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SOME CHURCH FIRSTS

THE FIRST CHURCH PROPERTY

The first property in land owned by the Church was a cemetery!
In the year 199 Pope (St) Zephyrinus (pope & martyr, d 217, August 26) named Callistus (who would become Pope (St) Callistus, (pope & martyr, d 222, October 14) the superintendent of the public Christian burial ground on the Via Appia. In time this would be called the cemetery of St. Callistus, in the place where all the Popes from Zephyrinus to Eutychian were buried, except for Cornelius and Callistus himself.
Callistus is said to have extended and unified the cemetery, bringing the isolated private parts into communal possession.
In the assured faith of the resurrection of the body, the bodies of the dead were treated with great respect. The care of the dead did not consist in extravagant pomp, but in a religious gravity and respect.

THE FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Catholic "Sunday-schools" began with (St) Charles Borromeo (archbishop, d 1584, November 4). Charles formed the "Confraternity of Christian Doctrine." to reach beyond the teaching of catechism every Sunday and Holyday. In this way he formed the first Sunday-school two hundred years before Robert Raikes (who brought this effort to Protestant children in England, and set the pattern the modern day approach).
The catechism itself had first been introduced by (St) Jerome Emiliani (priest & founder, d 1537, July 20) about the year 1532. His practice of teaching Christian doctrine to children by means of questions and answers was a first, and it quickly caught on.

FIRST WOMEN'S TEACHING ORDER

The Ursulines - The Company of St. Ursula - was the first teaching order of women in the Church. Founded by (St) Angela Merici (virgin & foundress, d 1540, May 31), its purpose was to give regular and systematic instruction to young girls who were in need of education. At that time there were many young girls and women, especially in the poorer classes, who lacked the simplest religious instruction.
November 25, 1535 is the date recognized as that of the foundation of the Ursuline Order. Angela Merici had placed them under the protection of St. Ursula, patroness of medieval universities and seen as a leader of women. In the year 1544 Pope Paul III confirmed the Company of St. Ursula as a recognized congregation.
In the year 1807 Angela was canonized.

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.

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Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m.
Wed @ 6:30 pm

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

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June 11, 2017

Trinity Sunday

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Trinity Sunday - Year A

Monday	June 12	****NO MASS TODAY****	
Tuesday	June 13	St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor ****NO MASS TODAY****	
Wednesday	June 14	6:30 pm +For the peaceful rest of Susan Richardson Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	by Maureen Flaherty
Thursday	June 15	9:00 am For the health and healing of Paul Massad	by Joyce & Rodney Ross
Friday	June 16	Sacred Heart of Jesus ****NO MASS TODAY****	
Saturday	June 17	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 5:00 pm +For the peaceful rest of Antonio Borges	by Maria Borges
Sunday	June 18	9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Ivo Tusak 11:00 am For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	by the Tusak family

PLEASE NOTE

Father Brian will be away several days this week.

If you need to reach Father Brian for the Sacrament of the Sick or another emergency situation, please call the parish office and leave a message. Father Brian will be checking in with Sandy, our secretary, and the parish answering machine several times each day. He will return your call as soon as he is able.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor; June 13.

Anthony was born in Lisbon, in 1195. He showed a religious interest from the age of 15, and at 26 years old he joined the Franciscans. In his lifetime he was a teacher, preacher, writer, diplomat and retreat director. So impressive was his work that in and around the city of Padua, he was nicknamed *of Padua*. He died on June 12, 1231 at the age of 36.

Anthony was canonized within a year of his death, and in the year 1946 he was named a *doctor of the church* by Pope Pius XII. He is the *patron saint of the poor*.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Sacred Heart of Jesus; June 16.

Celebrated on the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost, we recall that the blood and water which poured out when Jesus' side was pierced by the soldier's lance are the price of our salvation, and the source of the sacraments in the Church.

St. Margaret Mary (virgin, year 1690, October 17) received several revelations from the Lord Jesus, asking that his heart be honoured under the form of a heart of flesh. These revelations began in the year 1673 while she was a Visitation nun in France. In the year 1675 her

final revelation led Margaret to begin a campaign that would act against the ingratitude towards the goodness and mercy shown by the human race toward the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the year 1685 this feast began to be celebrated privately throughout France. In the year 1765 Pope Clement XIII authorized the Mass of the Sacred Heart, and in the year 1856 Pope Pius IX extended this feast to the entire Church.

