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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.

<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Joan & Bob Hignett</p>	<p><u>Ministry Schedule - April 27/28</u></p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Dick Van Geest</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

(or by appointment)

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

Knights of Columbus

Parish Groups

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Financial Council

Parish Events Group

Cemetery Committee

Responsible Faith Ministry

Facility Maintenance

Chair Frank DeFilippis

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**



**Good Shepherd Sunday
World Day of Prayer for
Vocations**

Mission of St. Martin of Tours

We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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**April 21, 2024 - Year - B
4th Sunday of Easter**

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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	Apr 22	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Apr 23	9:00 am For the special intention of Michael & Amy Urban 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by Michael Urban
Wed	Apr 24	9:00 am +Melva Clarke 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 31	by Sherri deWilde Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	Apr 25	St. Mark 9:00 am +Antonio Mancini 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by the KOC
Fri	Apr 26	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +Harvey McIntyre 11:30 am First Reconciliation at St. Martin's School - Group One	Fr. Christopher by St. Martin's School Fr. Christopher
Sat	Apr 27	The 5th Sunday of Easter 11:00 am First Holy Communion Group One 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	Fr. Christopher
Sun	Apr 28	10:00 am For God's blessings upon Janet Okratka & Russell Okratka 11:30 am Celebration of Christian Baptism	by Emilia & Walter Pachowicz

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. Together, we make a difference.

E-TRANSFERS

These 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.**

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Part-Time Grounds Keeper Position:

- ♦ Paid Position
- ♦ To care for the Cemetery, Rectory and Church Grass
- ♦ To maintain equipment - Riding and push mower and trimmer.

If interested, please call or email the office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to our community of faith:

- April 28 Alexander Thomas Johnson
- April 28 Caleb Gordon Comfort
- May 12 Nicolaas Jordan Kalas

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Apr 17 "Feed your Soul, Feed Your Tummy"
Every 3rd Wed, Mass at 9 am & Breakfast following at Lakis.
All are welcome
- Apr 23 St. Catharines Diocesan Council 66th Annual Meeting Of Members & Dinner, Holiday Inn, St. Catharines
- May 5 Save the Date! Spring Tea by our Social Committee, More Details to follow.

DIAPER DRIVE

CWL will be running a Diaper Drive from April 13 - May 4 to support the Choose Life Niagara Mother's Day Diaper Drive. Donations of diapers or wipes would be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the meeting room.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Group One Reconciliation Friday, April 26,
11:30 am at the School.

First Holy Communion, Saturday, April 27,
at 11:00 am, Church.

Group Two Reconciliation Friday, May 3,
11:30 am at the School.

First Holy Communion, Saturday, May 4,
at 11:00 am, Church.

While young siblings are encouraged to come to Mass weekly and join friends for Children's Liturgy, First Holy communion can feel like a very long time for them to sit still. We kindly request you consider child-care options for younger siblings, allowing your child receiving the sacrament to be fully engaged in this very special day.

PARISH COFFEE SOCIAL

Mark your calendars for Sunday April, 21, for Coffee Social/Fellowship in the parish hall after the Sunday Mass. We encourage one and all to attend and to mingle with others. Introduce yourself to someone you may not know. Let us use this time wisely building fraternity among us.

POPE FRANCIS APRIL INTENTIONS

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit: www.livingwithchrist.ca

SHARE LENT 2024

Development and Peace-Carita Canada thanks you for supporting the "Reaping Our Rights" campaign with your "Share Lent" donation. Your financial contribution will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your envelope in the offertory or donate on-line: (devp.org/give).

Continue to pray for all those who are working to build a world of development and peace.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to prayer for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead His people through His Bishops, Priests, Deacons and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's People.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our Deanery will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education.

You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is: **"We Are Called to Love."**

Here at St. Martin's Parish we celebrate First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion as part of our Catholic Education Week and beyond. This annual Parish celebration affords us all an opportunity to reconnect with one another as we are all called to LOVE. Our Parish Mission Statement is in sync with this year's theme:

"We Will Follow Jesus Christ, and Love All People."

INVITATION TO MINI RETREAT

Theme: Nourished By Grace, Fed by Faith
St. Helen's Parish 4106 Mountain St, Beamsville
Saturday May 4, 2024 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.
Cost \$40.00 Refreshments and Lunch Included.

Guest Speakers

Sr. Orianne Pierra Rene
and

David Patterson.

Register by calling or emailing the St. Helen's parish office. (905) 562-7427