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Very Rev. Fr. Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane
(Dean of Haldimand)

Administrative Assistant
Financial Recorder
Sandy Johnson
In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Weekday Masses
See Schedule inside of the bulletin

Reconciliation/Confessions
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Requesting Sacraments
Interview and Classes Required

St Martin Elementary School
905-957-3032

Blessed Trinity High School
905-945-6708

Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

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Catholic Women's League
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Hospitality	Ministry Schedule - July 1/2	Communion
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - George Yakowenko	Lector 5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Tom Richardson	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde

June 25, 2023 - Year - A

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Parish Picnic after the Sunday Mass

June 25, 2023

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	June 26	NO MASS CELEBRATED	
Tues	June 27	9:00 am +Yvonne Richard 9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice	by Ray & Sharon Richard
Wed	June 28	St. Irenaeus 9:00 am +Julie Richard 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	by Ray & Sharon Richard Fr. Christopher
Thurs	June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul 9:00 am +Kornelis DeBoer 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group 7:00 pm Rite of Christian Initiation Leader Planning for the Fall - Upstairs small meeting room	by the Newman Family
Fri	June 30	9:00 am Intention Available	
Sat	July 1	Canada Day and The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	July 2	10:00 am +Antonio Mancini	by Fr. John Buis Assembly #3498

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CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

We welcome the following children into the Family of Faith:

Madison Carmen Gazzola - June 25
Isabelle Rosemary Gazzola - June 25
Kellan Lyell Long - July 16
Keira Silvana Long - July 16
All Baptisms are at 11:30 am.

SUMMER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

As we look forward to the summer months we remind those signed up for liturgical responsibilities to do their best in finding a replacement when you are not able to serve. Its crucial that one, and all, serve at our weekend Masses. Thank you!

SUMMER 2023

In the beauty and intricacies of God's created world, we can find many parallel ideas and objects that mirror each other. The seasons of the year mimic the seasons of life, particularly the spiritual aspects of life and the patterns of our individual spiritual growth.

The season of summer represents the time in our lives when everything is going smoothly and we are naturally happy in our surroundings. The warmth of the sun and the length of days has the ability to make everything brighter, better and more enriching. The summer of our spiritual life is when everything is easier. It's easy to pray and be thankful for our blessings. We soak in the love of God like our skin soaks in the warmth of the sun. Our little prayers and sacrifices seem to be as fragrant and full of purpose as a field of summer wildflowers. We find acts of kindness to be almost effortless because we are in a joyous and giving mood.

Summer can reflect the state of grace in our souls. Just like the season of summer where nature is bursting with life, so our souls are fully awake and alive when we live in grace. We are renewed in God's mercy as refreshing as the morning dew on the lush grass.

After a season of barren temptations, chilled hearts, and cold discouragement, our souls transform with new life, just as winter ice melts to summer growth.

In summer our routines change, often slowing down after a year of school schedules and commitments. If we are still busy in the summer, it is usually more a pleasurable busy from the rest of the year. We are going on vacations, having backyard BBQs with friends, and enjoying outdoor activities. We are able to take a break from our normal schedules and find refreshment. Just like the summer season of our spiritual lives, we find more space to rest and be at leisure so that we are renewed and ready to face the harshness of the cold dark days again.

The seasons will continue to cycle around us, and through each season our souls learn different lessons. In the abundant season of warmth and grace, we have the opportunity to feel fully alive, to feel joy in our tasks, gratitude in our hearts, and a lightness to our burdens.

This spiritual fullness prepares us for the empty season of spiritual dryness, sinful choices or harsh suffering where we have to battle against the cold winds of selfishness, frustration, monotony, anxiety, or fear. In this difficult season, we long and seek out the touch of God's warmth. Our dependence on Him pulls us through the stormy blizzard towards the season of summer-like joy again.

SUMMER PRAYER

**Loving God, Creator of all times and places,
we thank you for the gift of summertime,
the days of light, warmth and leisure.**

**Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us
everywhere we look:
the multi-colored flowers,
the deep blue of the sky,
the tranquil surface of lakes,
the laughter of children at play,
people strolling in parks,
families gathered around picnic tables
and the more time to spend with family
and friends.**

**As we open our eyes and ears
to the landscape of nature and people,
open our hearts to receive all as gift.
Give us that insight
to see you as the Divine Artist.
Help us to realize and appreciate
that you are laboring to keep all in existence.
Warm our souls with the awareness
of your presence.**

**Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer
deepen our awareness of your love
so that we may share this with others
and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.**

MEETING REMINDER RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA Leader Planning Meeting
June 29 - 7:00 pm

DIOCESE OF ST.CATHARINES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

PPC Study Series 1 - July 8 - 9am - 12 noon
PPC Study Series 2 - July 15 - 9am - 12 noon
All meetings will be held in-person in the parish hall. Please come prepared. Work books have been distributed and videos will be sent to the individuals participating. We welcome St. Michael's Parish, Dunnville for these training sessions.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENTS

"Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy."
Every third Wednesday Mass at 9:00 am,
followed by breakfast at Lackis.
Please join us. There's room for everyone
(husbands welcome) We continue through
summer. See you July 19 & August 16.
(check bulletin for possible changes to weekday
Masses)

