

YOUR LOCAL INSURANCE PROVIDER
FARM • AUTO HOME BUSINESS LIFE



www.meesterinsurance.com
competitive rates - flexible payments
905.957.2333
Village Square • Hwy 20 • Smithville

GarageDoorCanada.ca
~Quality. Selection. Value.~
Your Complete Residential Showroom
905.957.4432


MERRITT FUNERAL HOME Inc.
Serving Families for Four Generations
Thomas C. Merritt, Managing Funeral Director
287 Station St., Smithville, Ont. L0R 2A0
Tel. 905-957-7031 Fax 905-957-1371
1-800-461-9498 www.merritt-fh.com

Fresh Food. Friendly Neighbours.
FOODLAND.
905-957-7015

JOHN W. SHIPTON, B.A., LLB
Barrister & Solicitor
SZPIECH, ELLIS, SKIBINSKI, SHIPTON
107 GRIFFIN ST. N., Smithville, Ont. L0R 2A0
Phone: 905-957-7898 or 905-524-2454



www.colesflorist.ca
Visit Cole's Garden Centre in Grimsby.
Full service florist - two convenient locations!
147 Main St. E Grimsby, ON 905-945-2219
184 Highway #8 Stoney Creek, ON 905-664-2810



MARC'S PLUMBING
4939 Alexandra Ave.
Beamsville, On
905-563-7576

Melo's Home Children's Day Care
Phone: 905-957-1742
3534 THIRTY ROAD • SMITHVILLE ON



RICE MONUMENT WORKS
1421 Highway #8, Winona
1-800-533-6102
Bus. 905-643-1027 • Res. 905-957-6943
Andrew Scott
Serving West Lincoln Since 1958

ABOUT THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, "High" Anglicans", "High Lutherans" and "High Presbyterians" accept and celebrate that the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ when we remember the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

So I offer some thoughts on what, hopefully, we might properly and rightfully take for granted in this day and age.

CONSECRATION REMAINS FOREVER

The belief in our faith that declares that once the communion bread has been consecrated (blessed) by a Priest or Bishop during Mass, it remains the Body of Christ has been with us a very long time.

In the year 431 (St) Cyril of Alexandria (archbishop & doctor, 444 AD, February 09) found this acceptance was not widespread. He had to write to Calosyrius, Bishop of Arsinoë: "I hear that they say the sacramental consecration does not avail for hallowing if a portion of it be kept to another day. In saying so they are crazy. For Christ is not altered, nor will His holy body be changed; but the power of the consecration and the life-giving grace still remain in it."

DEVELOPING THE TABERNACLE

In the will of (St) Perpetuus (bishop, 494 AD, April 08) he left to a church a silver dove for containing the Blessed Sacrament. At that time, and at least in the area around Tours, France, it was the practice of reserving the Blessed Sacrament in a vessel shaped like a dove and hanging it over the altar.

RINSING COMMUNICANT'S MOUTH

Before Communion under both species was abolished for the laity, it was the custom to take a drink of water after receiving the Precious Blood, or more probably, under Greek influences, after receiving the dipped Host. This had the effect of rinsing the communicants mouth.

This custom was present in the life of the Church at the time of the year 492.

DEVELOPING MASS PARTS

During each Mass, at the time of the breaking of the Body of Christ at Mass, we sing or say the *Agnus Dei = Lamb of God*. This prayer reminds us that Jesus offered his life on our behalf to God the Father, in the same way that the one year old male lamb was offered to God and eaten during the Jewish Passover meal.

It was during the pontificate of Pope (St) Sergius I (pope, 701 AD, September 08) that he directed that this prayer was to be sung by the clergy and the people. The pope was an alumnus of the Roman school of chant, and believed that music added to a celebration. Pope Sergius I reigned between the years 687 and 701.

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

Pastor
Father Brian Bevan

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 and Benediction
1st Friday @ 8:00 am
3rd and 4th Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Or by request

Baptism
Sunday by appointment

Marriage
Contact Fr. Brian Bevan

Sacrament of the Sick
Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins
Please call the office.

