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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.

Ministry Schedule - May 17/18

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am -Cathy & Frank C	5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Valerie N 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	10:00 am - Judy Terpstra

Ministry Schedule - 24/25

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Cathy Ransome	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	10:00 am - Sherri deWilde

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 1:00 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
(or by appointment)

Requesting Sacraments
Interview and Classes Required

St Martin Elementary School
905-957-3032
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905-945-6708

Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's League
President - Sherri De Wilde
sherridewilde@hotmail.com

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

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Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
President of Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops
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St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community
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May 11 & 18, 2025 - Year - C
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 4th & 5th Sunday of Easter

May 11 & May 18, 2025
4th and 5th Easter Sunday - Year C
MASS TIMES, /Masses and CalendarSchedule/Calendar Mass
MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:30 am

Mon	May 12	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		6:30pm - 7:45pm Virtual Meeting Social Justice Archdiocese of Toronto	Fr. Christopher
Tues	May 13	9:00 am +David Harris	by Joan & Bob Hignett
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	May 14	<i>St. Matthias</i>	
		9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
		10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass Wellandport /Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:00pm Catholic Women’s League monthly meeting in the parish hall	
Thurs	May 15	9:00 am +Mary Fedorik	by Family
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	May 16	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men’s Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am For the special intentions of the former members of KOC 16421	by Michael Urban
		9: 25am Way of the Cross (Stations) Presented by the Catholic Women’s League	
		2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Diocesan College of Consultors Virtual Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 17	<i>The 5th Sunday of Easter</i>	
		12:30pm - 2:00 pm Virtual Meeting Parish Leadership Coaching	Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin’s Parish Family	
Sun	May 18	10:00 am +Drew Laird	by St. Martin’s
		11:30am- 12:00 pm Celebration of Christian Baptisms	Fr. Christopher
		11:00am - 12:00pm Fellowship Sunday Event in the Parish Hall	
Mon	May 19	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	May 20	9:00 am +James R. Flaherty	by Maureen Flaherty
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	May 21	9:00 am +Jose Falcao	by Maria Borges
		10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass Wellandport	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 22	9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	May 23	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men’s Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am +Anna Verrecchia	by the Newman’s
Sat	May 24	<i>The 6th Sunday of Easter</i>	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Joyce Ross	
Sun	May 25	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin’s Parish Family	

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FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

May 18, 2025

Please join us downstairs in the Hall after the 10:00am Mass for Coffee and treats.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Catholic stewardship during Easter. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and reflect on the gift of new life. This includes expressing gratitude for the blessings of faith and sharing the joy of the Resurrection with others. Specific activities might include attending Mass, participating in prayer, engaging in charitable acts, and offering support to the Church and its Mission.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE TEA SOCIAL

The CWL Social Committee would like to thank all the ladies who attended our "Paris themed" Tea this past Sunday. We had a great turnout of about 50 ladies who enjoyed the tea, goodies and conversation.

EASTERTIDE 2025

Easter is a 50-day celebration in Christianity, not just the single day on which the Resurrection of Jesus is commemorated. This period, known as Eastertide or Easter season, is a time for ongoing joy and reflection on the Resurrection and its implications. It extends from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, 50 days later, and is marked by various traditions and celebrations.

UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISMS

May 18, 2025

Sofia Sandra Bruccoleri

Alessia Giovanna Laird

June 22, 2025

Emilia Gabriella Annette Chabot

July 20, 2025

Lennon Rae Hare

DIOCESAN INITIATIVES IN OUR JUBILEE YEAR

The MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series continues. Messages of Hope Sessions are free; Everyone is welcome! To register use this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/rehnH9PdnB?origin=lprLink>

Upcoming sessions in the Series:

May 24, 2025 Speaker: Dr. Joseph Lombardi,
Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine,
Port Colborne

June 14, 2025 Speaker: Cardinal Thomas Collins,
Archbishop Emeritus Toronto
Place: Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport

WEEKEND COMPUTER OPERATOR FOR LARGE SCREEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to operate the computer before and during the Sunday Mass.

No experience is required.

Training will be available.

Requirements are:

- Arrive for Sunday Mass 30 minutes early
- Commitment to show up when scheduled

DIOCESAN PRIESTLY RETREAT

May 26 - 30, 2025.

Bishop Bergie and diocesan priests will be at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre for their annual retreat. There will be no weekday Masses. Office is open and Emergences are covered.

WHO IS THE NEW POPE LEO XIV?

First Pope from the United States. Pope Francis was from Argentina - South America. Pope Leo is not the first American Pope. Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected as the first US-born pontiff and will be known as Pope Leo XIV. Leo made his first remarks as pope from the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica in front of tens of thousands of onlookers, calling for peace and paying tribute to the late Pope Francis.

About the new pope: Leo, a 69-year-old from Chicago, is a leader with global experience. He spent much of his career as a missionary in South America and holds dual citizenship in the US and Peru, where he served as a bishop. He most recently led a powerful Vatican office for bishop appointments. He is expected to build on Pope Francis’ reforms.

In his first words as Pope Francis' successor, uttered from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica, Leo, 69, said, “**Peace be with you,**” and emphasized a message of peace, dialogue and missionary evangelization. He wore the traditional red cape of the papacy — a cape that Francis had eschewed on his election in 2013.

NATIONAL HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

May 4 - 10, 2025.

St. Martin’s Catholic Women’s League will be supporting this week by holding 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on Thursday, May 8 from 9 am to 9 pm. Members are encouraged to commit to one hour of prayer at home. A package containing examples of palliative care prayers, prayers and reflections for caregivers, healthcare workers and the sick will be emailed to members. To register your hour please email:

StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com The CWL will also be leading the Stations of the Cross after morning Mass on Friday, May 16, using ***The Way of the Cross Today: Reflections on Suffering in Sickness and Dying*** Written by Sr. Nuala Kenny, SC, MD, OC, FRCP.

Lastly, a member of West Niagara Palliative Care Services Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers will be coming to our CWL meeting on May 14 at 7 pm to give a presentation. **All members of St. Martin of Tours Parish are invited to attend.**