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**A MOTHER'S BEATITUDES**

Blessed is the mother who understands her child,  
for she shall inherit a kingdom of memories.  
Blessed is the mother who knows how to comfort,  
for she shall possess a child's devotion.  
Blessed is the mother who guides by the path of righteousness,  
for she shall be proud of her children.  
Blessed is the mother who is never shocked,  
for she shall receive and know confidence and security.  
Blessed is the mother who teaches respect,  
for she shall be respected.  
Blessed is the mother who emphasizes the good and  
minimizes the bad,  
for her children shall follow her example.  
Blessed is the mother who answers questions honestly,  
for she shall always be trusted.  
Blessed is the mother who treats her children as she  
would like to be treated,  
for her home shall always be filled with happiness.  
Blessed are we who have been granted the gift and  
privilege to be a mom.



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**May 14, 2017**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

# May 14, 2017

## The 5th Sunday of Easter - Year A

Monday	May 15	9:00 am	+For the peaceful rest of Mary Fedorik	by family
Tuesday	May 16	9:00 am	+For the peaceful rest of Dean Gadoury	by Pauline Lewis
		10:45 am	Junior Class Mass	
Wednesday	May 17	6:30 pm	For the health and healing of Lenora Newman	by family
		7:00 pm	Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday	May 18	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Paul Massad	by Joyce and Rodney Ross
		10:45 am	Intermediate Class Mass	
Friday	May 19	9:00 am	+For the peaceful rest of John Wisniewski	by Ted and Joan Wisniewski
Saturday	May 20	1:00 pm	Baptism of Ian James Carlos Medieros	
			<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	
		5:00 pm	+For the peaceful rest of Fr. Obioma Anyanwu	by Martha Devlin
Sunday	May 21	9:00 am	For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
		11:00 am	+For the peaceful rest of James Philip Todd	by Heather Belmont and family

### DAYS TODAY

#### Mother's Day; May 14.

The second Sunday of May is meant to be a day to honour mothers.

Mother's Day was first celebrated on May 10, 1908 in the American states of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. In the year 1911 all the other states did so, and in the year 1913 the American government established the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. In the year 1911 Canada followed this example and recognized this day.

### BAPTISM

A Baptism will be celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 1:00 pm. Please remember Ian James Carlos Medieros, child of Robert & Jennifer (Serpa) Medieros in your prayers.

### DAY OF DISCERNMENT

Are you, or someone you know, considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? On Saturday, May 27th our diocese is holding a day to come out and learn about how a vocation is recognized in our life, how we can respond to it and where it can take us.



This day is open to high school and post secondary students. Present will be priests, seminarians, consecrated men and women who will share their stories and be able to answer questions.

It is at the Catholic Center – 3400 Merrittville Highway in Thorold – from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch is included.

Please contact Father Michael Basque by May 19, at 905-899-1699 or at [vocations@sainted.com](mailto:vocations@sainted.com)

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

A *Catholic Education Symposium* will take place in November 2017. Stakeholders 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>.

### 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 [offeled@saintcd.com](mailto:offeled@saintcd.com) or at 905-684-0154 ext 207.

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1318.00 to our parish last week.

### FACILITY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Last weekend our Facility Maintenance Collection raised \$788.65. Thank you for your donations, prayers and assistance.

Money from this collection will be used to pay for

new sink faucets and repairs in the Hall kitchen.

### DIOCESAN COLLECTION

Next weekend, a Diocesan Collection will be taken up after Communion at all the Masses. It is the *Pope's Pastoral Works*.

The Holy Father offers help to those in need with money gathered in this collection. Natural disasters can strike anywhere at anytime, and in the name of Roman Catholics everywhere, the Pope displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

This collection is taken usually in the middle of the month of May. Envelopes are within the parish issued box set of Sunday envelopes and also loosely on the table in the church foyer.

Remember to please make cheques payable to *St. Martin's Church*.

### MARRIAGE IN YOUR FUTURE?

Are you considering marriage in the future? If yes, then before you book a hall or arrange for pictures or choose the dress, please sit down with a priest and find out what is involved. Many thoughts out there in television shows, movies, and people's minds miss the legal – civil and church – laws. Unless you are dealing with someone in the "marriage business" such as a clergy person, or civil authority able to officiate, you might find yourself in unnecessary difficulty. Priests are trained to deal with marriage possibilities whether this would be a first, second or more time; whether a divorce or death has happened; and where other special circumstances could be involved.

The highest rated times for couples becoming engaged are Christmas, Valentine's Day, the birthday of the bride to be, and the anniversary of the first date.

May God look kindly upon all those seeking to be married.

### 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.

### LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting on May 18th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

### APPOINTMENT

Father Brian has appointed Martha Devlin as Sacristan of our parish. Her appointment is effective immediately.

### GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE 2017 LIFE CHANGE CAMPAIGN



Happy Mother's Day! We hope you have a special day! Often times in our busy motherhood lives we may forget about the opportunity we have to help hurting women who desire to have their lives restored. Here at the Grimsby Life Centre many women wish to be stronger and healthier Moms. With your support of filling the baby bottles, it is a privilege for the Grimsby Life Centre to continue to help tired moms receive the help they need. Thank you for your support!

The Life Change Campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Baby bottles are available in the church foyer, to be taken home and have coin, paper money or cheques placed with them. The bottles are to be returned to the church and given to a Hospitality Minister on or before Father's Day. Any amount of donation will be happily received, and income tax receipts will be issued by Grimsby Life Centre.

### SCHOOL PA DAY

On Friday, May 19th there will a PA - Professional Activity - Day for St. Martin's School. Teachers and staff will be at school, but not students.

So please, let us all be aware of safety and plan to keep attention to each other a bit more on this day.

### PARISH HALL RENTAL

Our Parish Hall is available for rental - parties, meetings, gatherings - for groups of 2 to 140. If you are interested then contact our parish office and speak with our secretary Sandy.

### ST. MARTIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The news letter for St. Martin's School is available online at [www.niagaracatholic.ca/Schools/Elementary/StMartin/Newsletters](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca/Schools/Elementary/StMartin/Newsletters).

### THE BACK PAGE

On this week's *THE BACK PAGE* a thought for Mother's Day is presented.

### BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

#### Birthdays:

Owen Long – May 14  
Bernie Duggan/Anne Marie Tomascini - May 16  
Vern Dell – May 18  
Louis Volpatti – May 20  
Pierre Paradis – May 21

#### Anniversaries:

Dan & Diane McSweeney – May 15  
Frank & Kristina Brajer – May 18