


**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE SUPPORTERS OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

**YOUR LOCAL INSURANCE PROVIDER**  
 FARM . AUTO BUSINESS  
 HOME LIFE  
  
 www.meesterinsurance.com  
 Competitive rates - flexible payments  
**905.957.2333**  
 Village Square . Hwy 20 . Smithville

**GarageDoorCanada.ca**  
 Area's Largest and Complete Garage Door Showroom  
 Your complete Residential Showroom  
**905-957-4432**  
**SEAN D. HEELEY, B.A. HONS, LLB**  
 Barrister & Solicitor  
**SZPIECH, ELLIS, SKIBINSKI, SHIPTON**  
 107 GRIFFIN ST. N., Smithville, ON. L0R 2A0  
 Phone: 905-957-7898 or 905-524-2454

**RICE MONUMENT WORKS**  
  
 1421 Highway #8, Winona  
 1.800.533.6102  
 Bus. 905.643.1027 Res. 905.957.6943  
 Andrew Scott  
 Serving West Lincoln Since 1958

**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

**Knights of Columbus INSURANCE**  
  
 YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE  
 A Century of Experience Protecting Families  
 For generations, the mission of the Knights of Columbus has been to protect families' financial security. Today we are one of the most secure life insurers in North America with more than \$23 billion in assets and over \$109 billion of insurance in force. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic company with over 1.9 million members supporting the Catholic Church and charitable causes worldwide.

**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

**Marguerite Smith**  
  
 Real Estate Salesperson  
 smithmarg@sympatico.ca  
**Direct: 905.516.8827**  
 5111 New Street  
 Burlington, On. L7L 1V2  
 Office: 905.637.1700

Contact me today to learn more:  
**Phillip J. Brand, CFP, FIC**  
 Field Agent  
 905.309.0578  
 Phillip.brand@koc.org  
  
**MARC'S PLUMBING**  
  
 4939 Alexandra Ave.  
 Beamsville, On.  
 905.563.7576

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

**STORING TREASURES IN HEAVEN**

An Oriental fable tells of three horsemen who were traveling through the desert. *“Unexpectedly they were confronted by a mysterious person. The stranger told them that they would soon cross the dry bed of a stream. When you arrive there, fill your pockets from the river bed. At sunrise examine the stones you have picked up. You will be both glad and sorry. As predicted, the travelers came to a dry stream bed. In a spirit of adventure, they put a few of the many stones they found into their pockets. At sunrise the next day they examined the pebbles. To their great astonishment they found the stones had been transformed into precious stones. Recalling the statement of the stranger, they understood what he meant - they were glad for the pebbles they had picked up but sorry they hadn't taken more.”* We too, like the horsemen, are traveling through life, picking up stones and storing them in the pockets of our heart and mind. At the end of life's journey, we too will be sorry or glad when we discover whether the stones we picked up are mere earth or eternally precious.

Much of life is thoughtful, contemplated action, wherein we determine what our response to life will be. Occasionally we encounter the unexpected and have no time to think and act, but only to spontaneously react. Like a cup, brimming full of liquid, when it is jarred unexpectedly, whatever was put into the cup, will slosh out. So it is with these unplanned reactions. When life unexpectedly jars us, the language, attitudes, and behaviors that spill out, show us with what we are filled.

*“Everyone when he is fully taught will be like his teacher.”* Jesus is the “master teacher, and His life and words are pure gold, showing us who God is, how we are related to Him and to one another. Each of us who follows Him, desires to be like Him, and when life unexpectedly jars us, it is a good news/bad news situation.

