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THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of the truths of the faith.

At many times we affirm again and again our belief in the Holy Trinity. Prayers, such as, "Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be ... Amen," speak of this mystery of the Christian faith. How was it "in the beginning"? This is an important question, for we profess that is the way it is now, and will be in the future. It speaks of the individual uniqueness of each person of the Trinity, while speaking of the complete unity which exists. Each one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, has a distinct role and function, yet they are One, existing in perfect harmony in will and purpose.

In an attempt to explain the Holy Trinity, people have developed various analogies. One explains how an egg, consisting of shell, white, and yoke, expresses the unity and diversity of the Trinity. Another, of how a person can simultaneously be a son, a father, and a husband, demonstrating the oneness, while fulfilling three distinctly different roles. There are other such illustrations; however, each of them leaves much to be desired by way of explanation. The reason they fall short is that the Holy Trinity, by its very nature, defies explanation. That is why it is called a mystery and requires faith to accept its reality.

A mystery is defined as truths of faith which are entirely beyond the natural powers of reason to apprehend, a reality imbued with the hidden presence of God. The Holy Trinity is also called an absolute mystery as it cannot be really understood even after it is revealed to us, it remains a mystery. Thus it is the central mystery of faith, professed at our baptism and confirmation and acclaimed at each Mass.

It is in the Holy Trinity that we see the Father, Son and Holy Spirit working in perfect unity to bring about our salvation and their eternal purposes. Though it is a mystery it is a "reality" whose presence and effects can be seen and experienced. Ephesians chapter 1 is a wonderful exposition of the "mystery of His will." We are able to see how each member of the Trinity is involved in completing our salvation. In verses 3-6 we see the Father choosing us and destining us to be adopted through his Son. In verses 7-11 we see how Jesus the Son accomplishes our salvation through the mercy and grace of his blood. Lastly, in verses 13-14 we see how the Holy Spirit seals our salvation and guarantees it by taking up residency in our lives. This is the Holy Trinity, One in being, united in purpose, yet unique in their roles.

The prayer of Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity is a fitting conclusion and response to these truths: "O my God, Trinity whom I adore, help me forget myself entirely so to establish myself in you, unmovable and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. May nothing be able to trouble my peace or make me leave you, O my unchanging God, but may each minute bring me more deeply into your mystery."
Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, D.D.
Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

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
Sandy Johnson
Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Ministry Schedule - June 2/3

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tony Mous
9:00 am - Bea & Alfons Blokhuis
11:00 am - Anita D & Joan H

Altar Servers

5:00 pm - Needed
9:00 am - Needed
11:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy Today

Next Hospitality Sunday

June 3

May 27, 2018

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields
#2 - Anne Favero
9:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson
#2 - Marg Van Geest
11:00 am #1 - Caroline Steger
#2 - Andrew Steger

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Yolanda
9:00 am - Marcel, Dick & Vern
11:00 am - Helen, Andy & Victoria

Stewardship Counting

Antonella Presta & Lisa Poort

May 27, 2018

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - Year B



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

Monday	May 28	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Cathy Cartaginense	by Doug & Maeve Devlin
Tuesday	May 29	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Gemma Gillen NEW SCHOOL BLESSING AND DEDICATION 6:00pm	by Doug & Maeve Devlin
Wednesday	May 30	6:30 pm	For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher Gillen	by Doug & Maeve Devlin
Thursday	May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of John Fedorik Jr.		by family
Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops Social Affairs Commission - Meetings in Toronto for Father Christopher				
Friday	June 1	St. Justin 9:00 am For the special intentions of the Devlin children, in-law children and grandchildren		by Doug & Maeve Devlin
Saturday	June 2	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 5:00 pm +In memory of Joseph Olascki, Charles Parker, Olga Mous and Winnie Stadelbauer (Benefactors)		by St. Martin's Parish
Sunday	June 3	9:00 am	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	by Pauline Lewis
		11:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Grace Tye	
		2:00 pm	Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction	

DIOCESAN ANNUAL PRIESTLY RETREAT

Priests of our diocese will be on their yearly retreat from Monday, June 4th, Friday, June 8, 2018. **NO WEEKDAY MASSES.**

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH PICNIC Sunday June 24th after 11am Mass

Please join us for food, fellowship and fun for the entire family. An attendance sheet along with a volunteer list will be located in the church foyer after mass until June 17th. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated for the day of the event. We hope to see everyone there. Blessings for a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. Thank you, Parish Events Group.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISMS

May 27th, at 12:30pm

- Jake Paul Lupton

ST. MARTIN'S WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit our website. You can find the bulletin, the Ministry Schedule and upcoming events there. It is updated every Thursday.

