

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE SUPPORTERS OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Meester Insurance Centre



T: 905.957.2333
800.465.8256
www.meesterinsurance.com


The Village Square
Reg. Rd. 20, P.O. Box 299
Smithville, ON L0R 2A0

Offering the Opportunities of Membership



Council #16421 - St. Martin of Tours
Smithville, Ont. koc.16421@gmail.com
General Inquiries - attn: Grand Knight

RICE MONUMENT WORKS




1421 Highway #8, Winona
1.800.533.6102
Bus. 905.643.1027 Res. 905.957.6943

GarageDoorCanada.ca

Area's Largest and Complete Garage Door Showroom

Your complete Residential Showroom
905-957-4432

MARC'S PLUMBING



4939 Alexandra Ave.
Beamsville, On.
905.563.7576

SEAN D. HEELEY, B.A. HONS, LLB
Barrister & Solicitor
SZPIECH, ELLIS, SKIBINSKI, SHIPTON
107 GRIFFIN ST. N., Smithville, ON. L0R 2A0

Cole's



www.colesflorist.ca

Visit Cole's Garden Centre in Grimsby
Full service florist - two convenient locations
147 Main St. E. 184 Highway #8
Grimsby, ON. Stoney Creek, ON.
905.945.2219 905.664.2810

**AD SPACE AVAILABLE
SEE OR CALL THE
OFFICE**

MERRITT FUNERAL HOME Inc.
Serving Families For 4 Generations



Thomas C. Merritt
Managing Funeral Director
287 Station St., Smithville, On. L0R 2A0
Tel. 905.957.7031 Fax. 905.957.1371
1.800.461.9498 www.merritt.fh.com

BEING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do. Rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to live for God and bring His good news to all we meet at work, at school, in our community, and right in our own home — in other words to live as His good stewards.

And, there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "immediately left their boat and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do. It's who we are.
reflections@catholicsteward.com

Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

Office hours
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
Sandy Johnson

Financial Recorder
Tracy Piggott

Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Requesting Sacraments
Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin School
Phone 905-957-3032

Cemetery
Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

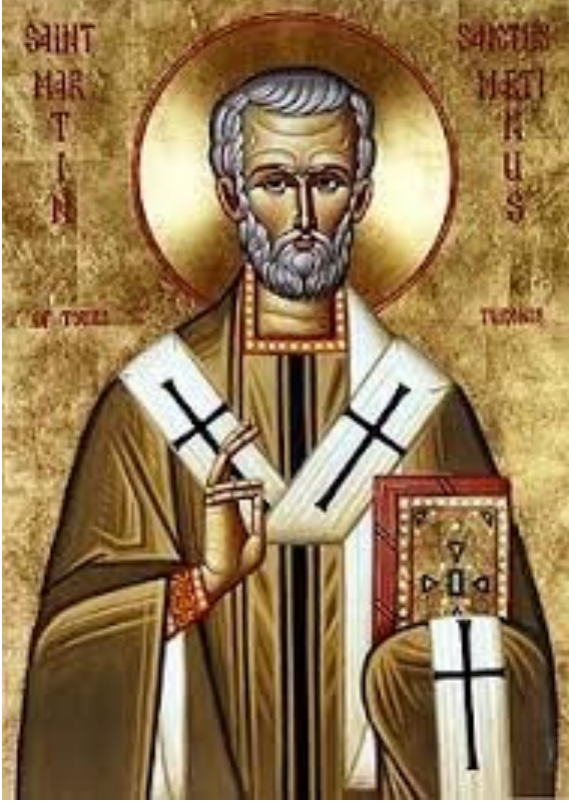
Parish Organizations
Catholic Women's League
President - Carolyn Vaughan
Knights of Columbus
Grand Knight - Lloyd Buchan
koc.16421@gmail.com

Facility Maintenance
Tom Diletti - tom.diletti@sympatico.ca

Parish Groups
Children's Liturgy, Youth Ministry
West Lincoln Loaf of Bread
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Responsible Faith Ministry
ACTS Retreat Teams

Diocese of St. Catharines
Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

**St. Martin of Tours
Roman Catholic Church**



166 West Street, P.O. Box 74
Smithville, Ontario L0R 2A0
Telephone: 289-956-0221
Email: st.martins@cogeco.ca
www.stmartinsparish.com

Ministry Schedule - Feb 4/5

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet Roscovich
10:00 am - Marcel P & Sharon R

Altar Servers
5:00pm -
10:00 am -

Children's Liturgy
Deanne & Jenn E

Next Hospitality Sunday
February 2

Jan 26, 2020

**The 3rd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
Year A**

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields
#2 - Kelly Ann Staples
10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger
#2 - Caroline Steger

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Tom Shields
10:00 am - Caroline Steger

