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TRUE TRANSFORMATION

The transfiguration was a momentous event for the three Jewish disciples when they saw the appearance of their great deliverer Moses and their fiery prophet Elijah. Yet this momentous occasion pales in significance to the occasion that brought them all together; the coming departure of Jesus. During Lent we are reliving this impending event, along with the dark days that lead up to Jesus' crucifixion. Hopefully we will discover the true meaning of the message delivered by it.

What do you imagine Moses and Elijah were thinking and experiencing? Here standing before them was the Son of God who would make possible the genuine deliverance of Israel, the mission upon which Moses staked his life, and the fulfillment of Elijah's prophesy regarding the holiness of God. Were they were recalling God's words, "I have observed the misery of my people. ... I have heard their cry... I know their sufferings, and I have come to deliver them." At long last Israel would be set free from enslavement to sin, and along with Israel all mankind too could be saved. This inclusion of the Gentiles in salvation was always God's plan.

Prior to the cross, Peter did not comprehend all that was taking place, but he did recognize that it was a holy occasion. Do we, looking back with all of the wisdom of hindsight, also recognize and appropriately respond to this holy event and the occasion it foresaw? Probably not. Yet we can take courage that even in the midst of their ignorance the cloud of God's presence engulfed Peter, James and John and spoke to them, so he might also overshadow us. We should not expect to be thrilled and excited by some "new" message, but simply expect to evermore hear the Father say, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him." And so we should.

Peter desired to make three tents, one for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. Perhaps the tent we should build in honor of this redemptive departure of Jesus should not be tents but a spiritual space in our head and heart wherein we strain to grasp his every word. As you enter this second week of Lent how will you create this space of receptivity in your life, a place to contemplate him, and listen to his voice. Wouldn't it have been a tragedy if Jesus is inviting you to participate in a transformational experience and you are too busy?

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, D.D.
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Parish Priest
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
Diocesan Social Justice Rep

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
See bulletin for schedule

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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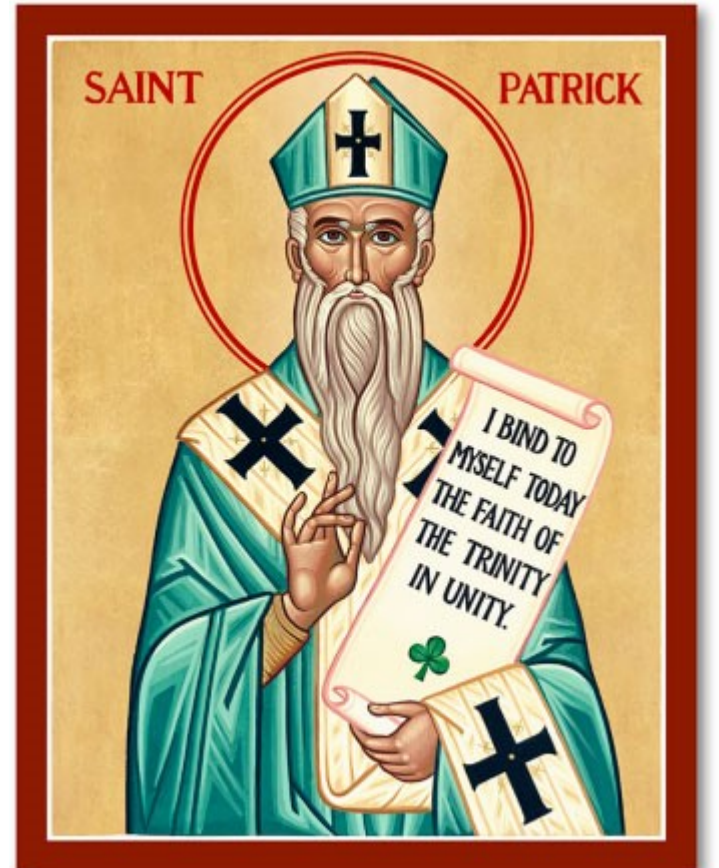
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Ministry Schedule - March 23/24

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Tony Mous
10:00 am - George Y. & Mateo N.

