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MESSAGE OF HOPE AND SALVATION

The wellspring of reconciliation, Christ's sacrifice on the cross and bodily resurrection, is the message of hope that we believers must communicate to the world around us. For through his death on their behalf the world can find release from a life of sin and the guilt and condemnation that comes with it, even for the most righteous non-believer, Jesus' bodily resurrection communicates to them the hope of transformation.

Jesus did not choose some miraculous or exalted means to communicate with the dejected and defeated disciples, but rather chose two simple means of communications, which we can also utilize to communicate this hope. Jesus made himself present to them through friendly and significant conversation around a simple meal. We who know Christ have the privilege of dining with Christ through the Eucharist. In this simple celebration we are able to commune with him, and experience his grace filled fellowship.

But what about the poor non-believer who hasn't yet entered into the fellowship of his Body by putting their faith in Christ? How is the non-believer to share in a simple meal of fellowship with Christ? Through us as we make ourselves available to them, Christ who dwells in us, also becomes present to them. It is through our words and actions that Jesus can engage the non-believer in meaningful conversation, communicating the message of salvation and his love and care for them.

Jesus was not satisfied that they simply became aware that he was alive and present. He made himself known to them by opening the sacred Scripture to them so that they could understand the significance of his death, and resurrection. Once he had accomplished this, those disciples were prepared in both head and heart to be "witnesses of these things." When believers have allowed both their heart and head to be converted they become enthusiastic about "witnessing to these things."

As we relate to non-believers it is important that we also open the Scripture to them, so that they too can understand the significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We can do this by simply discussing with them a passage of Scripture that has been meaningful to us, or a thought based on a passage of Scripture. We can also invite them to read and discuss the Bible with us. It is amazing what the Holy Spirit will do in their life when they allow their mind and heart to be engaged by God's Word.

The wellspring of reconciliation is the cross of Christ. Its vertical beam symbolizes the human need for reconciliation with God, and its horizontal crossbeam represents the need for reconciliation within the human family. Because the Church is the Body of Christ, its central task is reconciling people: with God, themselves, neighbor, the whole of creation. One of the ways the Church lives out that ministry of reconciliation is to remind the world of the reality of sin, for reconciliation is impossible without naming the evil that had caused division and rupture in the first place.

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

Secretary
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Ministry Schedule - Apr 21/22

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom Shields
9:00 am - Ron & Janet Roscovich
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

May 6

**Apr 15, 2018
The 3rd
Sunday of
Easter**

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields
#2 - Yolanda Baldasaro
9:00 am #1 - Heather Tomascini
#2 - Tom Richardson
11:00 am #1 - Sue Armstrong
#2 - Gemma Bose

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Yolanda
9:00 am - Andrew, Caroline & Marcel
11:00 am - Nick, Paula & Bianca

Stewardship Counting

Antonella Presta & Adam Grzybek

April 15, 2018

The 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year B



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

Monday	Apr 16	****NO MASS TODAY****
Tuesday	Apr 17	<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i> ****NO MASS TODAY****
Wednesday	Apr 18	****NO MASS TODAY****
Thursday	Apr 19	****NO MASS TODAY****
Friday	Apr 20	****NO MASS TODAY****
Saturday	Apr 21	<i>The 4th Sunday of Easter</i> 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Loretta Cecchini
Sunday	Apr 22	9:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family 11:00 am For the special intentions & God's blessings upon Heather Belmont

by John & Linda Mataseje

by Joan & Bob Hignett

FATHER CHRISTOPHER'S ABSENCE FROM THE PARISH

Due to the passing of Fr. Christopher's mother, Gemma Gillen, Fr. Christopher has remained in Ireland. Please note that there will be no weekday Masses this coming week, April 16th to 20th. Weekday Masses will resume on Monday April 23rd.

We thank Fr. Andrew of the Holy Cross Fathers who graciously covered the weekend Masses last weekend and this weekend, April 7/8 and 14/15. We also thank Father Rico from St. Joseph's Parish in Grimsby, who covered the many funerals we had here this past week. If you unfortunately find yourself in hospital and require a priest, the hospital chaplain will be available to you or call St. Joseph's parish in Grimsby. Thank you.

Father Christopher will be returning some time during the week of April 23rd. He appreciates your patience and understanding during this special time with his Mother and family and friends as they gathered to say farewell... Please remember Father's mother Gemma in your prayers. Thank you; and God bless.

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

For the parishioner who have passed away and had their funeral Mass here at St. Martin of Tours Parish this past week, Paul Mego, Fred Doucette and Veronica Edwards and for Fr. Christopher's mother, Gemma Gillen.

God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.

I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.

Amen.

ST. MARTIN'S WEBSITE

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SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

This month's topics are :

New Relationships: April 23

Meetings are 7 to 9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Center, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Preregistration is not required.

For information:

Call: 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

Email: separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

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SUNDAY (WEEKEND) MINISTRIES

We kindly remind you to please find a replacement if you cannot server your scheduled ministry. We also require all ministers and altar servers to arrive 15mins prior to Mass. We must begin Mass at the proper scheduled time.

Thank you.

THE SERRA CLUB ST.CATHARINES

Promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life presents Trivia Night on Friday, April 27. Dinner served at 6:00 pm, trivia starts at 7:00 pm St. Alfred Church, St. Catharines (tickets \$20/person or \$160/table of 8) Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, coffee, dessert, and a door prize ticket.

For tickets, contact:

- Jodi Di Domenico (905/353-0158) or at di-doms99@msn.com
- Mike Lettieri (289/296-5485)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP April 7/8, 2018

Sunday Offering (83 Env):	\$1677.75
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Facility Maintenance (43Env):	\$ 593.25
Loose:	\$ 68.50
Late Easter Offering (2 Env):	\$ 40.00

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God Bless.*

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WANTED! Young Adults, ages 18-35, to explore and share faith together. Come out to the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Highway, Thorold on either April 29/18 (4:30-6:30pm) or May 4/18 (5:30-7:30pm) for fellowship, a light supper and a brainstorming session focussed on growing this ministry in our Diocese.

Contact Terri Pauco for more information and to register by email: familyandyouth@saintcd.com text: 905-351-9107 or phone: 905-684-0154 #209

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

Panama City, Panama

Jan. 18 – 26, 2019 OR Jan. 22 - 28, 2019

Calling all young adults, 18-30 years of age! Come learn more about the pilgrimage to WYD 2019 in Panama. Those interested are asked to attend an Information Session at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville, Thorold on either: **Tuesday, April 17, 2018** or **Thursday, May 17, 2018**

Questions? Contact Raoul Masseur at: wydpanama2019saintcd@gmail.com or Terri Pauco, Family and Youth Office at 905-684-0154, ext. 209 or famlyandyouth@saintcd.com.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

- Tyson LeBlanc – Apr 15
- Lauren Mous/Greg Oliver - Apr 16
- Jared Whitelaw – Apr 16
- Zdrayko Augustin/Bill Prout – Apr 17
- Luke Perry – Apr 20
- Elaine Parry/James Grant – Apr 21
- Linda Mataseje - Apr 21
- Sandra DiLeonardo - Apr 22
- Sera Whitelaw – Apr 22

Anniversaries: Darren & Sherry O'Keefe – Apr 16