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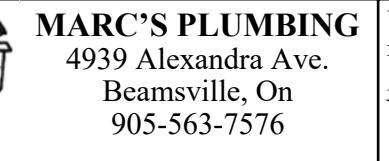
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3534 THIRTY ROAD • SMITHVILLE ON**REMEMBERING ANNIVERSARY # 2**

August 4, 2015 at times seems like so long ago, so much more when I look around and see the level and amounts of the changes that have taken place in this parish and my life since I became the Parish Priest here, on that date.

One of my science fiction heroes - Doctor Who (I like all of the first 5 Doctors in the series) – has a time machine. It is called a *Tardis* – *an English Police Call Box* – through which he travels through time and space dealing with various types of situations. Although the *Tardis* seems to have a mind of its own when it comes to when and where the Doctor ends up, it reminds me very much of the will of God.....one never knows from one moment to another what God has in store for you. One adventure to another to another is all that is ever revealed. But God never leaves us at a loss for his love.

If my *Tardis* could only reach back 2 years, my list of thanks would not be too long to make me forget about someone or something I might forget. Or would it?? So let us take a try at travelling back in time and then going ahead as well.

Going back: thank you to all those who have persevered with me, whether in parish ministries and committees, celebrating sacraments, answering my questions, playing my “get out of listening to the homily today” game, my leading the singing at weekday and weekend Mass. Thank you to all those who have fed and watered me in hospitality. Thank you for your patience and confidence when my diabetes challenged me. Thank you for your opinions, your willingness to help make activities happen. Thank you for praying with me and for me. Thank you for praying for each other and parishioners and visitors. Thank you to those who have been faith filled in their parish lives and those who have devoted so much time and energy to try to make sure I “tow the line”. Thank you also to those who have forgiven my mistakes in whatever form they have taken, and those who in a special way have taken Christ’s message to heart in treating me as they would like to be treated.

Going into the future: it is a selfish wish for me, but I look for many years as Parish Priest here in St. Martin’s Parish. With all the growth in housing and economy in Smithville I hope for an increase of parish members and their involvement. With the completion of our new elementary school I hope for a greater sense of support and pride in what our Catholic education system brings to the province of Ontario. As we look around and see “old and new” faces, may we see the Christian goals of faith, hope and charity not only being preached but lived. We are a community of faithful folks that is both strong and weak, happy and sad, settled and quirky. We are God’s people, because he has said so.

Happy Anniversary # 2 to this present community of faith. God willing, long may we continue!

Father Brian Bevan, Parish Priest.

Bishop of the Diocese  
of St. Catharines  
Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.

Pastor  
Father Brian Bevan

Sunday Masses  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses  
Listed inside bulletin

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Contact Fr. Brian Bevan

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**August 6, 2017**  
**Transfiguration  
of the Lord**

# August 6, 2017

## The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

Monday	Aug 7	****NO MASS TODAY****
Tuesday	Aug 8	<b>St. Dominic, priest &amp; founder</b> ****NO MASS TODAY****
Wednesday	Aug 9	****NO MASS TODAY****
Thursday	Aug 10	<b>St. Lawrence, deacon &amp; martyr</b> ****NO MASS TODAY****
Friday	Aug 11	<b>St. Clare, virgin &amp; founder</b> ****NO MASS TODAY****
Saturday	Aug 12	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b> 5:00 pm For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family
Sunday	Aug 13	9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Johan and Anna Mulder 11:00 am For private intentions

### PLEASE NOTE

Father Brian will be away several days this week.

If you need to reach Father Brian for the Sacrament of the Sick or another emergency situation, please call the parish office and leave a message. Fr. Brian will be checking in with Sandy, our secretary, and the parish answering machine several times each day. He will return your call as soon as he is able.

### FEASTS TODAY

#### Transfiguration of the Lord; August 06.

We celebrate the appearance of Jesus to his disciples in glorified form. The gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke record this event. The Transfiguration helps us realize that Jesus completes the works of the Law and the Prophets, for Jesus is the true source of divine truth for those who listen to him.

Celebrated in the Greek Church on August 06 before the year 1000, it came to the Roman Church at a later date.

### DAYS TODAY

#### Civic Holiday; August 07.

The first Monday in August as a holiday originated to allow an extra day away from work during the summer month of August.

This holiday is not required by provincial law, but the "Municipal Act" allows a municipality to let employees have this day off work. The first civic holiday in Canada was in the year 1869.

### SAINTS THIS WEEK

#### St. Dominic, priest & founder; August 08.

Dominic was born in Spain, around the year 1170. He was ordained a priest, and began a career of diplomacy in the life of the Church. So impressed was the pope that Dominic was appointed to preach against the spreading heresy of the *Albigensians* - all physical

by John & Riky Mulder  
by Anonymous

things are evil, deny the birth of Jesus, deny the Sacraments, believe in a minimum of eating and drinking, and praise suicide. In October 1216 Pope Honorius III confirmed the founding of the *Order Of Preachers*. The duty of the *Dominicans*, as they came to be called, was to preach the word of God in the hope of converting sinners. Dominic died on August 06, 1221.

