy water angels, decorators and all who volunteered to make our Easter Sunday Liturgy so beautiful. Many thanks also to our custodian and office staff who provided us with everything we needed to pray!!

Remember, Easter is a 50 day Feast and will end on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. During the Easter Season our first reading at the mass is from the Acts of the Apostles which is St. Luke's Second Book.

The Acts tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The Acts is not a History in the sense of an eyewitness account of the beginnings of Christianity; rather it is an interpretation of this history, explaining how Christianity spread outside of Judaism to the Gentile world under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

CIAO FOR NOW

I will be away from Monday April 9 to Thursday April 19 celebrating a friend of mine 70 Birth day. We have known each other since we were 18 years old. Please pray for safe trips. Fr. Gerry Ward and Fr. Michael Koryluk will be Sacramental Ministers until I return.

Seeds of Friendship Concert

Saturday April 21st 3:00PM St John's College Chapel University of Manitoba campus
Sunday April 22nd 7:00 PM St Join Brebeuf Church Larnark and St John Brebeuf Place
 Joie de Vivre Choir, St John Brebeuf School Choir, and Plain Salt Celtic Ensemble will perform popular songs, folk songs, and spiritual and other Religious Music.

FREE WILL OFFERING: food, clothing, money
 Proceeds to Our Place/Chez Nous Drop-In Centre
 Reception to follow the concerts

First Communion Dates

Date: May 6 and 20, 2018,
Time: 12:00 noon Mass

Confirmation Date

Date: June 24, 2018
Time: 12:00 noon Mass

**Parish Financial Support
 Weekend April 1, 2018**

Good Friday	\$ 2,618.00
Good Friday Loose	\$ 594.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 10,625.00
Easter Sunday Loose	\$ 1969.00
Heating	\$ 10..00
Easter Flowers	\$ 15.00
Initial	\$ 15.00
SGG	\$ 750.00
Least Coins	\$ 982.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

1. Gianfranco Leuzzi
2. Isabella Consiglio
3. Monti Bell

Church Donations

ENVELOPES AND DIRECT DEPOSIT

The Finance Committee would like to remind parishioners of the convenient option of automatic withdrawals from your Debit Card. Our donations have been decreasing steadily the past few years. A lot of our church family do not attend mass in the summer months because they go to their cottages and in the Winter a lot of our parishioners go away. The church still needs to pay its bills throughout these times. **Forms are available at the back of the church.** Thank you for your continued support.

ENVELOPES

Please do not use OLD envelopes. Envelopes should not be stapled or taped unless loose coin is used. Please remember to put your names legibly on your envelopes.

VIGIL CANDLES

Just a reminder that the cost to light a candle is \$5.00. This barely covers our cost. Thank you for your understanding.

USED STAMPS

Members of Development & Peace who are philatelists, sell these used stamps to stamp collectors. Simply cut off stamps from your envelopes without damaging the perforations and deposit them in the box at the back of the church. Over \$500,000.00 has been raised for Development and Peace through their stamp collections

Saluti da Padre Sam

Cristo è risorto, è risorto davvero. Alleluia, Alleluia. Mille grazie al nostro coro, i nostri lettori, i ministri straordinari di comunione, uscieri, lettori, angeli de l'acqua Santa, decoratori e tutti coloro che si sono offerti volontari per rendere la nostra Liturgia della Domenica di Pasqua così bella. Mille grazie anche al nostro custode e al personale dell'ufficio che ci ha fornito tutto ciò di cui avevamo bisogno per pregare !!

Ricordate la Pasqua è una Festa di 50 giorni e termina il giorno di Pentecoste, il 20 Maggio. Durante la stagione Pasquale la nostra prima lettura alla messa viene dagli Atti degli Apostoli che è il secondo libro di San Luca.

Gli Atti racconta la storia della Chiesa nei suoi primi giorni. Gli Atti non sono una storia nel senso di una testimonianza oculare degli inizi del cristianesimo; piuttosto è un'interpretazione di questa storia, che spiega come il cristianesimo si diffuse al di fuori del giudaismo nel mondo dei gentili sotto la direzione dello Spirito Santo.

CIAO PER ORA

Sarò assente da lunedì 9 aprile a giovedì 19 aprile celebrando il 70mo Compleanno di un mio caro amico. Ci conosciamo da quando avevamo 18 anni. Per favore pregate per un viaggio sicuro. Fr. Gerry Ward e Fr. Michael Koryluk saranno i Ministri dei Sacramenti fino al mio ritorno.

**Italian Canadian League of Manitoba
 NOTICE**

Gruppo Sportivo Italiano
 presents
 Briscola and Bocce Tournament
 Cafe' 13 - Centro Caboto Centre
 Saturday - April 14th, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.
 Tickets \$30.00

Buffet Dinner - Cash Bar
 (Pasta e Fagioli, salsiccia, insalata, dolce)
 For tickets or additional information, please call Beatrice Cardillo at 832-6350

Called to be a Spiritual Director?

St.Benedict's has been training new spiritual directors since 1996. We took a year off in 2017 but Shekinah will begin again in September. Kalyn Falk and Mary Coswin will co-direct the formation program again. If you feel called to journey with others in their relationship with God and have the qualifications, you can apply. If you have any questions please direct them to Kalyn or Mary at stbenscentre@gmail.com

Tabbs for Winnipeg Harvest

Bob Malo continues to collect drink can tabs for Winnipeg Harvest. To date he has 323,907 tabs. Should we set a goal of 330,000 for beginning of May. Please ask your friends and neighbours to help you collect. Thank you! Grazie Mille!

Holy Water Angels

Many thanks to the Holy Water Angels for this year's Holy Water bottles which continues our Easter tradition.

Diane and John Lewis
 Mary and Ralph Vinci
 Connie Fiorentino-Scerbo
 Bill and Carol Beitzel

Festa dei Santi

FESTA dei SANTI - SAINTS' SOCIAL Dinner & Dance

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – Church Hall
 6:30 – Midnight

Tickets \$20.00 – available from Saints' members
 & from Church office

Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience (BE) is a non-profit, peer support, grief resolution program, helping persons dealing with the natural grief process after being Separated, Divorced, or Widowed. It offers an opportunity for turning pain from loss, into an experience of positive growth. The program runs 10 week sessions, 3 times a year, as well as 2 retreat weekends that can be taken in the fall or spring. Next weekly sessions, Coping with Life Alone, starts April 11, 6:30 pm registration, and then 7 to 9 pm. For more information call (204) 275-3090 or visit our website beginningexperience.ca, or email contact@beginningexperience.ca

Catholic Summer Camp

The Saint-Malo Catholic Camps are an unforgettable experience for youth aged 5 to 17 years old! During their week at camps, campers have fun with archery, mountain biking, canoeing, beach time, sports, campfires, music, dramas, and still much more! But what are even more special are the lifelong friendships that are formed at camps, and the prayer time and spiritual formation offered to campers. We are the only French-language sleep-over camp in Manitoba. Camps are available either in English or in French. Don't miss out! Take advantage of the \$50 Early-bird discount by registering before Thursday May 31st. REGISTER ONLINE TODAY: www.stmalocamps.net. For more information : camps@catholicway.net, 204.347.5396.