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

St Martin School
Phone 905-957-3032

Cemetery
Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

Diocesan Website
www.saintcd.com

Diocese of St. Catharines

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church



166 West Street, P.O. Box 74
Smithville, Ontario L0R 2A0
Telephone: 289-956-0221
Fax: 289-956-0109
Email: st.martins@cogeco.ca
www.stmartinsparish.net

May 7, 2017

4th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

The 4th Sunday of Easter - Year A

Monday	May 8	Bd. Marie Catherine of St. Augustine, religious 9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Gerald Robillard	by Pauline Lewis
Tuesday	May 9	9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of John Fedorik Sr. 10:45 am Junior Class Mass	by family
Wednesday	May 10	6:30 pm For the intentions of Maria Martins	by Maria Martins
Thursday	May 11	St. Francis di Girolamo, priest 9:00 am For the intentions of Fr. Brian Bevan on his birthday 10:45 am Intermediate Class Mass	by Martha Devlin
Friday	May 12	Canada Health Day 9:00 am For the intentions of Marnie Kervin	by Martha Devlin
Saturday	May 13	5th Sunday of Easter 5:00 pm For private intentions	by Anonymous
Sunday	May 14	9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Anna Mulder and Dina Klunder 11:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Paul Madzo For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	by John and Riky Mulder by Louie Madzo

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Bd. Marie Catherine of St. Augustine, religious; May 08.

Marie Catherine Simon de Longpré was born on May 13, 1632 in France. At the age of 12, she entered the Convent of the Hospitallers of Mercy of St. Augustine, taking the name Marie Catherine of St. Augustine. In the year 1648 she asked to go to Quebec City to help in the first hospital there. She served as nurse and administrator, and her mystic experiences included being tormented by a demon. She was quite sickly throughout her life, dying on May 8, 1668 at the age of 36 years.

She was beatified on April 23, 1989 by Pope John Paul II.

St. Francis di Girolamo, priest; May 11.

Francis was born in Italy, in the year 1642. He was ordained a priest in the year 1666, then taught for the next five years. He joined the Jesuits in the year 1671. Although he wished to be a missionary in foreign lands, he obediently stayed in Italy to preach and teach. He was renowned for his holiness, his preaching abilities, and his ability to call sinners to salvation. Francis died at the age of 74 years.

He was canonized in the year 1839.

He is the patron saint of Father Brian Francis Bevan who was born May 11, 1956.

St. Matthias, apostle; May 14.

Matthias was one of the seventy-two disciples sent out by Christ, in pairs, during his ministry. He was cho-

sen after the Ascension of Jesus, to replace Judas Iscariot, and was ranked among the apostles. He preached in Judea and Greece, and was martyred by crucifixion. His body was kept for a long time in Jerusalem, but was translated to Rome by (St) Helen.

His feast dates to the ninth century.

FEAST THIS WEEK

Our Lady of Fatima; May 13.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917. Three children, Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta received these appearances in a field. The Blessed Virgin called for processions in honour of the Immaculate Conception, frequent praying of the rosary, penance, and prayers for the conversion of Russia. Francisco died in the year 1919, and Jacinta died in the year 1920. Lucia became a Carmelite Nun, dying in the year 2005.

Approval of the apparitions was given in the year 1930, under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary.

DAYS NEXT WEEK

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.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1741.25 to our parish last week.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our Catholic Women's League meets again on Wednesday, May 10. The meeting is in the parish hall and begins at 7:00 pm.

THANK YOU

We offer a thank you to Doug and Maeve Devlin as they retire from involvement in our parish. Through their years here, they have had positions as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Readers, Sacristans and Committee Members.

We wish them well.

APPOINTMENT

Father Brian has appointed Martha Devlin as Sacristan of our Parish. This is effective immediately.

2017 LIFE CHANGE CAMPAIGN

We, at the Grimsby Life Centre, need your help. Next week on Mother's Day, May 14th, the Life Change Campaign begins. We strive to change pain into hope in the lives of our clients. Please pick up your baby bottle and fill it with loose change or a cheque and return your baby bottle on Father's Day.



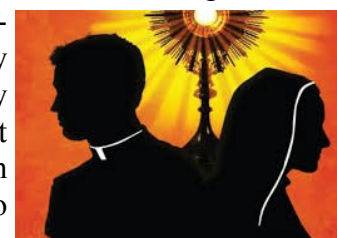
Thank you for helping us help others.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Construction continues on our new St. Martin's Elementary School. As you drive west on Highway 20 from our church, about one km, look on the left. And without being distracted, why not offer a prayer that the work will continue in safety, on schedule, and that our community will appreciate the gift of Catholic education that this school represents.

DAY OF DISCERNMENT

Are you, or someone you know, considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? On Saturday, May 27 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, conse-

crated 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

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.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Kelley Mous/Jeremy Greenwood – May 7
Bianca Kristo/Aeryn MacIsaac - May 7
Alana Zdichavsky – May 7
Kamryn Perry/Daniel Shukovitsky – May 9
Erika Nardini – May 10
Peyton Raposo – May 11
Matthew Bungay/Kelly Duliban – May 12
Dosseh Sassou-Messan/Grace Nardini – May 13
Owen Long – May 14

Anniversaries:

Tony & Brenda Malevich – May 7
Ron & Grace Nardini – May 10
George & Carol Sorbara – May 11