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**BELIEVE AND SEE**

Easter, when delight was turned to disappointment and disappointment was turned to delight. Surely Satan and the forces of evil must have thought they had won the great battle. If the forces of evil could have danced, surely they must have been dancing in the streets. They thought they had killed the Son of God.

Darkness seemed to have been reigning supreme from the time when Judas and an armed crowd, came to arrest Jesus under the cloak of darkness. Darkness provided the cover for the evil intentions of those persecuting Jesus but also for the shameful abandonment of Jesus by his disciples. Even Peter had to slink away into the darkness to hide his shame.

How the forces of evil must have rejoiced as "from noon onward there was darkness over the whole land," until at last Jesus "gave up his spirit." How they must have believed that this darkness was just a foretaste of the spiritual darkness which would envelope the earth unabated by the Light of the World. But God had another plan and turned their delight to disappointment.

While darkness still seemed to reign, Mary Magdalene and her companions, and later Peter and John, came "while it was still dark" only to find an empty tomb. Disappointment upon disappointment, or so it seemed at first. But when they realized that the face cloth was separate from the other burial wrappings, a ray of hope and light pierced the darkness, never to be extinguished again. Rather, it was a ray of hope and light which was to grow in brilliance as Christ's resurrection became known and its meaning understood. Praise God, disappointment is now turned to delight!

Christ's arrest, suffering, death, burial and resurrection introduced a new creation, a new life that has not only escaped the bonds of death but also the chains of enslavement to our natural passions and their subsequent evil behavior. With Jesus' resurrection comes power to live differently. Jesus introduces a whole new perspective and purpose to life - life lived in union and communion with the Trinity. This new-creation life is described in Ephesians 5 as walking in the Light because through the Holy Spirit's abiding presence we are able to see life with new insight. In addition, walking in the Light implies a life of holiness is possible, free from the shadows of darkness.

Wherever or whenever you are experiencing darkness of the soul, Jesus is there, a Light shining in darkness just as John said in the beginning of his Gospel. We should no longer shrink into our fears believing the lie that evil will triumph, but follow the disciples' example and seek out the resurrected Christ. He is risen, he is triumphant, we are in him, full recipients of his victory. In Christ, we are a new creation, and can experience living as a new creation in the peace and power of Jesus. Contrary to the disciple in today's Gospel reading, we need not see and believe, but instead we have the opportunity to believe and see.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

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Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com  
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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  
Please call the office

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West Lincoln Loaf of Bread  
Parish Events Group  
Parish Financial Council  
Acts Men & Women Retreats Team

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God raised him on the third day and he appeared to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses.  
Acts 10.40-41

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**Ministry Schedule - April 27/28**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tony Mous  
10:00 am - Pat Wirth & George Y.

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

**Children's Liturgy**  
Deanne Long

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
May 5

**April 21, 2019**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Lectors**  
5:00 pm #1 - Kelly Ann Staples  
#2 - Katrina Shields  
10:00 am #1 - Theresa Wilson  
#2 - Tom Richardson

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom  
10:00 am - Marcel, Sherri & Caroline

**Stewardship Counting**  
James Gunn & Antonella Presta

April 21, 2019

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Easter Octave Mon Apr 22	9:00 am	For Acts Retreat Teams Men and Women	by Father Christopher
Easter Octave Tues Apr 23	9:00 am	For all Blessings received from Parishioners	by Father Christopher
Easter Octave Wed Apr 24	9:00 am	Deceased Members of our Parish	by Father Christopher
Easter Octave Thur Apr 27	9:00 am	For the health and well-being of Martha Devlin	by Father Christopher
	11:00 am	Funeral planning meeting	
	5:00 pm - 10 pm	Acts Retreat Team Meeting Mississauga	by Father Christopher
Easter Octave Fri Apr 26	9:00 am	For graces received from Alpha Course and The Holy Spirit	by Father Christopher
	1:00 pm	First Holy Communion Rehearsal for both groups.	
Easter Octave Sat Apr 27	<b>The 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday</b>		
	11:00 am	Funeral Mass	
	5:00 pm	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sunday Apr 28	10:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Ken Lewis	by Pauline Lewis
		For God's blessings upon Anthony & Mateo Notarianni	by Julie & Tony Notarianni
	1:00 pm	First Holy Communion Mass - Mrs. Lee-Anne Szabo's Class	

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS

- **First Holy Communion (2)**  
**April 28, May 5 both 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**

## LENTEN FOOD DRIVES

Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus and St. Martin's Catholic Elementary School Lenten Food Drives. Another successful appeal on behalf of others. Catholic Social Justice is extremely active in Smithville and West Lincoln.