Altar Servers
5:00pm -
10:00 am -

Children's Liturgy
Rose Koshy

Next Hospitality Sunday
April 7

March 17, 2019

The 2nd Sunday of Lent

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Mitch Pogods
#2 - Katrina Shields
10:00 am #1 - Marg Van Geest
#2 - Heather Tomascini

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom
10:00 am - Andrew, Caroline & Sherri

Stewardship Counting
James Gunn & Sandy Johnson

March 17, 2019

The 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	Mar 18	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Diocesan Council for Development and Peace	by Andrew & Caroline Steger Father Christopher
Tuesday	Mar 19	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Riky Mulder 10:00 am Father Christopher at Tai Chi	by St. Martin's CWL
Wednesday	Mar 20	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula 9:30 am Celebration of Reconciliation at School	by St. Martin's CWL
Thursday	Mar 21	9:00 am For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher 10:00 am - 11:00 am Father Christopher at Tai Chi 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Seminar on Healthy Life Choices 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm West Lincoln Loaf of Bread Dinner - Parish Hall 6:00 pm - 10 pm Acts Retreat Team Meeting Mississauga	by Vern & Josie Dell Father Christopher Father Christopher
Friday	Mar 22	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula 6:00 pm 6:30 pm Way of the Cross - Stations	by Martha Devlin
Saturday	Mar 23	The 2nd Sunday of Lent 5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Youth Ministry Gathering	
Sunday	Mar 24	10:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Geraldine Bell For the special intentions of Heather Belmont 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm ALPHA COURSE Smithville Christian Reformed Church	by Sherri deWilde by Joan & Bob Hignett

(NEW) YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. MARTIN'S

Youth Group Ages 12-14

Group will meet bi-weekly centered around the 5:00pm Mass and engage in a number of activities following Mass in the parish hall and in the community. **Next Gatherings:**

March 23 Mass, Maple Syrup Outing
April 6 Mass, BBQ, Ball Hockey
April 27 Mass, Pizza, Craft

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2019

The West Lincoln Loaf of Bread programme offers a fully home cooked meal and social every Thursday beginning January to June 27, 2019 inclusive from 5 - 7 pm. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm. Please pass this invitation along to anyone whom you feel would benefit from this programme.

Host Churches:

March St. Martin of Tours
February & April Smithville Canadian Reformed Church
May & June St Ann's Community Church
Fall of 2019 TBA Smithville Christian Reformed

LENTE WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm

The transformation for new life doesn't just happen by showing up on Easter Sunday. It requires that we journey with Jesus the way of the cross. It requires that we do the "hard work" of Lent. If you have any requests for Lenten Devotions please speak with Father Christopher.

INVITATION

I'm meditating on the Stations of the Cross this year because of the longing in my own heart to journey more closely with Jesus amidst the hustle and bustle of my own city. Will you join me?

Father Christopher

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCES HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every second and fourth Monday (7:00-9:00 p.m.) at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. For information, call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email: separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.

LENTE WEEKDAY MASS

Celebrated each weekday Monday to Friday at 9:00 am. Please consider making a personal commitment to attend Lenten Mass.

FIVE REASONS FOR ATTENDING DAILY MASS

1. **Receiving Christ in the Blessed Eucharist gives us the strength to fight selfish pride and sin.**
2. **Praising God first thing in the morning is the most important thing on our daily calendar.**
3. **The Mass is my ongoing spiritual formation.**
4. **The Mass heals.**
5. **You meet your Creator, your friend, your love.**

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LENTE FOOD DRIVES

Here are two opportunities to help you fulfill your almsgiving during the time of Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Lenten Food Drive

Wednesday, **March 6th-April 17th**

Bags will be distributed after all Masses. Please return them to our Parish Foyer throughout the season Lent. Last collection is April 17. Thank you for your continued support. Vern Dell for Knights of Columbus

LENTE FOOD DRIVE

St Martin's School Community

Bags will be sent home to each family to be filled with **just one more** item each time you go grocery shopping. The bags are to be returned before Holy Thursday (April 18).

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 9/10

Sunday Offertory (67 Env): \$ 1,884.00

Loose: \$ 91.35

Late Facility Maintenance (2 Env): \$ 150.00

2019 Weekly Budget \$ 2,100.00

Snow Removal/Salt to date : \$ 3,841.10

Thank you for your weekly stewardship

LENTE RECONCILIATION

On **Saturday, April 6, 2019**, in every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from **10am - 2pm** to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time.

No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

DIOCESAN "RESPECT FOR LIFE" MASS

Annunciation of the Lord

Monday, March 25 (7:00 p.m.)

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Bishop Gerard Bergie presiding

Reception following.

Let us pray together for the protection of life in all its stages; for greater respect for God's gift of life; for those wounded by abortion.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

SHARE THE JOURNEY

Share the journey with poor coastal communities in Tacloban, the Philippines In 2013, poor coastal communities in the Philippines saw their homes ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to your donations, Development and Peace and its local partners formed a consortium for the purchase of a piece of land that affected communities were empowered to transform into the Pope Francis Village. Watch the documentary After the Storm to follow the inspiring journey of these communities:

devp.org/en/philippines-documentary.

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