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	Ministry Schedule - Sept 23/24	
<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Dick Van Geest</p>

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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Facility Maintenance
Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Events Group
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
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St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community



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WE ARE MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER
WE ARE MOVING FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION
WE ARE MAKING DISCIPLES

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September 17, 2023 - Year - A

The 24th 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 18	9:00 am +Kamil Pachowica	by Danuta Mazur
Tues	Sept 19	9:00 am +Jose Carlos aSilva	by the Melo & Mikhail families
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal	
		10:30 am - 12 Noon. (NEW TIME) Church open for prayer, engagement, conversation	
		11:00 am Opening School Mass at the School Gymnasium - Group 2	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Sept 20	NO PUBIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		9:30 am - 12 Noon. St. Luke's Anglican Church open for prayer, engagement, conversation.	
		7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session One. Upper meeting room	
Thurs	Sept 21	St. Matthew	
		9:00 am +Kamil Pachowicz	by Teresa & Marek Kazmiewski
Fri	Sept 22	9:00 am +David Robinson	by Pauline Lewis
Sat	Sept 23	The 25h Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A	
		9:00 am - 3:30 pm Diocesan Leadership Workshop	Parish Pastoral Council
		No Confession due to the late end of Diocesan Leadership Workshop	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Sept 24	10:00 am For God's blessings upon Karina Simoni on her 1st Birthday	by Danuta Mazur

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.**

PARISH / SCHOOL FOODRIVE

September 25 to October 5

We partnership together for **West Lincoln Community Care**. Please drop off your non-perishable food items to either the parish or the school. For your convenience the front foyer is perhaps best as you leave your items before Mass. We will deliver to the school. 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Sherri De Wilde, Cheryl Ecker
Father Christopher Gillen, Sandy Johnson
Lisa Port (Facilitator)
Lenora Newman, Valerie Newman
Tom Shields, John Terpstra.
Paula Verrecchia, Nick Verrecchia**

THE PARISH LEADERSHIP DAY

"Setting Hearts on Fire"

Saturday, September 23 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport

The purpose of the day is to inspire, empower, and equip pastors and their parish Pastoral Councils, whether newly formed or existing -- to better understand this call to leadership and service as one that will "set hearts on fire" across the diocese.

It is a unique way to meet one another, network, and share ideas - and see how the Holy Spirit is at work in Bishop Bergie's mandate that focuses on co-responsibility and collaboration. Besides Bishop Bergie, guest speakers will include Ron Huntley and Lorraine McCarthy. Please prayer for the success of this gathering for both the diocese and our parishes.

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!**

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED

Calling all Parishioners

RCIA is kicking off in September at St. Martin's. We are looking for volunteers to create a "Sponsor List" where parishioners can seek out a supporting Catholic to help along their journey.

Please contact the office today to inquire about what is involved and how to sign up.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As you know our first meeting was this past Monday, September 11. Here we offer basic feedback taking into account that we have just begun.

- Introductions and Welcome
- Ground Rules.
- Confidentiality, what said at the meeting stays in the meeting.
- Be prepared, do reading, home work.
- Monthly meetings are needed in this early stage of the journey together.
- Role of the Parish Pastoral Council
- To promote the Church's Mission, to identify the mission, communicate the mission.
- To build up a more dynamic community
- What the Parish Council is Not - How the Mass is celebrated. Finances, Administration

PASTORAL INITIATIVES FROM OUR MINISTERIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12.

- Participants heard from West Lincoln Community Care & Niagara Regional Police
- Get More Churches to Open Their Doors
- Support Mental Health Programs
- Regular Meetings With Faith Communities
- Support West Lincoln Community Care
- Create Supportive Faith Communities

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COLLECTION

In order to meet the financial commitment set by the Diocese of St. Catharines, there will be a parish collection next week, Sept. 23/24. This will give individuals and families an opportunity to financially contribute to this fund if they so wish. The diocese will also draw on existing operational assets to ensure that the annual pledge is honoured. You will be able to include your donation in the Sunday collection using the envelopes provide in this bulletin or use your own envelope clearly labelled Indigenous Reconciliation Fund with your name, address and envelope number. Thank you for your generosity.

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."