He was canonized in the year 1234.

St. Dominic is often credited with establishing the use of the Rosary, which is not quite true. This form of prayer was known before his time, but he made its use popular.

#### St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr; August 10.

Lawrence was born in Spain. He was called to Rome by the pope to serve as deacon of the church. He was martyred during the persecution of Emperor Valerian, four days after Pope (St) Sixtus II was executed, in the year 258. Lawrence had been promised his freedom if he would provide the riches of the church to the authorities. So, he gathered up the "riches" of the church: the sick, lonely, dying of the city of Rome. The authorities were so angered that they caused Lawrence to be roasted to death over a fire, contrary to the usual Roman practice of beheading.

This feast dates from the fourth century.

#### St. Clare, virgin & founder; August 11.

Clare was born in Italy, in the year 1193. She followed (St) Francis of Assisi, into a life of poverty. When her family and friends heard that she had given up her place in high-society, they came to take her back home by force. In the fight that took place, she fought so bravely that her opponents were convinced she was doing right. She formed the *Poor Clares* as a religious community, and their lifestyle was similar to what Francis of Assisi established in his religious community. She was the first women to write a *Rule* for other wom-

en. Clare died in the year 1253. She was canonized in the year 1255 by Pope Alexander IV. On February 14, 1958, Pope Pius XII made her the *patron saint of television*.

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1671.70 to our parish last week.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Also known as the Sacrament of Confession and of Penance, this Sacrament is available this week:

Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm

Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

By appointment.

### THE BACK PAGE

This week *The Back Page* remembers Fr. Brian's Second Anniversary here.

### MORE PASTORAL NOMINATIONS

Bishop Bergie has announced more Pastoral Nominations, to take effect on September 14, 2017, unless otherwise indicated.

#### Pastors:

- ◆ Father Brian Bevan—St. Patrick Parish, St. Catharines
- ◆ Father Christopher Gillen—St. Martin of Tours Parish, Smithville

#### Parochial Vicars:

- ◆ Father David Byrne—St. Julia Parish, St. Catharines (September 18, 2017)
- ◆ Father Steven Innamorati—St. Alfred Parish, St. Catharines

### A DOOR ANYONE?

The entrance doors that were changed as part of the elevator/entrance lobby work done in our parish, have been stored in our parish garage for over a year. They were kept in case they might be used here.

Well they will have no use here. But somewhere else perhaps? The doors measure:

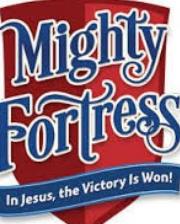
- Set "A" is 36" W x 79" H x 1 3/4" T
- Set "B" is 30" W x 79" H x 1 3/4" T

Anyone interested in them can speak with Ron Roscovich or Father Brian. First to speak to them is the one to get either one or both sets.

### VBS THANK YOU

A great big thank you VBS team on another successful year of VBS at St. Martin's. Without each of you and your selfless contribution of time and effort this never could have happened. 2 years in a row we had a full house of 40 participants.

Each year we learn something new and how to make things better moving forward. You are all AWESOME.



The VBS group is always looking for volunteers to help with fundraising planning and running of VBS. Anyone interested can contact Barb Joyner at 905-957-4926

In God the Victory is won!!!!

This year's VBS volunteers were:

Junior leaders: Laura and Katie Pagoda  
Sarah Carbonara

Jacob and Zachary Noseworthy  
Amanda Lang-Crawford

Amanda Abrahams  
Vince Severino

Jen Noseworthy  
Maureen Flaherty  
Heather Tomascin  
Barb Joyner

Josie Dell  
Fundraising:

### DIOCESAN COLLECTION

A collection in support of the *Canadian Missions Shared Collection – Supporting our Missions in Canada*, will be taken up next weekend. In previous years it was called *Scarboro Foreign Mission Society & Catholic Missions in Canada*, but an organizational change brought a new name. Now all the Mission funds are shared between the Catholic Missions in Canada and Partner Mission Dioceses.

Envelopes from the boxed sets, using the previous name, or use one on the table in the church foyer.

As always, cheques should be made payable to St. Martin's Church – for income tax receipting. The money is sent by our parish to the Diocese of St. Catharines, and by them to the proper authorities.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

### BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

#### Birthdays:

Mary Lang/Meagan Hitchings – Aug 6  
Melissa McIntyre – Aug 7

Sal Bruculieri/Hunter Holloway – Aug 8  
Josie Dell/Thomas Deauv/Barb Joyner – Aug 9

Wendy Juszkievicz/Lauren MacIsaac – Aug 10  
Taylor DiLeonardo/Gail Richardson – Aug 12  
Joey Cooney – Aug 13

#### Anniversaries:

Keith & Mary Seabrook – Aug 6  
Jason & Sandy Evans – Aug 7

James & Zoe Gunn – Aug 7  
Dave & Krista Bledung – Aug 8

Loretta & Tom Shields – Aug 8  
Sal & Judy Bruculieri – Aug 9

Gerd & Ingrid Schmitt – Aug 10  
Ted & Joan Wisniewski – Aug 10

Henry & Mary Pikula – Aug 13