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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On the day of *Pentecost* = Greek & Latin languages for the Jewish Festival of Weeks, God the Father and God the Son joined in sending God the Holy Spirit into the world in a permanent way. This means that until that day, which was 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, the Holy Spirit was at work only in selective situations and with certain people, from the day in which Adam and Eve lost the friendship of God in the Garden of Eden, until Jesus rose from the dead.

When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles as they were gathered in Jerusalem, the Paschal Mystery of Jesus was completed. Through the Paschal Mystery – the Lord's passion, death, resurrection, ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit – God completed all the efforts to make our salvation possible. The sending of the Holy Spirit would make absolute the promise that Jesus had made when he said that he would be with us until the end of time.

The Holy Spirit is the wisdom and love of God, shared between the Father and Son, and from them, to all who are baptized.

From the day of Pentecost to our day, and until the end of time, the Holy Spirit is the Person within God who brings all that God shares with us. This sharing is what is called the *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*.

There are seven gifts that are brought to us. Every baptized person has them made available to us in the Sacrament of Baptism by Christ. In the Sacrament of Confirmation Christ strengthens us by using these gifts to make us confirmed or solid in the example of being followers of his.

These gifts have a thinking (Wisdom, Understanding, Council) and an activity (Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord) aspect to them.

1. Wisdom: helps us to discover the value that God has given to something.
2. Understanding: helps us know what we believe in our faith, and why.
3. Counsel: helps us find the best way to serve God every day.
4. Fortitude: helps us to stand up for what we believe in.
5. Knowledge: helps us know when a person or thing will lead us to God or away from God.
6. Piety: helps us to respond to God in the way that He deserves.
7. Fear of the Lord: helps us to remember that we depend upon God.



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June 4, 2017
Pentecost
Sunday

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Pentecost Sunday - Year A

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| Monday | June 5 | St. Boniface, bishop & martyr 9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Molly Fields +For the peaceful rest of Harry Belmont | by Rodney & Joyce Ross by Heather Belmont |
| Tuesday | June 6 | 9:00 am ****AVAILABLE**** | |
| Wednesday | June 7 | 6:30 pm +For the peaceful rest of John Fedorik Jr. | by family |
| Thursday | June 8 | 9:00 am +In memory of Joseph Olascki, Charles Parker, Olga Mous & Winnie Stadelbauer (Benefactors) | by St. Martin's Parish |
| Friday | June 9 | 9:00 am ****AVAILABLE**** 10:00 am St. Martin's School Mass in gym | |
| Saturday | June 10 | The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 5:00 pm ****AVAILABLE**** | |
| Sunday | June 11 | 9:00 am For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family 11:00 am ****AVAILABLE**** | |

FEASTS TODAY

Pentecost; June 4.

The word *Pentecost* comes from the Greek language, meaning *the fiftieth day*. This feast celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles fifty days after Easter. This day is commonly regarded as the birthday of the Church because once the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles they carried the message of Christ to the known world.

The feast of Pentecost is also known as *Whitsunday*. This is from the original Greek name given to this day when it was celebrated as the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which fell on the fiftieth day after Passover.

So important is Pentecost that until the year 1969 the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent were called the Sundays after Pentecost. Since the year 1969 they have been called Sundays in Ordinary Time.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

The Most Holy Trinity; June 11.

We recall the relationship that exists within God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Heresies in the 4th and 5th centuries led to the establishment of the Nicene Creed, and more careful teaching about the relationship within the persons of God. In the 7th and 8th centuries Mass prayers were created to celebrate the Trinity. In the year 1162 Archbishop (St) Thomas Beckett (bishop & martyr, year 1170, December 29) decreed that on the octave after Pentecost, there would be a feast of the Most Holy Trinity to mark the anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Canterbury, England.

This universal feast dates to the year 1334.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

St. Boniface, bishop & martyr; June 05.

Boniface was born in England about the year 680. Ordained a priest at the age of thirty, he became a missionary, teaching in the Netherlands and Germany. He was ordained a bishop in the year 722. In the year 731, he was made an archbishop. His reforms brought restored life to the Church.

He was martyred, with 52 companions, on June 05, 754 while he prepared to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation.