The good news is that five or ten years ago we would have reacted much worse. The bad news is that we still are not responding fully like Jesus would. But we have hope! For the promise is that when we are “fully” taught, we will be like our teacher. Let's determine once again to purposely dismount from the busyness of our daily travels, to pause at the Master's feet and pick up some precious spiritual stones. Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese  
 Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.  
 Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com  
 Pastor  
 Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.  
 Diocesan Social Justice Rep

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

Weekday Masses  
 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 See bulletin for schedule

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

Baptism  
 Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage  
 Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick  
 Please call the office

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

Bookkeeper  
 Tracy Piggott

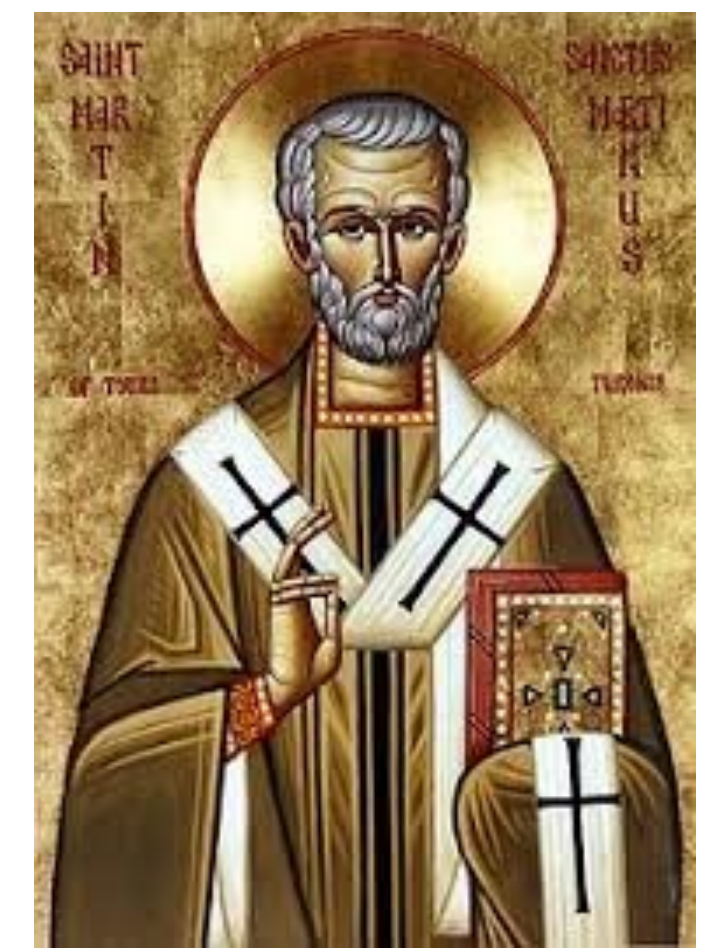
St Martin School  
 Phone 905-957-3032

Cemetery  
 Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

Parish Organizations  
 Catholic Women's League  
 Knights of Columbus

Parish Groups  
 Children's Liturgy. Youth Ministry  
 West Lincoln Loaf of Bread  
 Parish Events Group  
 Parish Financial Council  
 Acts Retreat Team

Diocese of St. Catharines  
**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 - March 9/10**  
**Hospitality Ministers**  
 5:00 pm - Dossch & Claudette S.  
 10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec

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

**Children's Liturgy**  
 Andrea Esposito

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
 March 3

**March 3, 2019**  
**The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lectors**  
 5:00 pm #1 - Kelly Ann Staples  
 #2 - Tom Shields  
 10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson  
 #2 - Marg Van Geest

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
 5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom  
 10:00 am - Helen, Andy & Vern

