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BE EASTER PEOPLE

This Third Sunday of Easter continue with lessons of hope for abundant new life in the Risen Lord. We get a glimpse of the "before Easter Disciples" and the "after Easter Disciples" that offer inspiration for positive change in all of us.

We find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. We can make a positive resolution to develop more patience or more discipline in our prayer lives, only to find our temper flaring in traffic or our hand hitting the snooze button instead of getting out of bed to pray. It makes us just want to forget it, to stop trying and go back to our old ways. Those very feelings of discouragement and lost hope make it even harder to try yet again.

But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business. Our Lord greets them with such tenderness, gently asking, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" Then he gives them some fishing pointers, which lead to such a miraculous catch of fish that they finally recognize Him as the risen Lord. Wanting them to be at ease with Him, Jesus then feeds them breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" - discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Good stewards are not necessarily those who have mastered some perfect formula for the giving of time, talent, and treasure. They are those who continue to get back up after each fall, who are willing to continually re-evaluate their goals and priorities as they aim for Heaven. Good stewards simply have more confidence in the goodness of the Lord than fear of their own failure.

And little by little, good stewards find themselves becoming like the "after Easter Disciples", who were proud to be called before the Sandhedrin for "filling Jerusalem" with the Good News of Jesus.

Let's allow ourselves to be renewed with Easter hope on our stewardship journey, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is walking alongside us each step of the way.

Catholic Stewardship Blog

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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
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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
May 5 - 10, 2019

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Ministry Schedule - May 11/12

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Tony Mous
10:00 am - Deanne & Justin Lone

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

Children's Liturgy
Michelle Mullins

Next Fellowship Sunday
May 5

May 5, 2019

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Kelly Ann Staples
#2 - Sue Armstrong
10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger
#2 - Caroline Steger

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom
10:00 am - Mike, Mary & Theresa

Stewardship Counting
Cheryl Dell & Sandy Johnson

May 5, 2019

The 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	May 6	NO MASS TODAY - Fr Christopher's day off		
Tuesday	May 7	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Michele & Kevin O'Neill	by Fr. Christopher
Wednesday	May 8	9:00 am	+For the repose of the souls of Maria daGloria & Connie daSilva	by Maria Borges
Thursday	May 9	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of John Fedorik Sr.	by family
Friday	May 10	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula	by Lisa Susi
		1:00 pm	Catholic Education Week School Mass	
Saturday	May 11	The 4th Sunday of Easter		
		5:00 pm	+For the repose of the soul of Antonio Pais	by family
			+For the repose of the soul of Angelino Medeiros	by the Melo & Mikhail families
Sunday	May 12	10:00 am	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
		11:30 am	Baptism of Amy Elizabeth Mous-Hili	
		6:00 pm	7:30 pm After Alpha - Starting Point Study - Christian Reformed Church	

UPCOMING IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS

- **First Holy Communion May 5 at 1:00 pm**
- **Wedding Celebration - May 25, 2:00pm**
- **Acts19 Women's Retreat May 2nd - 5th**
- **Acts19 Men's Retreat - May 30 - June 2**

THANK YOU PAULINE LEWIS

Since 2006, Pauline Lewis has been instrumental in making our sanctuary beautiful through her talent with floral decorating. After a making a painful decision due to health challenges Pauline has had to resign from this ministry. We would like to thank her for all her many years of dedicated serve to St. Martin of Tours; and for all she has given of her time, talent and treasury. She's a shining witness and an example of a Disciple of Christ.

We suggest that Pauline be honoured next weekend at our "Fellowship Sunday Gathering" (former Coffee Social) in the parish hall. We invite you to personally give her a card of thanks. A parish gift will be given as a sign of our thanks and continued affection for Pauline.

*The Lord, bless and keep you Pauline .
The Lord, let His face shine upon You; and be
gracious to You. May He give You His Peace.*

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:

- May 25 Hike, Pizza, Picnic Activity Planning**
- June 1 Mass, BBQ, Outdoor Games**
- June 15 Mass, Laser Tag, Pizza**
- June 23 Mass, Parish Picnic, Run Activities**

"ALOB" -- Andrew Laubacher

An evening of adoration, praise, and worship!
Tuesday, May 7 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)
St. Kevin Church, 303 Niagara St., Welland
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.;

All are welcome! He is from Ventura, California, and is a recognized praise and worship leader, singer, and featured speaker at the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conferences.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The following children received the Body of Christ for the first time when they received the Sacrament of the Eucharist - First Holy Communion. We invite and encourage the parents to be full participants in our parish faith life. Please remember our young people and their families in your prayer.

April 28, 2019:

Jacob Dydynski, Julianna Evans, Avery Handorf, Noah Hyde, Lily Kuzmich, Anthony Pearson, Macy Roberts, Benjamin Sorbara, Lily Speed, Emma Sunter, Nathan Treble, Mila Trombetta

May 5, 2019:

Tanner Donovan, Jacob Ewing, Jaxson Harthun, Cameron Jovanovic, Jordynn Karrandjas, Chloe Lupton, Katie Messier, Chloe Mous-Hili, Milana Recine, Max Regert, Scarlette Sarantakos, Tia Silverthorne, Luca Sposato, Vayda Ticchiarelli, Kyle Urie, Abigail Vieira, Tyson Vuckovic, Caelyn Whippey

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Next Men's Acts Retreat

Thurs May 30, 7:00pm to Sun June 2, 1:00 pm
Queen of Apostles Mississauga.

If you are interested in the Men's Retreat speak with Father Christopher or email him at:

fr.christopher@hotmail.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 27/28

Sunday Offertory (74 Env):	\$ 1,849.90
Loose:	\$ 122.60
Late Facility Maintenance (2 Env):	\$ 20.00
Late Easter Offering (3 Env)	\$ 170.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,100.00
Parish Debt	\$ 23,774.25

Thank you for your faithful stewardship

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

May 5 to May 10, 2019

The Catholic schools in our diocese will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend.

Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Living as Joyful Disciples." The 2019 CEW theme was inspired by three sources: Renewing the Promise, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; Gaudete et exsultate, the apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. In Renewing the Promise we read: "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action."

On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve." The CEW biblical quote is "Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with indescribable and glorious joy." (1 Peter 1:8)