

SACRED HEART PARISH

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**St. Joseph's Church,
Snyder (1849)**

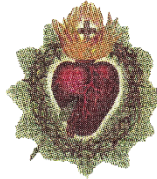
3718 Netherby Road
Stevensville



Mass:

Saturday 8 a.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.



**Sacred Heart Church,
Chippawa (1924)**

3882 Main Street
Niagara Falls

Mass:

Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.,

Mon., Tues., Wed. 8 a.m.,

Thurs. 7 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.

Confessions: Thirty minutes before each Mass

Baptisms: Sundays. Contact the parish at least one month in advance.

Weddings: On any day except Sunday. Contact the parish at least six months in advance.
Preparation course required.

Anointing of the Sick: Do **NOT** wait until the last hours of life to call a priest: he may not be available immediately. If your loved one is in hospital, ask the nurse to call the priest on call 24/7.

Funerals: Contact the parish upon notice of death before going to the funeral home.

Pastor: Father Stuart MacDonald, JCL

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Office Hours: Tuesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Snyder

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Sunday, October 13, 2024
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule		
Masses at St. Joseph's	Intention	Requested by
Masses at Sacred Heart		
Monday, October 14 Thanksgiving Day	8 a.m.: Leonard Richard	Richard & Loretta
Tuesday, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus	8 a.m.: +Gillian Lockwood (rescheduled from October 4)	David & Carole Whitty
Wednesday, October 16 St. Marguerite D'Youville	8 a.m.: Trudy Misk (rescheduled from October 8)	Richard & Loretta
Thursday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch	7 p.m.: Lisa Girgenti (rescheduled from October 3)	Guy & Pat Girgenti
Friday, October 18 St. Luke	8 a.m.: Laurie Malott Perry	Candace Malott
Saturday, October 19	8 a.m.: Richard & Loretta	Richard & Agnes Sekutowski
	5 p.m.: +Ed & Winnie Mocniak	family
Sunday, October 20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 a.m.: <i>pro populo</i>	
	11 a.m.: Joe & Bernadette Misk	Trudy Misk

Offerings

St. Joseph's

Sept. 1: **\$1010.**; Sept. 8: **\$1250.**; Sept. 15: **\$845.**; Sept. 22: **\$755.**; Sept. 29 : **\$1180.**

Sacred Heart

Sept. 1: **\$1420.**; Sept. 8: **\$1360.**; Sept. 15: **\$1155.**; Sept. 22: **\$1490.**; Sept. 29 : **\$1193.**

Sacred Heart Centenary Banquet Lunch

Tickets **are now on sale** after the masses for our anniversary lunch at the Willoughby Firehall on **Sunday, November 17** following the 11 a.m. Mass. A family style hot lunch, dessert, coffee, tea, water will be served. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$30 per person (\$15 for children 12 and under). Plan to get yours soon.

Prizes for an anniversary raffle to be drawn at the luncheon are being gratefully accepted. As we need a lottery license from city hall, we will have to list the individual prizes on the application and have it approved in time to sell tickets. If you are able to help by donating a prize or soliciting them, please contact Julia Mein at 905-295-4293.

Praying for the Holy Souls in November

During the month of November, mass intentions will not be accepted for specific dates. Instead, parishioners are encouraged to make an offering and submit the names of their deceased loved ones in envelopes available in the vestibule. All masses, with the exception of the weekly *missa pro populo*, will be offered for the names submitted. Please place your envelopes and offering in the regular collection. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY – Thank you.



Father's Feast Raffle

Win a dinner for six cooked by
Fr Stuart

- Butternut Squash Soup
- Lemon Ice
- Prime Rib Roast
 - Lavender Mash, Maple Glazed Carrots, Minted Peas
- Maple Pecan Pie and Maple Custard
- English Rose and Violet Fondants
- Wine pairings, coffee

\$10 a ticket. Tickets NOW on sale!

Draw Date: November 17, 2024 at Willoughby Fire Hall

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks today, as we do all days, first and foremost for the gift of creation and the gift of life. We ask You to bless this food, that it may nourish us and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do Your will. We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table. You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected. May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us, but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

What are we doing when, and why do, we dedicate the church and altar?

Through his Death and Resurrection, Christ became the true and perfect temple of the New Covenant and gathered a people to be his own. Moreover, this holy people, made one by the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the Church, that is, the temple of God built of living stones, where the Father is worshipped in Spirit and in truth. Rightly, therefore, from ancient times the name “church” has also been given to the building in which the Christian community is gathered to hear the Word of God, to pray together, to take part in the Sacraments and to celebrate the Eucharist. Because the church is a visible building, this house is a special sign of the pilgrim Church on earth and an image of the Church dwelling in heaven. Moreover, when a church is constructed as a building destined solely and permanently for gathering the People of God and for carrying out sacred functions, it is fitting that it be dedicated to the Lord with a solemn rite, in accord with the ancient custom of the Church.

the bishop begins by blessing water which he then sprinkles on the people as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of their Baptism. When he returns to the sanctuary, he sprinkles the altar which has not yet been covered or decorated in any way. Then the celebration continues with the singing of the Gloria and the praying of the Collect.

Following his homily and the community’s recitation of the Creed, the bishop invites the assembly to join in the Litany of Saints. Once this has been done, the bishop then intones or says the long Prayer of Dedication. This prayer is rich with scriptural imagery and allusions to the Paschal Mystery which will be remembered and celebrated for years to come in this building and upon the new altar.

The bishop then anoints the bare altar by pouring Holy Chrism both in the middle of the altar and on each of its four corners. The luxurious aroma of chrism usually fills the entire church! Then the walls themselves are anointed at four (or twelve) locations, as is the venerable custom. The places where the walls are anointed are marked in perpetuity by crosses and candles mounted on the walls. The anointing of the altar renders the altar itself as a powerful symbol of Christ, which means “Anointed One,” who on the altar of his body offered the sacrifice of his life for the salvation of all. The anointing of the walls of the church with the same chrism is an act of consecration, not unlike the anointing of a priest’s hands at his ordination. The anointing of the church’s walls indicates that it has been set aside permanently for Christian worship.

A brazier for the burning of incense is then placed on the altar. The bishop then adds incense to the hot coals in the brazier. While the incense is burning on the altar, the bishop then places incense in the thurible and incenses the altar. Afterwards, a minister moves throughout the church incensing both the people and the walls. The incense burned on the altar actually signifies the sacrifice of Christ “ascending to God as a pleasing fragrance.” It is also a sign of the prayers of the people rising up to the throne of God. The incensation of the main body of the church indicates that the dedication makes it a house of prayer; but the People of God are incensed first, for they are the living temple in which each faithful member is a spiritual altar.

Following this very dramatic, memorable, and fragrant moment, the altar is at last dressed with the appropriate coverings, for it has now become the Lord’s table, and it is to be adorned as the table of a sacrificial banquet and adorned as for a festive occasion. Other items necessary for the celebration of Mass, including unlighted candles, are now arranged on or near the altar. Then the bishop directs the altar candles and those throughout the church to be lighted with these words: “Let the light of Christ shine brightly in the Church, that all nations may attain the fullness of truth.” This building and its altar have been blessed with water, dedicated to liturgical service, anointed with Chrism, and further blessed with large amounts of incense. The Word of God has already resounded within its walls. Now the light of Christ at last illuminates this space, forever set aside as a particular community’s place of worship.

From this point, the celebration of the Eucharist enters more familiar territory, except for one noteworthy departure. Since the undedicated altar was not venerated with the usual kiss following the initial procession into the sanctuary, the bishop now approaches the newly dedicated altar and kisses it for the first time.