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Vision of St. Martin of Tours

To be a thriving parish community rooted in our Catholic faith, evangelizing, and welcoming all to participate in Worship and to serve our parishioners, schools and those in our community of West Lincoln.

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

- Faith:** We will meet parishioners where they are in their faith journey and help grow their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Evangelize:** We will share the hope and joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by living and leading by good example, fostering healing and reconciliation where and when needed.
- Welcoming:** We will invite, welcome, and build healthy relationships, to provide a sense of belonging and community for all.
- Worship:** We will place Jesus Christ at the center of the Liturgy and actively participate.
- Serve:** We will invite all to actively share their talents to establish a vibrant and thriving parish that lives and serves by example.

Hospitality	Ministry Schedule - Feb 14/17/18	Holy Communion
6:30 pm - Sandy Johnson 5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Barb Joyner	Lector 6:30 pm - Caroline Steger 5:00 pm - Sherri deWilde 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	6:30 pm - Needed 5:00 pm - Paula Verrecchia 10:00 am - Caroline Steger

Pastor
Very Rev. Fr. Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane
(Dean of Haldimand)

Administrative Assistant
Financial Recorder
Sandy Johnson
In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
Weekday Masses
See Schedule inside of the bulletin

Reconciliation/Confessions
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Requesting Sacraments
Interview and Classes Required

St Martin Elementary School
905-957-3032

Blessed Trinity High School
905-945-6708

Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organizations
Catholic Women's League
President - Sherri De Wilde
sherridewilde@hotmail.com
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Facility Maintenance
Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreats Teams
RCIA TEAM

Diocese of St. Catharines
Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
President of Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community
1866 -2024

Happy Ash Wednesday and Happy Valentine's Day

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Mission of St. Martin of Tours
We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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February 11, 2024 - Year - B
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	Feb 12	11:00 am Funeral Mass 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Upper Meeting Room	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Feb 13	9:00 am For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by Mike Urban
Wed	Feb 14	Ash Wednesday 9:00 am +Paul Furtado 10:30 am - Mass and Distribution of Ashes at Gethsemane Centre. 11:30 am - Penitential Service & Distribution of Ashes - School - Group 1 12:15 pm - Penitential Service & Distribution of Ashes - School - Group 2 6:30 pm +Elsa Baldasaro 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 21 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting in the Parish Hall	by Paula Melo Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher by Joe Varao Team
Thurs	Feb 15	9:00 am +Fr. Obioma Anyanwu 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by the KOC
Fri	Feb 16	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am For the health and healing of Fr. Christopher	Fr. Christopher by the Newman Family
Sat	Feb 17	The 1st Sunday of Lent 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Albert Poort	by Lisa Poort
Sun	Feb 18	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

We rely on your weekly stewardship to support our faith community of St. Martin. We thank you for your stewardship commitment to our parish, and diocese.

E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app. To transfer funds to St. Martin Parish e-Transfer to:

st.martinsdonation@gmail.com

Please do not enter a security question and answer. You will be informed that your transfer to: The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation has been completed.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for the Month of February

The Holy Father encourages prayers "so that Terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support."

GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Eight youth from St. Martin's School are engaged with the Chosen Program in preparation for Confirmation. We welcome and pray for these students as the start their Confirmation Journey. Still want to join us?

Who: Grade 7 Students.

When: Next session - Feb 10 at 4:45 pm

Where: St. Martin's Church/Hall

Cost: \$50 cover meals and course material

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday - Regular meeting immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass
- Feb 21 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy"
Every 3rd Wednesday, Mass at 9 am and breakfast following at Lackis
Please join us (husbands welcome)
2024 Memberships are past due! If you have forgotten to renew your membership please. Contact our new President, Sherri DeWilde.
Membership for 2024 is \$35.00.

WHY DO WE PRAY THE WAY OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT?

Walking the Way of the Cross is a wonderful Lenten devotion. Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb have been a popular devotion in the history of the Church. Please plan on attending our Way of the Cross Stations) beginning the First Week of Lent, Fri, Feb 23, at 6:00 pm. Church is open at 5:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration prior to the Stations.

Attending Weekday Mass is also a great habit to form for Lent and beyond. Weekday Masses in Lent Monday to Friday 9:00 am.

Lent for all Catholics is a time of renewal. It is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This is especially true for those in the RCIA process. During Lent the journey goes from the head to the heart as the Catechumens/Elect long for the Easter Sacraments.

ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

Once more, the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education (NFCE) is hosting the annual Benefit Gala and presentation of the NFCE Award of Distinction. The foundation supports students in need and provides scholarships. Bishop Gerard Bergie is the honorary guest.

This year's event is on Thurs, Mar 21 - 6:00 pm at Club Roma, StC (\$100 per person -- payable on-line or by cheque to NFCE by Mar. 13).

For further info, call:

905-734-0240, x2141

or e-mail linda.marconi@ncdsb.com

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY (LJHR) March 2, 2024

The 2024 Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) will be held on Saturday, Mar 2, 2024 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. LJHR is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. The theme this year is TAKE HEART: BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED. Adult tickets are \$30 and Youth tickets are \$15.

For registration information visit: www.ljhr.ca

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS CANADA

We believe in the dignity of every person and supports communities so that they can be the architects of their own development.

We work in partnership with almost **100 local organizations** that empower communities in over **34 countries around the world** to defend their rights, act for peace and take charge of their own development.

Parishes are vital to the Development and Peace — Caritas Canada movement. From driving donations to raising awareness to inspiring action, parish communities form a unique connection between people in Canada and our partners in the Global South.

Parish representatives serve as links between Development and Peace - Caritas Canada and parishioners, carrying out campaigns and inviting others into our work. Many parishes even have Development and Peace parish groups, in which members gather to share in a life of solidarity and faith. Please support this Lent Development & Peace and Caritas Canada. Solidarity Sunday/Share Lent Collection is the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2004. We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who feed the planet while taking care of our Common Home. Please read the Development & Peace Magazine included in this week's parish bulletin.

Visit their website at devp.org

WHY DO WE USE ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY?

The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. During this period, Christians show repentance and mourning for their sins, because they believe Christ died for them. When the priest applies the cross of ashes, he says to the worshiper: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. "He also may say "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

It is not required that a worshiper wear the ashes for the rest of the day, although many Christians choose to do so. However, dining out or doing non-essential shopping are considered inappropriate on Ash Wednesday.