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SAYING THANK YOU – TO THOSE IN MINISTRY

Saying goodbye as the leader in any capacity has many parts. So this weekend I am choosing to offer a public word of *THANKS* to those who are involved in all the *MINISTRIES* of our parish.

There are so many parishioners who reach beyond what is usually expected of those who attend and worship here. How often have we thought of them, given them a sign of encouragement, or expressed our gratefulness?

There are two “types” of those in ministry: seen and unseen.

Those who are seen include those who are recognized because their activities allow others to view them as they carry out their duties. Our Altar Servers who assist me in Masses and other sacramental times; our Music Ministry of instrumentalists, singers, and projectionists; our Commentators who bring information, scripture and prayers; our Hospitality Ministers who are often the first faces at church seen and the last ones seen, with all their efforts between; our Eucharistic Ministers who share with us the gift of Communion; our leaders of Children's Church that helps shape the hearts and minds of our children during Mass.

Those who are unseen include those whose ministry most often takes place when no one else is around. Our Sacristans who change the coloured cloths, set the books and materials for Masses and sacraments, ensure that we can have a flow of duties carried out in church services. Our Money Counters who correctly and safely make certain that the money contributed to the parish is counted and banked.

All of these volunteers share in the task of making our parish be alive and active. From time to time please offer your own word or words of thanks to them for all that they do.

As Pastor here, I am truly thankful for the energy, expertise, wisdom and prayers of those who comprise our Ministries. The service they give to us they also give to God. I hope that each and every one of them takes a joyful pride in all that they do as part of this community.

May each of us offer a great *THANK YOU* to those in our Parish Ministries. May God pour out blessings upon all of them! Amen.

Prepared by Father Brian Bevan,
Parish Priest.



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

Pastor
Father Brian Bevan

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

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The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Monday	Aug 21	St. Pius X, pope 9:00 am For the health and healing of Robert Schnarr	by John and Riky Mulder
Tuesday	Aug 22	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary ****NO MASS TODAY****	
Wednesday	Aug 23	6:30 pm For the intentions of Ann Lowrey on her birthday 7:00 pm Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	by Maria Chorley
Thursday	Aug 24	St. Bartholomew, apostle Anniversary of the ordination of Bishop Gerard Bergie ****NO MASS TODAY****	
Friday	Aug 25	9:00 am For the intentions of Fr. Brian Bevan	by Anonymous
Saturday	Aug 26	The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm For the intentions of St. Martin's parish family	
Sunday	Aug 27	9:00 am For the living and deceased members of the Klunder family 11:00 am For a Mass of thanksgiving and God's blessings upon Alviya Koshy	by John & Riky Mulder by Koshy Kanjooparambil

SAINTS THIS WEEK

St. Bernard, abbot & doctor; August 20.

Bernard was born in the year 1090, in France. He entered a monastery at the age of 23 years, accompanied by thirty-one relatives and friends. His views about authority and architecture helped reshape many ways in the church. He founded numerous abbeys, worked on behalf of Pope Eugene III, and was widely recognized as a holy man. He died in Clairvaux, France on August 20, 1153.

Bernard was canonized in the year 1174, and named a *doctor of the church* in the year 1830.

St. Pius X, pope; August 21.

Giuseppe Sarto was born in the year 1835, in Italy. Coming from a poor family he needed to have his education subsidized. He was ordained priest at the age of 23 years, spending the next 17 years in parish ministry. In the year 1884 he became bishop, and worked so well that he was promoted to cardinal in the year 1893. In the year 1903 he was elected pope, taking the name Pius X. His common sense was a tremendous breath of fresh - air. He recommended daily Communion - for centuries was seen as extra-ordinary and even improper - directed that children could receive first Holy Communion at the age of seven years old; and made it possible for Communion to be brought to the sick. He died on August 20, 1914.

Pope Pius X was canonized in the year 1954.

St. Bartholomew, apostle; August 24.

Bartholomew was born in Cana of Galilee. He was brought to Jesus by the apostle (St) Philip. Tradition holds that Bartholomew went to India, then to Armenia where he converted the king, but at the order of the

king's brother he was skinned alive - according to the Persian custom - then beheaded.

