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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

When bringing our dog home from the vet my wife's finger was pierced through by the leash clip when the dog rushed forward. With one end of the leash fastened to a pulling dog and the clip on the other end of the leash embedded through my wife's finger, she called to our son for help removing the clip. Though having just completed a First Aid course, he looked at the clip protruding through the flesh of her finger and cringing and grimacing, said, "I can't, I can't do it." The sight of the pierced bleeding hand almost sickened him. Many of us can identify with him as we have said or heard another say to us, "I can't stand the sight of blood."

What is it about blood that has this affect on us? It isn't the beautiful, deep red color of blood that gets to us but the fact that the blood represents the pain and suffering associated with spilling it. Yet for Christians the world over, the pierced Body and Blood of Jesus has become precious, not something to cringe at and shrink from but rather to remember, appreciate, and adore. We honor the Body and Blood of Jesus because of the pain, suffering and sacrifice it represents, and the saving effect it has.

We would all be shocked and highly offended if someone treated the Eucharist with disdain, or partook of it with a cavalier attitude. How can we insure that we properly honor, appreciate, and express gratitude to Jesus for shedding his blood, and giving his body to secure our salvation? We can do this by cooperating with the eternal intent and purpose for which it was shed; to "purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God."

Three purposes are revealed here. First his Body and Blood should "purify your conscience." Which in fact it does, as Jesus' sacrifice of his Body and Blood on our behalf, brings forgiveness and cleansing from every stain of sin. However, this purification should not simply be a theological reality but also should be an experiential cleansing from the "dead works" that defile us. This cleansing is expressed in real repentance and true conversion. In addition, appreciation for the Body and Blood of Christ should constrain, or impel us forward, so that we no longer live for ourselves but live to "serve the living God." This is the efficacious cycle that should be our spiritual reality. The Body and Blood of Christ should affect cleansing from sin within us, bring transformation to us, and mobilization of us to serve him. These are the eternal purposes for which Jesus gives us his Body and Blood. We can honor both it and Jesus' purpose by eagerly participating in this cycle.

This mystery of faith which we profess each Sunday as we receive the Eucharist, is reinforced and validated by us as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit to ensure that a similar process takes place within us. For the Spirit also works in us changing us into what we are not, by implanting within us his new nature; "Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, D.D.

Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
Diocesan Social Justice Rep

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m.
Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Sunday of the Month
Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism
Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage
Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call the office

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Ministry Schedule - June 9/10

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Tom Shields
9:00 am - Marcel Pouliot
11:00 am - George Yakowenko

Altar Servers
5:00 pm - Needed
9:00 am - Needed
11:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy
Jennifer Fife

Next Hospitality Sunday
September 3rd

**June 3, 2018
The Solemnity
of the Most
Holy Body &
Blood of Christ**

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Tom Shields
#2 - Kelly Staples
9:00 am #1 - Caroline Steger
#2 - Tom Richardson
11:00 am #1 - Heather Tomascin
#2 - Gemma Bose

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Tom
9:00 am - Bea, Andrew & Caroline
11:00 am - Nick, Paula & Bianca

Stewardship Counting
Marg Van Geest & Beth Davis

June 3, 2018

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Year B



*Lord, may the request of your people
rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Monday	June 4	NO MASS - PRIEST RETREAT	
Tuesday	June 5	NO MASS - PRIEST RETREAT	
Wednesday	June 6	NO MASS - PRIEST RETREAT	
Thursday	June 7	NO MASS - PRIEST RETREAT	
Friday	June 8	NO MASS - PRIEST RETREAT	
Saturday	June 9	The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Louis Zych + Oliver Joseph Gillen 45th Anniversary.	by John & Mary Mojeski by Fr Christopher G Gillen
Sunday	June 10	9:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family 11:00 am For the special intentions of Joan Hignett on her birthday	by Heather Belmont

DIOCESAN ANNUAL PRIESTLY RETREAT

Priests of our diocese will be on their annual yearly retreat from Monday, June 4th, to Friday, June 8, 2018. There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES**.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH PICNIC

Sunday June 24th after 11am Mass

Please join us for food, fellowship and fun for the entire family. An attendance sheet along with a volunteer list will be located in the church foyer after mass until June 17th. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated for the day of the event. We hope to see everyone there. Blessings for a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. Thank you, Parish Events Group.

PARISH DISCERNMENT GROUP V

Haldimand Deanery Parishes

April through to November 2018.

This weekend is our Parish Survey.

Thank you for your participation today.

The surveys will be returned to the diocese June 11, for analysis and a final report will be presented to us in September.

