The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany,
February 24, 2019

8:30 a.m. SAID EUCHARIST
Celebreat: Fr. Philip
Greeting and Collect for Purity, page 185 (Green Book)
Gloria, page 186
The Collect (see inside leaflet)
First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm: 37:1-7 (see inside leaflet)
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Sermon: Fr. Philip
The Nicene Creed, page 188
Prayers of the People 6, page 115
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Prayer over the Gifts (see inside leaflet)
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The Breaking of the Bread 1, page 212
Prayer after Communion (see inside leaflet)
The Doxology, page 214
Blessing and Dismissal.

Donating to St. Martin’s
Tax receiptable donations can be made to St. Martin’s by going to www.stmartininthefields.ca and clicking on ‘Donate’ at the top of the web page.
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia
Rector’s Report to Vestry: Fr. Philip
The Nicene Creed, page 188
Prayers of the People 6, page 115
Confession and Absolution, page 191 (please kneel)
The Peace, page 192

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Offertory Hymn: 546 (Blue Book) London New
Greeting and Collect for Purity, page 185 (Green Book)
Gloria:
The Collect (see leaflet)

Introit Hymn: 546 (Blue Book) Gerontius

THE CATHEDRAL on Sunday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. Adult baptisms are often celebrated at the Easter Vigil (this year—Saturday, April 20 at 8:30 p.m.).

Help needed for the Out of the Cold dinner
This year, yet again unfortunately, there is a great need for temporary housing for homeless people. The Out of the Cold program helps from November to March with that need. St. Martin’s provide the Out of the Cold dinner next Sunday March 3rd, at St. Matthew’s, Islington. Here’s a chance to be part of that transformative experience. The following volunteers are needed: 3 people to serve in the kitchen and 1 person to do dishes (can lift a fully loaded dishwasher tray) next Sunday, March 3rd from 4 – 7 p.m. at St. Matthew’s; people to help with food preparation next Saturday, March 2nd beginning at 9 a.m. at St. Martin’s. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Judith Kidd at jvkidd@sympatico.ca

Exploring Faith
This course for 11-13 year olds, will be offered at St. Martin's in March over four weeks. Talk to Grace for more details.

Concert at St. Martin’s
The Acquired Taste Choir presents a concert tonight at St. Martin’s at 7:30 p.m. The program includes works by Togni, Debussy, Bruckner, Raminsh. Tickets—$25 (adult), $20 (senior) and $10 (student) - will be available at the door.

Black Heritage Celebration
The diocese’s 24th annual Black Heritage service will take place this afternoon at St. Paul’s, Bloor Street with music beginning at 4 p.m. and the service at 4:30 p.m. The theme for this year’s service is Journey into Light: Giving thanks for our Ordained Ministers. The preacher will be the Rev’d Ian LaFleur.

Don’t miss an Issue
The Anglican and the Anglican Journal are updating their subscription list. If you wish to continue to receive the newspapers, there are four ways to do so: fill out the form at anglicanjournal.com/yes, e-mail yes@national.anglican.ca with your name, address, phone and ID numbers, phone 1-866-333-9059 or fill out and mail the notice from the papers to Anglican Journal, 80 Hayden St., Toronto, M4Y 3G2. If you do not complete one of these options, your subscription to both papers will end with the June 2019 issue.

We can help our Community
Please remember those less fortunate in our neighbourhood by donating some non-perishable food, and household or personal items for our Blessing Box in the Lychgate. You may also have some books to share. You can bring them for the Little Library and the Kid’s Library. There is a box to receive your donations at the back of the church. God bless.

Mums & Tots Pickleball
Kid’s Church and the Missional Team are hosting a new initiative, an opportunity once a month for Mums & Tots connected to the Pickleball program in the parish. Child care will be provided so that mothers can play Pickleball on the first Thursday of each month, beginning March 4th, from 9:30-11:30. Instruction on how to play is provided. All are welcome.
Announcements

Vestry Meeting
Please pick up a copy of the Vestry Report at the back of the church. Please bring your copy with you to our annual Vestry meeting which takes place after the 11 a.m. service today in the Parish Hall. A light lunch will be served and child care will be provided.

Tax Receipts
Tax receipts for your 2018 recorded donations to St. Martin’s are available at the back of the church. If you have any questions about your receipt, please contact the Envelope Secretary, Jonathan Gentry, at gentryleishman@gmail.com

Pancake Supper
Tickets are on sale today for our annual Pancake Supper to be held on Shrove Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30—7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are $7 (adult), $5 (child 13 and under), $10 (all you can eat). Volunteers are needed to help with set up, cooking, and clean-up. Please speak to Jay Haddad (416-767-4120) if you can help. This is a great occasion to invite friends and neighbours to join you for this happy event.

Palm Crosses
Ash Wednesday is fast approaching. Please bring in your palm crosses from previous years so that they can be burned to create the ashes to be used at the services on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Thank you.

Lenten Study Series
St. Martin’s parishioner, Prof. Joe Mangina, will lead a Lenten series on the Apostles’ Creed. All are welcome. The series will begin with a light lunch and first session on Sunday, March 10 after the 11 a.m. service, and will then continue on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning March 19. We will be using the book The Apostles’ Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism by Ben Myers. Copies of the book can be purchased on-line or you can speak to Fr. Philip who can order a copy for you.

Pilgrimage to Rome
A special presentation will be made on Saturday evening, March 23 by St. Martin’s parishioner, Jenn McIntyre, who is also the Director of Romero House. Following a pizza supper at 6 p.m., Jenn will speak about and show pictures of her recent pilgrimage with several others from Romero House to attend the canonization of Arbp. Oscar Romero at St. Peter’s in Rome. The evening will conclude with Compline.

World Day of Prayer
This year’s World Day of Prayer ecumenical service for our neighbourhood will take place at Runnymede Presbyterian Church (680 Annette) next Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. with fellowship to follow. All are welcome.

Baptism and Confirmation
Adults interested in preparing for the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation, are invited to speak to Fr. Philip. A preparation programme will begin soon. The diocesan service of Confirmation will take place at St. James’

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving to God for all the many blessings that we have received at St. Martin’s over the past year.

The Readings for Next Sunday
The Last Sunday after Epiphany
Exodus 34:29-35    Psalm 99

The Collect
Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenl grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis
Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45:3-11,15
A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus said, “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”


Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives, and know its fulfillment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.