## BLESSED TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Save the date! Blessed Trinity High School, Grimsby is celebrating 25 years of Excellence! Saturday, June 8, 2019 Blessed Trinity is hosting a Pub Night and Open House. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are \$15 each available through the school website or in person in the main office. Sunday, June 9, 2019 Anniversary Mass at St. Joseph Church at 12pm followed by Family Fun!

## (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:**

- April 27 Mass, Pizza, Craft**
- May 4 Food Drive, BBQ, Mass**
- May 25 Hike, Pizza, Picnic Activity Planning**

## WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD DINNER

This year's scheduled program at St. Martin's came to a close at the end of March. (We hosted also in January). The program continues at the Smithville Canadian Reform Church. It was truly a wonderful experience to serve and be served. A wonderful atmosphere in our church hall was experienced with music performances and delicious meals being served and enjoyed. Our numbers were less than in previous years for most Thursdays, but our last Thursday's dinner, we had a considerable increase in the number of our guests. Thank you, and to all who made this program happen; and for those that joined us for the first time. "A Big Thank You!" God bless you all for your generous hearts.

Loaf of Bread Committee

## BE INSPIRED AT THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2019

Special Invitation to our  
Parish Discernment Team, Youth Ministry,  
Catholic Women's League,  
Knights of Columbus and Parish Events Group.  
A rep or 2 from each group.

### **Host Site Location:**

St. Michael Catholic High School,  
8699 McLeod Road, Niagara Falls

**When:** Sat. May 4, 2019 8:45 am – 4:30 pm

**Cost:** FREE

**Register:** [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

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**Registration:** The easiest and fastest way to register is to encourage your parish team to go online and register themselves at:

[www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

If members wish to register online please inform the parish office immediately, as we do need to finalize numbers for the diocese. Please consider making time, and showing intent in attending this wonderful event. Thank you.

## DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SHARE LENT COLLECTION.

This annual collection will remain open for the entire month of April. Special envelopes are contained in the offertory envelope box. If you don't use offertory envelopes then kindly pick up the special envelopes that are available at front foyer. A good guide is to give \$1.00 per day for the 40 Days of Lent. Thankfully, many will give so much more.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 13/14

Sunday Offertory (91 Env):	\$ 2,018.75
Loose:	\$ 124.50
Facility Maintenance (58 Env):	\$ 725.00
Loose:	\$ 78.10
Development & Peace (8 Env)	\$ 205.00
Catholic Women's League Don	\$ 200.00
Parish Donation:	\$ 500.00
Candles:	\$ 239.00
<b>Weekly Budget for 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 2,100.00</b>
<b>Snow Removal/Salt to date:</b>	<b>\$ 5,181.20</b>
<b>Parish Debt:</b>	<b>\$23,457.56</b>

Thank you for your weekly stewardship

## ACTS RETREAT PRESENTATION

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, a brief presentation following Mass will take place as we invite retreatants for the upcoming retreats for both men and women.

From our parish:

- Marcel Pouliot - Retreat Director
- Bob Paquin - Co-Director
- Dick Van Geest - Core Team
- Sandy Johnson - Co-Director for Women's Retreat.
- Father Christopher - Spiritual Director for Men's Retreat and Main Celebrant and Preacher for Women's Retreat.

## ACTS19 RETREAT

### Adoration, Community, Theology, Service

A parish ACTS Retreat strives to achieve the directives of the Second Vatican Council.

*It is a powerful community  
building experience.*

### **Next Men's Acts Retreat**

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

### **Next Women's Acts Retreat**

**Thurs May 2, 7:00pm to Sun May 5, 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](mailto:fr.christopher@hotmail.com)

If you are interested in the Women's Retreat speak with Sandy at the parish office or email:

[st.martins@cogeco.ca](mailto:st.martins@cogeco.ca) or [sandy.cj@live.com](mailto:sandy.cj@live.com)