His feast was introduced in the year 1874, at the request of the First Vatican Council.

St. Barnabas, apostle; June 11.

Barnabas was a Jew of the priestly tribe of Levi, born in Cyprus. His original name was Joseph, but when he sold his farm and gave the money to the apostles for the care of the poor, he was renamed Barnabas. He then went to preach the gospel in Antioch. In time he travelled with (St) Paul, then spent time with (St) Mark the evangelist. It is thought that he wrote the New Testament letter to the Hebrews. He was stoned to death in Cyprus in the year 60.

His feast dates to the eleventh century.

BAPTISM

Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday, June 11, at 1:00 pm. Please remember Elia Ryann Policelli, child of Anthony & Kayla (Hamilton) Policelli in your prayers.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$ 1557.15 to our parish last week.

THE BACK PAGE

On this week's *THE BACK PAGE* the topic covers the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

ORDINARY TIME, PART TWO starts on Monday, June 12.

Ordinary Time is ordered or measured for helping in the everyday life of Christians. There are few devotional feasts during the Sundays of this season, so the original meaning of Sunday as the Lord's Day is strengthened.

Ordinary Time is divided between the Baptism of the Lord and Ash Wednesday, then between Pentecost and Advent.

The colour green is worn during this season, as it reminds us of hope and life.

GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE 2017 LIFE CHANGE CAMPAIGN



Do you know anyone who is struggling with grief, anxiety, addictions, parenting struggles, depression, anger or relational issues and they don't know where to turn? This is the very reason that the Grimsby Life Centre exists. We partner with our local churches, businesses and individuals to walk along side people who find themselves at a low point in their lives. By participating in the Life Change campaign you are being the hands of Jesus to people in your own community.

CATHOLIC MEN'S BIG BREAKFAST EVENT IN THE TENT

A **Catholic Men's Breakfast** - June 17, 2017 (7:30am-11:45am) at Branches (43 Maywood Avenue, St Catharines). Tickets are \$ 20.00. Featured speaker: Gus Lloyd "Magnetic Christianity" - how we, as men, can draw others to the Catholic faith, living a life of service to God, church and community.

Includes a "big breakfast" of peameal bacon, scrambled eggs, roasted potatoes, baked beans, coffee, tea and dessert.

For tickets please contact Branches at 905-685-7000.

ST CATHARINE'S RIGHT TO LIFE A MARIAN CELEBRATION

The Diocese of St. Catharines continues in the **YEAR OF THE ROSARY**. There will be a Marian Event hosted by the Diocese on Saturday, June 24 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. It will be at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre - 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. The presenter will be Dr. Josephine Lombardi - Associate Professor, St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto. The cost is \$ 20.00, paid at the door, and includes lunch.

Please register by June 8th. Contact the Diocesan Office of Religious Education at offreled@saintcd.com or at 905-684-0154 ext 207.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

A *Catholic Education Symposium* will take place in November 2017. Stakeholders are invited to participate in an online conversation about Catholic Education in Ontario. Your participation in the online discussion will inform and enrich the dialogue about the future and the importance of Catholic education. You are encouraged to join the conversation at <http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Pyv>.

SCHOOL BUILDING NEWS

It is expected that the new St. Martin's Elementary School will be completed before the end of this present school year. All of the necessary equipment will be transferred to the new school during the summer months, and hopefully all will be in place and ready by September for the new school year.

Let us pray for a continued safe work site, for continued joy of expectation, and a happy heart as we leave behind our old school building.

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS:

- Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.
- Thursday night Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

- Nick Fasulo - June 4
- Janet Roscovich / Cheryl Ecker - June 5
- Wyatt Greenwood / Theodore Volpatti - June 7
- Robert Malaryk / Kathleen Diletti - June 8
- Zack Diletti / Tom Richardson - June 10
- Alexandria & Mackenzie Bungay - June 11
- Julie Dunder - June 11

Anniversaries:

- Zdravko & Sue Augustion - June 4
- Paul & Elaine Miller - June 5
- Brian & Janet Vacon - June 6
- Patrick & Laura Porzuczek - June 7
- William & Krista Porzuczek - June 8