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<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Ron & Janet Roscovich 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - Sept 9/10</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Paula Verrecchia</p>
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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 - Maryanne Mous
StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com

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Grand Knight Tony Zanni
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Chair Frank DeFilippis

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

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



Welcome
BACK TO SCHOOL
ARE YOU READY?

Families are Welcomed back to School and our Parish of St. Martin. Children's Liturgy returns and Sacramental Classes for all sacraments begins. Come, and be Welcome by Christ!

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September 3, 2023 - Year - A

The 22nd 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	Sept 4	10:00 am For the health and healing of Arthur & Arleen Marlow	by the Newman Family
Tues	Sept 5	9:00 am For the health and healing of Joyce Ross	by Rodney Ross
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal	
		10:30 am - 12 Noon. (NEW TIME) Church open for prayer, engagement, conversation	
Wed	Sept 6	9:00 am NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
		10:30 am - 12 Noon. Wellspring Niagara, Fonthill. Counselling Sessions	Fr. Christopher
		9:30 am - 12 Noon. St. Luke's Anglican Church open for prayer, engagement, conversation.	
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting in the parish hall.	
Thurs	Sept 7	9:00 am For the health and healing of Barb Joyner	by the Newman Family
Fri	Sept 8	9:00 am NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Sat	Sept 9	<i>The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</i>	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions.	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Sept 10	10:00 am +Nancy Sawchuk	by Mike & Mary Hornak

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Increase your standard of Giving before your increase your standard of Living.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENT

Sept 13 Regular meeting in parish hall at 7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER COFFEE SOCIAL

We aim to prepare for Sunday, September 17, following the 10:00 am Mass. We thank Parish Events Group who are responsible for this gathering. We look forward to some social time together. Please plan on attending.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Calling all active or retired teachers, ECE's and volunteers: We need your help!

We are looking for 3 people to volunteer for Sunday morning Children's Liturgy. Training will be provided and all materials are ready to go. Police check is required (organized by the Parish Office).

Our goal will be to have you cover one Sunday per month from September to June. Many hands make for light work! Please contact the parish office today by email or phone.

"But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to them."
Luke 18:16

Children's Liturgy begins Sunday, September 17.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

If you are considering entering a marriage or remarriage in the Catholic Church at some point, speak to a priest, or contact the Diocesan Catholic Marriage Tribunal in St. Catharines at:

905-687-8817.

To enter into a marriage in St. Martin one should be registered in the parish. Please call at least six months in advance to make arrangements. If not a registered member of our parish, we must have a Letter of Permission from the Pastor in which the person(s) is registered. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Throughout the summer, many parishes across the diocese held the Parish Pastoral Council Study Series developed for our diocese by Ron Huntley leadership. The study was designed to have participants explore ideas about leadership, and learn what successful Parish Pastoral Councils could be like. Our parish actively participated in the study series. Setting up for success takes time, discernment, the breath of the Holy Spirit and your prayers and support, and the process is just starting. You - the parishioners of St. Martin - actively participated in both the Diocesan lead Discernment Process before COVID -19 and Pope Francis' Synod Listening Sessions. Both provided an abundance of feedback to give our newly formed Parish Pastoral Council a strong starting point. Stay tuned... as next week we will present to you the members of our Parish Pastoral Council.

BECOMING CATHOLIC?

St. Martin's Parish RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you fit any one of the following descriptions (or if you know of someone who does), call us!

- anyone who wants to join the Catholic Church
- anyone who wants to consider entering the Church
- anyone who was baptized but never received the other sacraments
- anyone who simply wishes to inquire about Catholicism
- anyone Catholic who feels that they would like to review or increase their knowledge of the faith (and at the same time, act as a parish sponsor for an inquirer)

The process begins on Wed Sept 20, 2023 and will run every Wed until May 15, 2024 from 7 - 9 pm. There's no time like the present to signal one's intentions!

GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE

We support the excellent ministry of Grimsby Life Centre. Their late Summer/Fall Newsletter is inserted in today's parish bulletin.

Wonderful read of Promise and Hope.

Enjoy!

LABOUR DAY

The first Monday of September has been set to celebrate and value in Canadian society, the role of workers and their work by providing, ironically and fittingly, a day off to rest and enjoy the fruits of one's labour. It also affords a tremendous opportunity to reflect on the deeper meaning of work, which the language of faith provides.

Take a few minutes on Monday that is Labour Day, to find compelling answers to these questions: How is my job creating good in my community? How is my job helping fix what is broken in my community? Happy Labour Day!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION:

Friday, September 1

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" (Amos 5:24)

In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation, Pope Francis highlights the importance of a transformation in our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies, in order to heal our common home.

"Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation," he says. The ecumenical "Season of Creation" extends from September 1 to October 4.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

"We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions: may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance."

SCHOOL PRAYER FOR PARENTS

Lord, I pray that my kid(s) will develop a passion for the things of God.

I pray they will hunger and thirst for You and Your Word and will love You with all of their heart, soul, and mind.

Give them compassionate and generous hearts to love others as much as You love them.

I pray they will always work and study with excellence,

but that You will help them desire a servant spirit of greatness, rather than a worldly lust for success.

I pray they will fall in love with Jesus over and over again. Amen.