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

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

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
Financial Recorder
Sandy Johnson

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 - Pierre Paradis
jpierre.paradis@live.ca

Facility Maintenance
Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council (Pending)
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
Youth Ministry
ACTS Retreats(4) Teams

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April 2, 2023 - Year - A

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Apr 3	Holy Monday NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED FATHER CHRISTOPHER AWAY
Tues	Apr 4	Holy Tuesday 9:00 am For the health and healing of Lloyd Buchan by Bob & Joan Hignett 9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice 7:30 pm CHRISM MASS AT CATHEDRAL ST.CATHARINES
Wed	Apr 5	Holy Wednesday 9:00 am Mass Intention Available 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour/Confessions ending with Benediction Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Apr 6	Holy Thursday - The Lord's Supper 12 Noon Development & Peace Stations of the Cross Canada Wide Virtual Fr. Christopher will be a presenters since he serves on Diocesan Council for D&P. 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. For the Deceased Priests of Our Diocese Adoration at Altar of Repose until 9:30 pm
Fri	Apr 7	Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group Fr. Christopher 10:00 am Ecumenical Way of the Cross - St. Catharines Downtown Fr. Christopher 3:00 pm Service of Word, Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion Fr. Christopher
Sat	Apr 8	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - Year A 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm Second Saturday Conversation Leadership Virtual Fr. Christopher 8:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family
Sun	Apr 9	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 10:00 am. For all deceased parishioners who died since last Easter.

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. Thank you

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7 Last Day for CWL Krispy Kreme order
- April 12 Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm parish hall
- April 17 Krispy Kreme pick-up time 4 - 7pm in parish hall.
- April 19 "Feed Your Tummy, Feed Your Soul" every third Wednesday Mass at 9:00 am. Breakfast following at Lackis. Please join us, room for everyone (husbands welcome).
- May 7 Spring High Tea - parish hall, 2:00 pm
More events being planned, watch for updates!

SYNOD IN ACTION - WHAT WE BELIEVE

One of the question at the Synod Listening Sessions was "What hinders you from speaking out?" At every session, the answer to that question was lack of knowledge and fear. To help with educate and to alleviate fear we will be running a course entitled: **What We Believe, The Beauty of the Catholic Church by Ascension Press**. This course will run every Tuesday evening after Easter for 10 weeks starting on April 11th from 7pm - 9pm.

If you are interested you must preregister as books will need to be purchased by the office. The whole participate package will cost \$42.95 + tax or just the book for \$22.95 + tax. If you opt for the second option, you will receive a list of the readings and questions from the office.

Both options require the 10 week video session to be attended. **To register, call or email the office.**

MASS INTENTIONS REQUIRED

Call or email the office or use the special Mass envelope and place in the collection basket.

PARISH SCHEDULE PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY/HOLY WEEK/ SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

(Weekday Masses: April 4-5.Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday at 9:00 am).
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral,
Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 pm.
Holy Thursday, Apr 6, at 7:30 pm
The Lord's Supper.

Commissioning and Recommissioning of
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers
Altar of Repose time of prayer until 9:30 pm.
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.
Good Friday, April 7, 3:00 pm.
Holy Saturday, April 8, Easter Vigil 8:00 pm.
(NO VIGIL MASS AT 5:00 PM)
Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:00 am Mass.

SPRING ACTS RETREATS

Held at Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre
Mississauga.

Women's Retreat May 4 to May 7.

Men Retreat May 25 to May 28.

More information to follow.

Call the parish office if interested.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY And DIOCESAN REFUGEE MINISTRY

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7, 2023. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting:

www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us

DIOCESAN REFUGEE MINISTRY

The recent arrival of over 4,300 refugees and asylum seekers in Niagara Falls has stirred a call to action to collect and distribute clothing. Our Lady of the Scapular Parish is organizing a clothing drive and invites other local parishes and individual families to collect new or gently used clothing, sort, and transport them to St. Ann Parish Hall (5740 Buchanan Avenue, Niagara Falls) on Thursday, April 13th or Friday, April 14th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. For more information, call Fr. Basque at Our Lady of the Scapular Parish at 905-358-7611. We have provided a bin in the foyer here at St. Martin's to receive your clothing. Thank you.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE & CARITAS CANADA

THIS LENT: "STAND FOR THE LAND"

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the "People and Planet First" campaign with your "Share Lent" donation! This will help support our brothers and sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your envelope (extras are at the church doors) in the collection, or else donate on-line (devp.org/give). Continue to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice!

The "Share Lent" Special Collection took place last weekend March 25-26. This annual Share Lent Collection will remain "OPEN" until April 23, 2023. We encourage YOU to offer your Lenten Almsgiving and Financial Support /Solidarity to our annual Share Lent. Special envelopes have been provided in the stewardship box and you may find those special envelopes available in the church foyer. Thank You!

FEEDING HUNGRY STUDENTS PROGRAM IN NEED OF FINANCIAL HELP

Every day in Niagara, one in five students goes to school hungry, forced to rely on school food programs. In recent school years, in cooperation with Niagara Nutrition Partners, over one million meals have been served annually in Niagara Catholic District School Board nutrition programs. Now, there are serious concerns because schools are facing unprecedented need and the financial support required to maintain the current levels of quality food programming. Triggering these budgetary challenges are the increase in the number of students who rely on being fed at school, and an increase in the cost of food and delivery.

To assist in ensuring that this program continues, the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is reaching out to the community for any level of financial support possible. If you can help feed students in need please make cheques payable to Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education.

Mailing address, 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 7C1 Visa and Mastercard also accepted. Donate on line through: Foundation website at www.nfce.org
phone (905) 735-0247 extension 210,
Email, jim.marino@nfce.org

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

"That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources." His intention to evangelization is: "That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness."