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ENTERING THE CHURCH

When we enter into the church for Mass, have you noticed our actions as Catholics? Many things happen, and each tells a bit of a story about ourselves, and about our common faith.

We may greet people we see: with a word of welcome, or a nod of the head, or a hand shake, or even a hug. This shows we are gathering together in the house of the Lord.

We may pick up a copy of the bulletin or other information before heading into the church body. Some people like to look through these items to discover new information, or be reminded of what is yet to come. Perhaps it is just being prepared, so that if the homily is not interesting we will have something to fill that time.

We cross from the church entrance over the unseen line that separates the outside world from the holy activities that we have come to share in. Our voices become quieter or perhaps fully silent. Hopefully we are focusing our minds on where we are and with whom – people and God – that we are gathering with.

We may dip our hand in holy water and make the sign of the cross. This is an ancient action that reminds us that because of our baptism we have the right to enter into the church. In fact, the water in the bowl has been used in baptism and kept in the holy water container, in part, for this purpose.

We approach the place where they will sit. There is no particular seating plan, except perhaps where those involved in the ministries will be seated. People pick their seats according to their choice, and do so for many reasons: to sit close to the altar to see and hear better; to be near the back for a wider view of all that happens or be able to exit quicker; to sit in the same area that their family has sat for generations; even to sit where others will realize they are there.

As we approach our pew, we may pause to genuflect or bow our head, as a sign of respect to the altar – and in this parish the tabernacle – located in the sanctuary. It is hoped that when we stop to do this we are aware of others around us, so that a sudden stop on our part doesn't cause others to walk into us.

When entering the seat, we may kneel for a few moments, perhaps making the sign of the cross. Many Catholics do all this even if they arrive late for the service. This time may help us to prepare for what comes next – the life and love sharing that our Mass time is meant to be.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* – the rule book on Mass celebration in the Church - says very little about how Catholics should enter the church. Most of these particular rituals have derived from custom rather than from law. The more we are aware of them, hopefully the more aware we are of how and we have them.

Submitted by Father Brian Bevan, Parish Priest.

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

Pastor
Father Brian Bevan

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses
Listed inside bulletin

Exposition and Benediction
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Sunday by appointment

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July 30, 2017

**The 17th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Monday	July 31	St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest 9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Jean and Alex Finlay	by Marg and Dick Van Geest
Tuesday	Aug 1	St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & founder & doctor 9:00 am In memory of Joseph Olascki, Charles Parker Olga Mous and Winne Stadelbauer (Benefactors)	by St. Martin’s Parish
Wednesday	Aug 2	6:30 pm For the health and healing of Joan and Ted Wisniewski	by the Newman family
Thursday	Aug 3	9:00 am For Private Intentions	by Anonymous
Friday	Aug 4	St. John Vianney, priest Anniversary of the appointment of Father Brian Bevan as Parish Priest 8:00 am Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am For the intentions of St. Martin’s Parish family	
Saturday	Aug 5	Bd. Frédéric Janssoone, priest 9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Cathy MacNiven	by Yvonne MacNiven
		The Transfiguration of the Lord 5:00 pm For the intentions of St. Martin’s Parish family	
Sunday	Aug 6	9:00 am ****AVAILABLE**** 11:00 am ****AVAILABLE****	

SAINTS THIS WEEK

St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest; July 31.

Ignatius was born in the year 1491 at Loyola, Spain. Spending his early years as a soldier, he turned his direction toward studies of theology. He went to Paris in the year 1528, and soon he drew together a small group of like-minded men. He was ordained a priest in the year 1535. In Rome he received permission to form a religious community - the *Jesuits* - in the year 1540. He died, suddenly and peacefully, in Rome, on July 31, 1556.

He was canonized in the year 1622. Pope Pius XI named him the *patron of spiritual exercises and retreats*.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & founder & doctor; August 01.

Alphonsus was born in Naples, Italy in the year 1696. At 16 years old he became a doctor in both church and civil Law. He was ordained a priest in the year 1726. He was well liked due to his preaching and retreats. In the year 1729, he re-created the habit and rule of a convent of nuns, to become the *Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer*. He also founded a community for male missionaries. The men were known as *Redemptorists*, and the women were known as *Redemptoristines*. He became a bishop at the age of 66, but resigned his office at the age of 79, to continue working in education. He died on August 1, 1787.

He was canonized in the year 1839. He was named a *doctor of the church* in the year 1871, and is the *patron of moral theologians and confessors*.

St. John Vianney, priest; August 04.

John was born at Lyons, France in the year 1786. Poor in body and mind he had a difficult youth. He was not considered theologically wise, but his common sense approach to life amazed others. In his parish in the town of Ars, he touched the lives of many people through his preaching, prayer, good works and dedication to Christ. He was regarded as one of the best confessors and counsellors of his time. He died on August 04, 1859.

