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THE HEALER OF THE SOUL

Jesus rightly earned the title, “Great Physician.” Again, and again Jesus demonstrated his power and deity by confronting every disease presented to him with complete and thorough healing. Moved by compassion, Jesus confronted leprosy, blindness, congenital lameness, and even death was compelled to respond to Jesus’ power. He did not differentiate between the illnesses of Jew or Gentile, both alike received his loving touch. Though Jesus’ compassion was exceptional, and his healing in much demand, we do not get the impression that the physical wellbeing of people was Jesus’ primary concern. Today’s Gospel reading in Mark coupled with last Sunday’s reading, provide a composite of Jesus’ many acts of gracious healing. When the disciples arrived saying that “everyone is searching for you,” their statement sounded like a mild rebuke of Jesus, implying, “Come on get busy healing these people.” Yet Jesus was compelled to move on to other towns to preach the Good News. The very existence of this reality indicates that there is a greater tragedy than physical sickness; the tragedy of a diseased, spiritually sick soul, estranged from God.

Unlike Jesus, and very much like the disciples, we often see physical infirmities and suffering as the worst of evils. We also are greatly moved, and rightly so, by the plight of others’ physical grief. Unlike Jesus, and very much like the disciples, we often are oblivious to the greater human tragedy of a life lived apart from God.

Few of us are miracle workers, and only some are truly trained to help with physical healing of disease and infirmity. Still, we can and should provide comfort and aid to others during their times of physical duress. But when it comes to providing help and healing for those sick of soul and estranged from God we can bring healing power. Like the leper, we can relate the experience of our own spiritual healing, and more importantly we can introduce them to the “Great Physician,” Jesus.

Fr. Henri J.M. Nouwen in the book With Burning Hearts, captures the dilemma of our times; “We live in a world groaning under its losses ... It is a world of endless losses, and many, if not most, of our fellow human beings walk with faces downcast on the surface of this planet. They say in some way or another: ‘Our hope had been...but we lost our hope.’”

Hope is a terrible thing to lose, and almost impossible to live without. It is not the affects of physical circumstances alone that rob people of hope, but the fear that their world and life are out of control, and they despair that nobody cares, and nobody has the power to do anything about it. Yet each week we participate in a celebration of the Savior Lord and receive him who is Hope personified, who has proven his love for us and his power to help. We are holding the antidote that can cure them of the poison of despair if we only will share it. As Nouwen explains, “We recognize him, but that recognition is not just for us to savor or to keep as a secret ... Go and tell. What you have heard and seen is not just for yourself. It is for the brothers and sister and for all who are ready to receive it. Go, don’t linger, don’t wait, don’t hesitate, but move now and return to the places from which you came, and let those whom you left behind in their hiding places know that there is nothing to be afraid of, that he is risen, risen indeed.”

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard P.Bergie, D.D.

Pastor
Father Christopher Gerard Gillen

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 2pm-3pm

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
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

Ministry Schedule - Feb 14/17/18
Hospitality Ministers
6:30 pm - Elaine & Chuck Parry
5:00 pm - Tom Shields
9:00 am - Marcel Pouliot
11:00 am - Justin & Deanne Long

Altar Servers
6:30 pm - Needed
5:00 pm - Needed
9:00 am - Needed
11:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy
Carolyn

Next Hospitality Sunday
March 4th

<p>Diocese of St. Catharines</p> <p>St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church</p> <p></p> <p>166 West Street, P.O. Box 74 Smithville, Ontario L0R 2A0 Telephone: 289-956-0221 Email: st.martins@cogeco.ca www.stmartinsparish.com</p>	
<p>Feb 11, 2018</p> <p>The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Lectors 6:30 pm #1 - Marg Van Geest #2 - Mitch Pogoda 5:00 pm #1 - Tom Shields #2 - Katrina Shields 9:00 am #1 - Sue Armstrong #2 - Marg Van Geest 11:00 am #1 - Maeve Devlin #2 - Gemma Bose</p> <p>Extra-ordinary Ministers 6:30 pm - Needed 5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Tom 9:00 am - Bea, Marcel & Dick 11:00 am - Mike, Mary & Vern</p> <p>Stewardship Counting Adam G. & Mary Anne P.</p>

February 11, 2018

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



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

Monday	Feb 12	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Regina Newman 7:00 pm Diocesan Council for Development and Peace St. Catharines - Father Christopher	by Ted & Joan Wisniewski
Tuesday	Feb 13	9:00 am For the health and healing of Ted Wisniewski	by Joan & Bob Hignett
Wednesday	Feb 14	Ash Wednesday 9:00 am In memory of Joseph Olascki, Charles Parker, Olga Mous And Winnie Stadelbauer (Benefactors) 1:00 pm School Lenten Para-Liturgy with Ashes 6:30 pm +For the repose of the souls of John & Regina Newman	by St. Martin's parish by family
Thursday	Feb 15	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Paul Massad 6:30 pm In thanksgiving for St Martin's CWL	by Joyce & Rodney Ross by Fr. Christopher
Friday	Feb 16	9:00 am For the health and healing of Ted Wisniewski For the intentions of Christopher Mojeski	by the Newman family by Mary Mojeski
Saturday	Feb 17	The 1st Sunday of Lent 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Regina Newman	by the Newman family
Sunday	Feb 18	9:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family 11:00 am For the health and healing of Ted Wisniewski	by Joan Wisniewski & family

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

9:00am Parish Mass
1:00pm Para-Liturgy at School
6:30pm Parish Mass.