PARISH DISCERNMENT GROUP V

Haldimand Deanery Parishes
April through to November 2018.

Parishioners welcomed the opportunity to be heard and to tell their personal story (May 1 and 3, 2018). It was also an opportunity for parishioners to learn about other ministries, and the on going discernment process. To hear the stories of fellow parishioners about how they came to St. Martin's was enriching.

You are personally invited to participate in the second step of the Parish Discernment process by completing a survey during one of the masses on June 2 (5pm) or June 3rd (9 or 11am). Your input and voice is critical to forming the future mission of our parish. Coffee Social to follow the Sunday masses.

If you would like to complete the survey but are unable to attend mass that weekend, please speak with Father Christopher after Mass, or contact the Parish office.

Thank you and God Bless.
Parish Discernment Team

BLESSING OF NEW SCHOOL

Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 6:00pm will be the Official Blessing of the NEW St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, by Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D. Bishop of St. Catharines.

We look forward to "showing off our "Little School That Grew" on this special evening. There will be entertainment provided by the school choir and band following the official program.

Refreshments will be served in the school library. Should you have any questions feel free to contact the school at: **905 957-3032**

McNALLY HOUSE is hosting a Caregivers Support Group. Anyone caring for an ill loved one can sign up! It is a free 6 week program geared towards supporting those who are doing the most selfless job; caring for a spouse, parent, child or friend. The program is geared to create a safe space to talk with others in a similar situation (it is not an educational series or workshop) **Starts:** Tuesday May 22nd 2pm – 4pm. For 6 weeks. To register, please call Arthur Loik at 905.309.4013 ex 33 or email aloik@mcnallyhousehospice.com

GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE 2018 LIFE CHANGE CAMPAIGN

None of us are exempt from issues surfacing in life that are beyond our control or ability to process. And, there is hope in the admission that we could all use a little help and support from time to time. The Life Centres have 9 full and part-time counsellors who are schooled and experienced in bridging that gap with you. Your financial support with the Life Change Campaign is critical to our ministry. Without your generosity, our doors simply would not be open.

CATHOLIC MEN'S BIG BREAKFAST Event in the Tent at Club Roma Pavilion June 16, 2018

Come and join us at Club Roma Pavilion (125 Vansickle Rd, St Catharines). Tickets cost \$20. Featured speakers include; Bishop Gerard Bergie "Put Out Into the Deep" and Robert Raisp of the Toronto Lift Jesus Higher Rally "Leadership -Walk on Water style." Learn how we, as men, can draw others to the Catholic faith, living a life of service to God, church and community.

For more information or tickets contact Branches at 905-685-7000.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP MAY 19/20, 2018

Sunday Offering (Envelopes 70):	\$	1, 578.25
Loose:	\$	115.20
Facility Maintenance (1)	\$	50.00
Bulletin Add from Knights	\$	150.00
Memorial : Late Leslie Zimmer	\$	200.00
Funeral Reception / Hall Rental	\$	150.00

Catholic Women's League Direct payment to bank for debt reduction. \$2,000.00

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SAYS THANK YOU

"The CWL of St. Martin Church want to Thank Everyone who supported our successful event on May 5th, 2018 From the feedback we are getting, everyone had a great time which we think was attributed to by the great food (stuffed Pork loin, herb mashed potatoes with gravy, veggies, fresh garden salad, buns topped off with Decaden Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Covered Strawberries) Special Thanks goes to George Yankewenko who donated his time to man our bar single handily - GREAT JOB GEORGE!

Special thanks goes to Treeva Johnson who gave up going out on her own birthday to come and donate her time to be our DJ for the evening - GREAT JOB TREEVA! And last but not least Special Thanks to everyone who came and made the night such a success - we could not do it without your support - THANKS We are happy to report that we made in excess of \$1100 from the dance and the CWL have made a decision to up the amount so we are making a donation to the debt in the amount of \$2000. Keep your eyes open for the next event."

CWL Social Committee (Heather Tomascin, Sylvana Oliver, Elaine Parry, Pat Wirth, Maryann Paradis, Helen Lipiec)

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Erika Davis – May 28
Elaine Pavao-Miller – May 29
Joan Hignett/Marta Pereira – May 31
Dee Turcic/Dan McSweeney – June 1
Pauline Lewis/Doug Oliver - June 2
Bennett Wolek – Jun 2
Eva Bliedung – June 3

Anniversaries:

Mark & Sheri Harkin – May 28
Herman & Sandy Johnson – May 29