He was canonized in the year 1925 by Pope Pius XI, who also named him the *patron of parish priests* in the year 1929.

Bd. Frédéric Janssoone, priest; August 05.

Frédéric was born in France, on November 19, 1838. He left school in the year 1856 to support his widowed mother. In the year 1864, he joined the *Franciscans*. He was ordained a priest in the year 1870. In the year 1876 he went to the Holy Land, staying until the year 1881. He reinstated the practice of walking the *Stations of the Cross* through the streets of Jerusalem, built a church in Bethlehem, and organized the care of the holy sites in Bethlehem. In the year 1888, he moved to Canada and developed the *Sanctuary of Our Lady* at Cap-de-la-Madeleine near Trois-Rivières, Quebec. He died of cancer on August 04, 1916.

Pope John Paul II beatified him on September 25, 1988.

DAYS THIS WEEK

Anniversary of the appointment of Father Brian Bevan as Parish Priest; August 04.

Father Brian Bevan was appointed by Bishop Gerard Bergie of the Diocese of St. Catharines, as the replacement for Father Obioma Anyanwu, effective August 04, 2015.

Father Brian was born on May 11, 1956 in St. Catharines, Ontario; ordained a Priest on June 26, 1982 for the Diocese of St. Catharines. He has served previously in St. Denis Church (Assistant Priest), St. Catharines (1982 - 1984); Our Lady of the Scapular Church (Assistant Priest), Niagara Falls (1984 - 1988); St. Elizabeth Church (Parish Priest), Wainfleet (1988 - 1992); Our Lady of Scapular Church (Parish Priest), Niagara Falls (1992 - 1994); St. Helen Church (Parish Priest), Lincoln (1994 - 2005); St. Patrick Church (Parish Priest), Port Colborne (2005 - 2015).

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Transfiguration of the Lord; August 06.

We celebrate the appearance of Jesus to his disciples in glorified form. The gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke record this event. The Transfiguration helps us realize that Jesus completes the works of the Law and the Prophets, for Jesus is the true source of divine truth for those who listen to him.

Celebrated in the Greek Church on August 06 before the year 1000, it came to the Roman Church at a later date.

LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1026.55 to our parish last week through our Regular Sunday Offering and \$2635.00 through the Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Meru, Kenya

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Also known as the Sacrament of Confession and of Penance, this Sacrament is available this week:

Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm

Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

By appointment.

THE BACK PAGE

This week *The Back Page* gives us information on Entering the Church.

OUR LOST & FOUND BOX

Located on the table at the south side of the church entrance, our *Lost & Found Box* may have something for you! Gloves, glasses, prayer books, hats, ear rings and many others can be found there. So if you are missing something - or have found something - then that is the place to have a look.



FINANCIAL REPORT 2016

Included with this bulletin is the Parish Financial Report for last year 2016. It is late in being offered to the parish because I had forgotten it. I had planned on making it available to the parish at Easter time and for whatever reason - lost to me now - I did not. It was brought to my attention and here it is now.

You will of course notice, as reported on page 2 of the report, that we required a parish loan so that we could pay the expenses for the elevator project when the project was completed. As is noted on page 2 there were changes and added expenses that were incurred and approved by the Elevator Committee that were not originally budgeted for, and the elevator fund did not have enough funds to pay out at that time.

So, money from the parish operating account was used to complete payment for the elevator. This placed the parish unable to meet its operating expenses so a loan was needed.

The proper steps were taken to secure this loan. It was cleared by Bishop Bergie and reported to the Parish Finance Council. The loan is repaid at a rate of \$ 630.00 each month.

Fr. Brian

DOOR ANYONE?

The entrance doors that were changed as part of the elevator/entrance lobby work done in our parish, have been stored in our parish garage for over a year. They were kept in case they might be used here.

Well they will have no use here. But somewhere else perhaps? The doors measure:

- Set “A” is 36” W x 79” H x 1 3/4” T
- Set “B” is 30” W x 79” H x 1 3/4” T

Anyone interested in them can speak with Ron Roscovich or Father Brian. First to speak to them is the one to get either one or both sets.

SUMMER WISHES

As our summer continues, let us remember to ask the Lord to hear our prayer of thanksgiving for time off from school and work, our prayer of hope for safety and enjoyment in reconnecting with others, and for those who suffer in anyway, that they will have peace. We trust that the Lord will always continue to give us his blessing.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Aaron Shukovitsky – July 31
Alex Gumieniak/Viviana Volpatti – Aug 1
Kyla Mudjar – Aug 2
Jacqueline Hitchings – Aug 3
Paul Chiarcos/Isabel Pinto – Aug 5
Mary Lang/Meagan Hitchings – Aug 6

Anniversaries:

Rocky & Samantha Sposato – Aug 5
Keith & Mary Seabrook – Aug 6