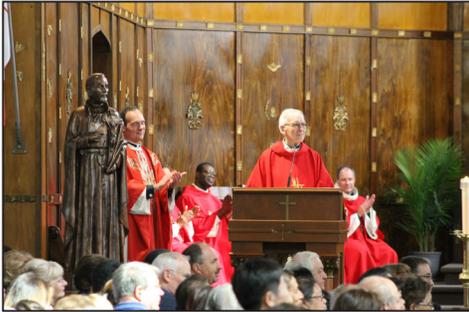




MARTYRS' SHRINE

Weekly Church Bulletin | *October 5th 2019* | 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Of Treasure and Clay Jars

Perhaps it was the beautiful pottery that was on display at the silent auction at the annual Tiawenk Dinner that fixed on my heart an image from a reading at the Canadian Martyrs' Feast Day Mass and which has helped me to reflect on what that Mass and Tiawenk Dinner on 28 September meant for me. "We have this treasure in clay jars" ... (2 Cor. 4:7) were the words that began the second reading. The Feast Day celebrations were a reminder for me of both - an enduring treasure but also the reality of fragility and impermanence that is the clay jar.

It was a privilege to gather in the Church with other pilgrims from many places and cultures to celebrate Mass and hear Fr. Michael Knox, S.J. remind us again of the story of the Canadian Martyrs, of their perseverance, courage, and willingness to be faithful to the message of the Good News of God's love in the midst of suffering and hardship. Their witness to the Gospel is the treasure, as is the community created because of it. Yet as I looked around the beautiful Church, not built from clay, but from other impermanent materials, I couldn't help but think of the clay jar too. The Shrine is in need of a new fire-suppression system to help ensure that the treasure that is the story of the courageous witness of the martyrs can continued to be shared. The funds raised from the annual Tiawenk Dinner will contribute to that new system.

That treasure of community and the qualities of perseverance, commitment and sharing the Story that are part of the legacy of the men whose feast we were celebrating was made manifest to me in so many ways by the variety of people and groups involved in preparing for the Feast Day. The Tiawenk Planning Committee Members met many times after busy workdays. Their hours of labour to secure so many donations and items for the auctions, and to prepare a fun and inspiring evening has been an experience of gratitude- gratitude for their generosity and for the generosity of the many people who donated toward the goal. It was an honour for me to be part of the Tiawenk Dinner Planning committee.

I am grateful to have shared in the Feast Day celebrations of the Canadian Martyrs and I pray that I, along with all others who shared in the day continue to know that we carry the treasure of the witness of these men in our unique clay vessels.

Ms. Sherry Chapman, Trustee
Martyrs' Shrine Board of Trustees

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CLOSING DAY 2019

As we begin to wrap-up our 2019 season, we would like to express our gratitude for the presence and generosity of each one of our pilgrims who made the journey to Martyrs' Shrine to walk alongside St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions towards a deeper union with Christ. Our final day of the season will be Thanksgiving **Monday the 14th of October** - note there is no 7:30 PM Mass on this day. Martyrs' Shrine will reopen on the first Saturday of May 2020. Please know that the Jesuit fathers will be praying for you over the winter months.

MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Strategic Planning - Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB

As the education landscape continues to evolve, the time has come for the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board to review and update its multi-year strategic plan. Please take 15 minutes to complete a short survey about Catholic education in your community. The thoughts, opinions and ideas of those in our parish communities will help us develop a solid plan for our future. Please visit our Board Website at www.smcdsb.on.ca and click on the Strategic Planning icon at the top of the page. #TellUsWhatYouThink!

TOONIE CHALLENGE

The Church of St. Joseph was not constructed for year-round use. For that reason, the Church was never insulated, and is not heated. A specialized dry-air fire suppression system is required. Our system is in need of an update including replacing its pipes that are at the end of their life. Please support this project through our toonie challenge. If every pilgrim who visited Martyrs' Shrine gave a toonie, we would reach our fundraising goal. Yellow envelopes are available at the rear of the Church for anyone who would like their gift recorded and included on their annual donations receipt for income tax purposes.

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MASS INTENTIONS †

5-SAT

- 9:00 Angela Natividad
- 10:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association
- 12:00 Antonietta & Pasquale Schettino
- 7:30 Veronica Jordan Vincent +

6-SUN

- 9:00 Savundra Family - Thanksgiving for blessings
- 10:30 Rogelio Quilala & Elsie Castro
- 12:00 Giuseppe Boragina +
- 7:30 Kate Loncar +

7-MON

- 9:00 Family of Ugo Stagliano
- 12:00 Alan Nair - Thanksgiving
- 7:30 Raffella & Nicola Malfara +

8-TUE

- 9:00 Maria Antony Family
- 12:00 Deceased Relatives of Angela Boragina Stagliano +
- 7:30 Raffella Boragina & Copone Families

9-WED

- 9:00 Augusto Stagliano +
- 12:00 Angela & Pasquale Stagliano +
- 7:30 Costanza & Francesco Gagliardi +

10-THU

- 9:00 Maria & Domenico Gagliardi +
- 12:00 Rosalie & Frank Pepevnak +
- 7:30 Family of Ugo Stagliano - Thanksgiving

11-FRI

- 9:00 Patrick Kerrigan +
- 12:00 Rosa & Antonio +
- 7:30 Giovanna & Ferdinando Boragina +

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