Stewardship Counting
Sandy Johnson & Elaine Parry

January 26, 2019

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Jan 27	NO MASS TODAY - Fr. Christopher's Day Off	
Tues	Jan 28	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Joan Moore by Martha Devlin
Wed	Jan 29	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Frances Killilea by Martha Devlin
		10:30 am	Mass at Gethsemane Centre Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting parish hall
Thurs	Jan 30	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Maria Martins by Maria Martins
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Scripture Study Group in parish hall
		5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	West Lincoln Loaf of Bread Dinner in parish hall
Fri	Jan 31	9:00 am	+John Mulder by the Newman Family
Sat	Feb 1	The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	
		5:00 pm	For the special intentions of Martin Eberhard by Martha Devlin
Sun	Feb 2	10:00 am	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL CONTINUES IN 2020

www.saintcd.com/appeal

Cathedral Appeal Update

We are now at the midpoint of our 18-month Cathedral Appeal. As of January 15, 2020 our appeal has raised \$777,399.49 in cash donations and \$97,068.72 in outstanding pledges. This brings our total raised to \$874,468.21 or 73% of our \$1,200,000 goal.

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF SO MANY who are playing a part in the restoration of the mother church of our Diocese.

Still thinking about making a donation? There is no better time than now! Visit us at

Visit www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in the church foyer today. Thank you.

PARISH UPDATE ON CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Thirty parishioners, Father Christopher and the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League have donated in 2019 - **\$10,256.00** to our Cathedral Appeal. Thank you for your financial support. We continue to encourage many others to support our Cathedral Appeal in 2020.

PARISH EVENTS GROUP

St. Martin's Parish Events Group are inviting you to the Annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday February 15.

Doors open at 6:00 pm. **Dinner** at 6:30 pm

Tickets: Adults - \$20 Children 12 and under - \$10

Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses starting January 25 until February 9. Everyone is invited for an enjoyable evening and a delicious Italian Dinner.

SACRAMENTS IN 2020

Registration Forms have now been sent out.

Deadline for return is February 11, 2020.

First Reconciliation - March 10, 7:00 pm

First Holy Communion Group 1 - May 3, 1:00 pm

First Holy Communion Group 2 - May 17, 1:00 pm

HALL SOUND SYSTEM

The TV and speakers are fully operational. A microphone has been purchased for the parish hall. It will be available for use by the various groups within our parish and for funerals.

In order to keep track of the microphone, a sign out and sign in sheet must be used. The sign out/in sheet will be kept in the office. If you need the microphone outside office hours, come to the office prior to the event and sign out the microphone and return it to the office the next time the office is open. (The previous microphone was taken and not returned).

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

(January 26) In his Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis* (dated Sept. 30, 2019 -- the feast of St. Jerome), Pope Francis proposed that the entire Church celebrate a "**Sunday of the Word of God**" the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, set aside to reflect on the great importance of God's word for everyday living. The title of the document is from its opening words, taken from Luke's Gospel, where the evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to his disciples, and how "**he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.**" St. Jerome was the one who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" (this year also marks 1600 years since his death).

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2020

Host Churches

January & March - St. Martin of Tours

February & April - Smithville Canadian Reformed Church

May & June - St Ann's Community Church.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7 - 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls.

For our pamphlet or information call:

905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

WINTER 2020 SCHEDULE

January 27 - *Identifying Losses*

February 10 - *Making Good Decisions*

February 24 - *Healing Journey*

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Moves to the First Friday of the month beginning in February after the 9:00 am morning Mass. The second Sunday of the month has had poor attendance. Hopefully, we can revive this catholic devotion in 2020.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Jan 18/19, 2020

Regular Sunday Offering \$ 1,980.00

Thank you for your regular Sunday stewardship.

PARISH OUT-REACH IN 2020

Diocesan Special Collections and annual Summer Mission are set by our diocese. These special envelopes are contained in the stewardship box and are also included with the bulletin prior to the collection. In Lent, we support Development and Peace through the Share Lent Collection and Community Care with our Lenten Food Drive.

Our Cathedral Appeal continues in 2020. We are currently supporting and hosting the West Lincoln Loaf of Bread Dinner and will do so again for the month of March. *There will be no other appeals or out-reach within these scheduled appeals.* Parish Organizations are free to engage in their own out-reach among their members. Thank you for your financial solidarity.

WHAT'S ON AT GETHSEMANE MINISTRIES 84008 Wellandport Rd.

The night vigil is every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8:00 p.m. Sat. to 6:00 a.m. Sun., and includes praise and worship, silent adoration, Divine Mercy, Rosary, and Holy Mass.

The weekly Prayer meeting is every Wednesday (7:30- 9:00 p.m.) and includes praying the Rosary, praise and worship, sharing the word of God, and fellowship. Wednesday morning Mass at 10:30 am, which is followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 7:30 pm. For more information about these events, call 905-386-1111 or visit gethsemaneministries.com