Blessing and distribution of Ashes at all Services.

This year the holy season of **LENT** begins on February 14, 2018 and will end 46 days later on March 31, 2018. Lent is a time of fasting, praying and simple living. The parish and diocesan focus is Development and Peace - Share Lent.

The Stations of the Cross are held every Friday of Lent, but not during Easter Triduum. Beginning the First Week of Lent, Friday, February 23, at 6:00pm.

Palm Sunday falls on March 25, 2018 and marks the beginning of Holy Week. April 1, 2018 is Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. It is the most joyous and important liturgical celebration of the year.

INVITATION TO JOIN BIBLE STUDY

Please come out and join us Thursday mornings in the Parish Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for a Bible Study. It is very informal and we study the readings for the following Sunday. Coffee and cookies are served. If you have any questions, speak with Marg Van Geest or Maeve Devlin. Thank you.

ZUMBA FITNESS

Zumba fitness continues in the parish hall each Tuesday evening from 7:00pm - to 8:00pm. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #16421

PARISH SURVEY 2018

Results are now shared.

Please see the enclosed report. Thank you.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Share Lent 2018 The Lenten theme is year: **"TOGETHER FOR PEACE"**

Lent calls us to be peacebuilders...together Three actions: Praying, Fasting, And Almsgiving. The Lenten Magazine is given with today's bulletin. Please read and be informed. Thank you for your solidarity and support of our Canadian Organization Development and Peace.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Joseph Parish Grimsby is hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Blessed Trinity High School in the Cafeteria on Tuesday February 13. Blessed Trinity High School Times - 3 seating times (4:30, 5:30 & 6:30pm). Tickets \$5 each (children under 3 eat for free)

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The Installation of the NEW Executive will be on Thursday, February 15, at the 6:30pm Mass. Meeting to follow in the parish hall.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Be part of this peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, February 14 - March 25. We ask each church to adopt ONE DAY from 8 am – 8 pm, with two or more people to give public witness for one or two hours standing on Portage Street at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign "Pray to end Abortion – 40 Days for Life." To sign up: www.wpcprolife.com, and follow the link. You may sign up at your church or contact Angela: angelabraun@live.com or Annette: loeffenlife@gmail.com or phone 905-931-0363.

DIOCESAN PARISH DISCERNMENT

The Haldimand Deanery (7 parishes) will begin the Diocesan Parish Discernment Process April 1, 2018. An assessment of needs and future direction of our parish will be done, moving the parish from maintenance to mission. A team of at least eight/ten peoples are required for this process. Saturdays mornings at the Catholic Centre from 9:00am to 12:00 noon, beginning April First and continue until November 2018. A group meeting about one per month at the Catholic Centre. The rest of the meetings and the real work takes place in the parish.

RETROUBAILLE

A Lifeline for Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 16, 2018**, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamilton-retrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

This month's topics are: Identifying the Losses – Feb 12 Finding Peace with Deacon Gunther – Feb 26. Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Preregistration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP February 3/4, 2018

Sunday Offering (71 Env): \$1,725.00

Loose: \$211.75

Facility Maintenance Offering (48 Env): \$515.00

Loose: \$60.10

Loaf of Bread Donation from United Church \$50.00

**Thank you for your tithe/stewardship.
God Bless.**

Parish debt is \$32, 530.70

Monthly payment on loan \$635.00

ASH WEDNESDAY/ LENT 2018

Catholics and other Christians around the world are observing Ash Wednesday, February 14 - St. Valentine's Day.

If you too want to observe the holy day according to the Catholic tradition, there are a series of rules you should be familiar with. First, you [can not eat meat](#) on Ash Wednesday, which marks 40 days before Easter and the beginning of Lent.

According to the Catholic [law of abstinence](#), Catholics aged 14 and older must refrain from meat on Fridays altogether (Good Friday also) during this 40-day period, as well as Ash Wednesday.

Per the [Code of Canon Law](#): Canon 1251 Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many Catholics also get ashes on their forehead on Ash Wednesday, [a reminder of our mortality](#) (often stated as, 'we are dust and to dust we shall return'). Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, however, Ash Wednesday [is not](#) a holy day of obligation.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Ethan Diletti/Hannah Whitelaw/Jack Tracey – Feb 11

Katie Messier – Feb 12

John Mulder/Mike Bruculieri – Feb 13

Terry deWilde/Terry Falasca - Feb 14

Joey Hornak/Summer & Shay Soo Lum – Feb 14

Pamela Heikeamp – February 15

Erica DaSilve – February 16

Carlee Alderson/Leslie-Ann Legge – Feb 17

Anniversaries:

Barry & Mary Jane Scott - Feb 13