Immaculate Heart of Mary; June 17.

This feast consists of the veneration of Mary's heart of flesh, representing her life of love for Jesus, her virtues and her inner life.

In the year 1805 Pope Pius VII gave permission for a feast of the *Pure Heart of Mary*. Pope Pius XII consecrated the world with the Immaculate Heart of Mary on December 08, 1942 to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima. Originally celebrated on the octave of the Assumption, since the year 1969 it is now celebrated the day following the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This feast is not celebrated this year because there is no Saturday Morning Mass that day.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; June 18.

This feast honours the Body and Blood of Christ present in the *Blessed Sacrament*. It calls to mind the redemptive effects of the sacrament, and the fact that Jesus uses this sacrament to remain with us until the end of the world as he promised.

It was Bd. Juliana of Mount Cornillon (virgin, year 1258, April 5) who introduced the idea of a feast in honour of the Body and Blood of Christ. Born in the year 1192 in France, she grew up as a talented and gifted child. At the age of 16 years she began to have visions

which asked for a special feast to honour the Blessed Sacrament. After she became a nun, she began suggesting this feast. Her bishop first celebrated it in the year 1246 in Liège, France. After her death in the year 1258, her work was taken up by the man who would become Pope Urban IV. St. Thomas Aquinas (priest & doctor, year 1274, March 7) composed the prayers for the feast. Pope Clement V made it universal in the year 1312.

DAYS THIS WEEK

Father's Day; June 18.

The third Sunday of June is meant to be a day to honour fathers. On this day let us remember all fathers, asking God to bless them and give forgiveness if necessary.

The tradition of Father's Day began in the American State of Washington in the year 1910.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1227.00 to our parish last week through the Regular Sunday Collection and \$523.20 through the Facility Maintenance Collection.

FATHER'S DAY

We celebrate Father's Day next Sunday. Those who listen to "real music" - which of course is Country & Western - might remember this song, written by Holly Dunn. It is entitled "*Daddy's Hands*."

I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer
and reachin' out to hold me,
when I had a nightmare.
You could read quite a story
in the callous' and lines,
years of work and worry
had left their mark behind.
I remember daddy's hands
how they held my mamma tight
and patted my back for something done right.
There are things that I'd forgotten
that I loved about the man,
but I'll always remember
the love in daddy's hands.
Daddy's hands were soft and kind
when I was cryin'.
Daddy's hands were hard as steel
when I'd done wrong.
Daddy's hands weren't always gentle
but I've come to understand,
there was always love in daddy's hands.
I remember Daddy's hands workin' til they bled,
sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed.
If I could do things over, I'd live my life again,
and never take for granted
the love in Daddy's hands.

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LIFE CHANGE CAMPAIGN



Every day at the Life Centre we are visited by families and individuals who need someone to help with their struggles. There are many people who walk around with "the weight of the world" on their shoulders. We are here to help! When you and your family participate in the Life Change Campaign you truly are a blessing for your neighbors. Thank you for partnering with us in this important work.

Please return your baby bottles next week on Father's Day.

PASTORAL NOMINATIONS

Bishop Bergie has announced that the Pastoral Nominations (Clergy Transfers) for this year take effect on August 1, 2017 unless otherwise indicated.

Pastors:

- ♦ Father Benjamin Weber – St. Denis Parish, St. Catharines.
- ♦ To be announced at a later date – St. Patrick Parish, Caledonia.

Parochial Vicars:

- ♦ Father Stephen Bruzzese – Our Lady of the Scapular Parish, Niagara Falls.

Returning to our Diocese:

- ♦ Father David Byrne – assignment to be announced at a later date.

Internship Year:

- ♦ Seminarian Michael Piersanti – at St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby, beginning in September.

Moving from our Diocese:

- ♦ Father Mario Fernandes, O.C.D. – as Director of Ephphatha Retreat House, Edmonton, Alberta.

THE BACK PAGE

Taking a look at some *Church Firsts*.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

- Alexandria & Mackenzie Bungay – June 11
- Julie Dunder – June 11
- Donna DeFilippis / MaKayla DaSilva – June 12
- Natalie Shields / Tarra Lynn Beckett – June 13
- Blythe Alderson / Annette Shukovitsky – June 14
- James Gunn – June 15
- Zachary Tardif – June 16
- Krista Zonruiter – June 18

Anniversaries:

- Bernie & Anita Duggan – June 16