ST. MARTIN'S WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit our website. You can find the bulletin, the Ministry Schedule and upcoming events there. It is updated every Thursday.

GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE

2018 LIFE CHANGE CAMPAIGN

Do you know anyone who is struggling with grief, anxiety, addictions, parenting, depression, anger or relational issues? The Grimsby Life Centers exist to walk along side those travelling this road, bringing hope and restoration. Please point your friends or neighbors to our doors that are open to everyone, and know that by participating in the Life Change campaign you are being the hands of Jesus to people in your own community. **We are only a phone call away. 905-309-0944.**

CATHOLIC MEN'S BIG BREAKFAST

Event in the Tent at Club Roma Pavilion

June 16, 2018

Come and join us at Club Roma Pavilion (125 Vansickle Rd, St Catharines). Tickets cost \$20. Featured speakers include; Bishop Gerard Bergie "Put Out Into the Deep" and Robert Raisp of the Toronto Lift Jesus Higher Rally "Leadership -Walk on Water style." Learn how we, as men, can draw others to the Catholic faith, living a life of service to God, church and community.

For more information or tickets contact Branches at 905-685-7000.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

SAYS THANK YOU

The CWL of St. Martin of Tours want to thank everyone who supported our successful event on May 5th, 2018. From the feedback we are getting, everyone had a great time which we think was attributed to by the great food (stuffed Pork loin, herb mashed potatoes with gravy, veggies, fresh garden salad, buns topped off with decadent chocolate cake with chocolate covered strawberries)

Special Thanks goes to George Yankewenko who donated his time to man our bar single handily - GREAT JOB GEORGE!

Special thanks goes to Treeva Johnson who gave up going out on her own birthday to come and donate her time to be our DJ for the evening - GREAT JOB TREEVA!

And last but not least Special Thanks to everyone who came and made the night such a success - we could not do it without your support - THANKS !

We are happy to report that we made in excess of \$1100 from the dance and the CWL have made a decision to up the amount so we are making a donation to the debt in the amount of \$2000.

Keep your eyes open for the next event.

CWL Social Committee (Heather Tomascin, Sylvana Oliver, Elaine Parry, Pat Wirth, Maryann Paradis, Helen Lipiec)

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ROSARY RELAY

The Annual Global Rosary Relay, for the sanctification of priests, takes place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Members of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine/Le Sanctuaire du Rosaire invite you to join us as we participate in this powerful devotional initiative within the Catholic Church to recognize and bless the work of priests serving the faithful the world over. We will join our prayers to the prayers of millions throughout the world at the Shrine on (4706) **Miller Road, Port Colborne on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Don't miss the opportunity for us to raise our hearts to God for all priests, that they will be blessed, through our prayer, with God's grace for their priesthood.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP MAY 26/27, 2018

Sunday Offering (Env 74): \$1,980.00
Loose: \$ 103.25

*Thank you for your tithe/stewardship.
God Bless.*

COMING SOON: THE SUMMER SCHEDULE

July 1st to Labour Day, September 3, 2018.

The Sunday Masses move to ONE Mass.

10:00am is the suggested time

Weekday Mass: Mon: Tue: Thur: Fri 9:00am

NO MASS WEDNESDAYS

We will seek input during the summer with our current weekday and weekend schedule of Masses

HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Catharines Diocese support group meets every second and fourth Monday (7:00- 9:00 p.m.) at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre. For info, call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separated and divorced@saintcd.com. May 28: "Forgiveness Heals."

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY LAUNCH

The Diocese of St. Catharines **Young Adult Ministry** will have their first gathering on Sunday, June 10th. Young adults (19+) from across the Diocese are invited to attend 11:30am Mass at St. Kevin's Church (303 Niagara Street, Welland), after which, the group will venture off to share in a Potluck Picnic and Games Event at Chippawa Park (1:00pm). For more information, email familyandyouth@saintcd.com, text: 905-374-8693 or call, 905- 684-0154, #209

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Eva Bliedung – June 3
Nick Fasulo – June 4
Janet Roscovich/Cheryl Ecker – June 5
Wyatt Greenwood/Theodore Volpatti – June 7
Robert Malaryk/Kathleen Diletti – June 8
Rachel Malevich/Zack Diletti - June 10
Tom Richardson – June 10

Anniversaries:

Zdrayko & Sue Augustin – June 4
Elaine & Paul Miller – June 5
Janet & Brian Vacon – June 6
Laura & Patrick Porzuczek – June 7
Krista & William Porzuczek – June 8