This feast dates from the eighth century.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary; August 22.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the queen of heaven. In honour of her role as the first example and supporter of Jesus Christ the king, we celebrate this feast.

Instituted by Pope Pius XII in the year 1955, with a date of May 31, it was later transferred to August 22, the octave day of the Assumption, in order to link her queenship to her glorification.

DAYS THIS WEEK

Anniversary of the ordination of Bishop Gerard Bergie; August 24.

Gerard Bergie was born on January 4, 1959 in Hamilton, Ontario. He was ordained a priest on May 12, 1984 for the Diocese of Hamilton. On August 24, 2005 Father Bergie was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Hamilton.

Bishop Bergie was installed as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines on November 9, 2010.

Please pray that Bishop Bergie will serve our diocese well, as he continues the work that Jesus gave to his apostles.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1318.00 to our parish last week through our Regular Sunday Offering and \$524.00 through the Canadian Missions Shared Collection.

THE BACK PAGE

This week *The Back Page* expresses a sincere thank you to all who serve in ministries in our Parish.

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.

PROMISE OF MARRIAGE



There is a promise of marriage between Kenneth Robertson (Hamilton) and Melanie Pavao (Hamilton). The marriage takes place at St. Martin of Tours Church on Saturday, September 2, 2017

DOORS ANYONE?

The doors that were written about over the past several weeks have found a new home.

These were the entrance doors that were changed as part of the entrance/elevator work done in our parish, and had been stored in our parish garage for over a year.

May they provide many years of service to their new owner.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Have you noticed the new lights in the sanctuary of our church? These are LED lights, which have been changed over by members of the property maintenance committee.

We thank them for their efforts

MASS INTENTIONS

Church Law (cannon 945-946) invites Catholics to request an intention for a particular Mass, and to make a contribution to the priest for honouring this intention. The idea is to help the faithful to draw into a deeper celebration of the Eucharist by joining their efforts with those of Jesus. It also helps the priest by compensating him for his work.

The Church says no one, except for God, can control the blessings or benefits at Mass. God directs the fruits of the Mass according to the devotion of the faithful.

The present rule of the Church, since the year 1991, allows a priest to accept several intentions for the same Mass.

Mass intentions are commonly published in the parish bulletin and announced at the Mass. By doing so it is accurate to say that a person is remembered in a special way at Mass, instead of saying that only this person is being remembered. For Jesus gave the Mass to us all.

In our parish there are Masses without an intention. If you wish to have someone - alive or deceased - remembered at Mass, please speak with our parish secretary.



GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE

The Grimsby Life Centre wishes to thank everyone who participated in the 2017 Life Change Campaign. It was another successful fundraiser for their ministry center. St. Martin of Tours generously contributed \$1221.77 this year.

THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This Sacrament is for those who are in need of the Lord's comfort and healing. This is extended through prayer, touch and anointing with blessed oil. A person must be *seriously ill = the usual routine of life is challenged or disrupted at least, to the point of death.*

This Sacrament will be celebrated during the 9:00 am Mass on Saturday, September 2nd.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

A Catholic Education Symposium will take place in November 2017. Stake holders are invited to participate in an on-line conversation about Catholic Education in Ontario. Your participation in the on-line 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>.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church at some point, or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the Catholic Marriage Tribunal in St. Catharines at 905-687-8817

NOT RECEIVING COMMUNION?

Anyone not receiving Holy Communion may receive a special blessing from those giving Communion. The sign to request this blessing is to come in the Communion line, stand before the priest or eucharistic minister, and place your hands across your chest. This request will be answered by a prayer to ask God to bless you. Then you return to your seat.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Gregory Jones – Aug 20
Zakary Belmont – Aug 21
Alviya Koshy/Bradley Zelenyt – Aug 22
Alexander Evans – Aug 24
Eric Wegner – Aug 25
Jenny Mous – Aug 26
Jacqueline Chliszczyk/Amy Urban – Aug 27

Anniversaries:

Grant & Ellie McIntyre – Aug 27