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INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It is hard to think of an analogy that would depict what the Christian life would be like without the Holy Spirit. Perhaps the closest analogy would be to picture the chaos and impotency that would come if language, verbal and non-verbal, were suddenly to cease existing. One can only begin to imagine the sense of hopelessness we would experience not being able to communicate with even one other person. The powerlessness would be over-whelming. We would be unable to accomplish much of anything. There would be no information system, no books, and no written instructions on how to do things. The sense of isolation and dislocation would be unbearable. Love, appreciation and belonging would not be able to be expressed or received. Needs would not be able to be communicated nor could help be provided. Communication, one of the essential elements that make us distinctively human, when removed, would change life beyond recognition or description.

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the Father and Son's gift to us of the Holy Spirit. Similar to the above example, the Holy Spirit is the essential ingredient that makes us distinctively Christian, the absence of which would change our life beyond recognition or description. To appreciate the Holy Spirit's presence, we want to think for a minute of what life would be like without him, if history was suddenly turned back, and the Holy Spirit was removed. How would our Christian life be different? There would be:

- No belonging: "But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." (Romans 8:9)
- No assurance: "In him you... were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it." (Eph 1:13,14)
- No revelation (Scripture): "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (John 14:26)
- No illumination: "So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God." (1 Corinthians 2:10-13)
- No power in prayer: "... we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words... the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:26,27)
- No power to witness: "... you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8)
- No unity: "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..." (1 Corinthians 12:13,) "... maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit..." (Ephesians 4:3-4)

Scary, isn't it? These are just a few of the things made possible to us by the Holy Spirit's presence. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit was given to us who are the Body of Christ, and the Holy Spirit's presence will remain with us until Jesus returns. How can we more fully express our appreciation for the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday? We can do this by fully opening our heart and life anew to his indwelling presence.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, D.D.
Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

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

Secretary
Sandy Johnson
Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Phone 905-957-3032

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Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

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Ministry Schedule - May 26/27

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich
9:00 am - Marcel Pouliot
11:00 am - Pat & Andy Wirth

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

Children's Liturgy
Tanya Jones

Next Hospitality Sunday
June 3

May 20, 2018
Pentecost
Sunday

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Heather Tomascini
#2 - Sue Armstrong
9:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger
#2 - Caroline Steger
11:00 am #1 - Lisa Poort
#2 - Gemma Bose

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Tom
9:00 am - Bea, Marcel & Dick
11:00 am - Mike, Mary & Bianca

Stewardship Counting
Elaine Parry & Mary Ann Paradis

May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday - Year B



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

Monday	May 21	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Fr. Obioma Anyanwu	by Julie & Tony Notarianni
Tuesday	May 22	9:00 am	For a Mass of Thanksgiving	by Rose Koshy
		6:30pm	Diocesan Catholic Women's League Convention Mass	St. Alfred's, St. Catharines
Wednesday	May 23	6:30 pm	For the special intentions of Cathy Cartagine	by Doug & Maeve Devlin
Thursday	May 24	9:00 am	For the special intentions & God's blessings upon Cathy Cartagine	by Sandy & Treeva Johnson
Friday	May 25	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Luke Scheck	by the Lupien family
Saturday	May 26	9:30 am to 12 noon	<i>Diocesan Council for Development and Peace AGM St. Alfred's</i>	
Saturday	May 26	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity		
		5:00 pm	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
Sunday	May 27	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Ciaran Gillespie	by Doug & Maeve Devlin
		11:00 am	For the special intentions of the Lewis children &	

OFFICE CLOSED MAY 22nd and 25th.

Please note that the parish office will be closed this week. The office will reopen on Tuesday May 29th. Thank you. Sandy.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL PRIESTLY RETREAT

Priests of our diocese will be on their annual yearly retreat from Monday, June 4th, Friday, June 8, 2018. **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.

Parishioners welcomed the opportunity to be heard and to tell their personal story (May 1 and 3, 2018). It was also an opportunity for parishioners to learn about other ministries, and the ongoing discernment process. To hear the stories of fellow parishioners about how they came to St. Martin's was enriching.

Please find enclosed with this bulletin your personal copy of the Parish Story.

You are personally invited to participate in the second step of the Parish Discernment process by completing a survey during one of the masses on June 2 (5pm) or June 3rd (9 or 11am). Your input and voice is critical to forming the future mission of our parish. Coffee Social to follow the Sunday masses.

If you would like to complete the survey but are unable to attend mass that weekend, please speak with Father Christopher after Mass, or contact the Parish office.

Thank you and God Bless.
Parish Discernment Team

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISMS

May 20th, at 12:30pm

- Bronston Robert Lee
- Beckett Wilson Lee
- Scarlette Leigh-Ann Sarantakos
- Kendall Leighton Sarantakos
- Seamus Robert Earl White

May 27th, at 12:30pm

- Jake Paul Lupton

GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE

2018 LIFE CHANGE CAMPAIGN

The Life Change campaign is an opportunity to teach our children the value of giving. Many families have found the baby bottle campaign an excellent way to engage their children in the 'learning to give process' - families helping families right within our own community. "He who is generous will be blessed" Proverbs 22:9a. Thank you for partnering in this Life Change campaign.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 6:00pm will be the Official Blessing of the NEW St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, by Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D. Bishop of St. Catharines.

We look forward to "showing off our "Little School That Grew" on this special evening. There will be entertainment provided by the school choir and band following the official program.

Refreshments will be served in the school library. Should you have any questions feel free to contact the school at: **905 957-3032**

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

- Louis Volpatti – May 20
- Pierre Paradis – May 21
- Sharon Cosby – May 22
- Rocco Frederico – May 23
- Theresa Bartlett – May 24
- Bethany Alderson/Arianna Braccio - May 25
- Bindumol Sabastian – May 25
- Edward Kotuza/Ryan Pereira - May 26
- Preston Wealleans – May 26

Anniversaries:

- Vern & Josie Dell – May 22
- Dan & Annette Shukovitsky – May 25
- William & Jennifer Mous – May 26

PARISH STEWARDSHIP MAY 12/13, 2018

Sunday Offering (86 Env):	\$2,365.00
Loose:	\$ 87.55
Facility Maintenance (52 Env):	\$ 652.50
Loose:	\$ 39.50
Late Pope's Pastoral Works:	\$ 20.00

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

McNally House is hosting a Caregivers Support Group. Anyone caring for an ill loved one can sign up! It is a free 6 week program geared towards supporting those who are doing the most selfless job; caring for a spouse, parent, child or friend. The program is geared to create a safe space to talk with others in a similar situation (it is not an educational series or workshop) **Starts:** Tuesday May 22nd 2pm – 4pm. For 6 weeks. To register, please call Arthur Loik at 905.309.4013 ex 33 or email aloik@mcnallyhousehospice.com

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.

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.