**Stewardship Counting**  
 Sandy Johnson & Beth Davis

# March 3, 2019

## The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	Mar 4	NO MASS. Father Christopher's Day Off	
Tuesday	Mar 5	9:00 am +In memory of all the past benefactors of St. Martin's +For the repose of the soul of Sophie Modrzejewski	by St. Martin's Parish by family
		10:00 am - 11:00 am	Father Christopher at Tai Chi
Wednesday	Mar 6	<b>Ash Wednesday day of Fast and Abstinence</b>	
		9:00 am	For God's blessings upon Fr. Christopher - his 60th Birthday by Martha Devlin
		1:00 pm	School Liturgy with distribution of Ashes.
		<b>5:30 pm 6:25 pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Reconciliation available</b>
		6:30 pm	+For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula by John & Mary Mojeski
Thursday	Mar 7	9:00 am	+For the repose of the souls of John William & Grace Tye by Heather Belmont & family
		10:00 am	11:00 am Father Christopher at Tai Chi
		5:30 pm-7:00 pm	West Lincoln Loaf of Bread in Parish Hall
		6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Acts Retreat Team Meeting Mississauga Father Christopher
Friday	Mar 8	9:00 am	For the salvation of the Lewis family by Pauline Lewis
Saturday	Mar 9	<b>The 1st Sunday of Lent</b>	
		5:00 pm	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family
Sunday	Mar 10	10:00 am	For the special intentions of the Dell family children & grandchildren by Vern & Josie Dell
		5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	ALPHA COURSE Smithville Christian Reformed Church

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

One of our parish pastoral initiatives for 2019, is to re-establish a Parish Pastoral Council. To date only three application forms have been returned. We need to perhaps educate further and endorse commitment and interest in being part of a Pastoral Team. The discernment then continues. Father Christopher has suggested that the present Parish Discernment Team become the Parish Pastoral Council, as the Discernment Team will eventually complete their mandate. Team works well together.

Present pastoral initiatives comes from Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and Parish Events Group. Decisions are made from each group for the common good.

### (NEW) YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST.MARTIN'S

#### **Youth Group Ages 12-14**

Group will meet bi-weekly centered around the 5:00pm Mass and engage in a number of activities following Mass in the parish hall and in the community. **Next Gatherings:**

- **March 9 Mass: Activities in the hall.**
- **March 23 Mass: Maple Syrup Outing**

### WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2019

The West Lincoln Loaf of Bread programme will offer a fully home cooked meal and social every Thursday beginning January 3, 2019 to June 27, 2019 inclusive from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm. Please pass this invitation along to anyone whom you feel would benefit from this programme.

Host Churches:

<b>March</b>	<b>St. Martin of Tours</b>
February & April	Smithville Canadian Reformed Church
May & June	St Ann's Community Church
Fall of 2019 TBA	Smithville Christian Reformed

### SOCIAL MEDIA / BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Each Tuesday in writing or by email.**

Please do not send bulletin announcements to Father Christopher's personal email. We discourage parish administration concerns at weekends and especially on a Sunday. After Friday at 4pm to Tuesday morning at 11am, Father will not be returning emails concerning administration. Thank you for your consideration with these matters.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**Ash Wednesday** is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests and Lay Ministers administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass.

### WEEKDAY LENTEN MASSES

Lenten Masses will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 9:00 am. Watch bulletin for any changes due to a pastoral nature. We encourage more to come out during this Holy Season and celebrate with us.

### LENTEN PRIESTLY RECOLLECTION

Priests of our diocese will prepare spiritually for the Holy season of Lent, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Tuesday, March 12th from 10:00 am to 3:00pm. No Tuesday morning Mass. Mass will be in the evening at 6:30 pm.

### LENTEN STATION OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will begin the First Week of Lent, Friday, March 15, at 6:00 pm, and **not** Friday March 8, as stated last week. This time was suggested last year and it seemed to work well. If you have any requests for Lenten Devotions please speak with Father Christopher.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

#### **FEBRUARY 23/24**

<b>Sunday Offertory (64 Env):</b>	<b>\$ 1,985.00</b>
<b>Donation for Snow Removal</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>\$ 73.15</b>
<b>Hall Rental - Pikula Funeral</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Bulletin Ad:</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>2019 Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 2,100.00</b>
<b>Snow Removal/Salt to date :</b>	<b>\$ 3,841.10</b>

*Thank you for your faithful stewardship*

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### **Annual Lenten Food Drive**

Wednesday, **March 6th-April 17th**

Bags will be distributed after all Masses. Please return them to our Parish Foyer throughout the season Lent. Last collection is April 17. Thank you for your continued support.

Vern Dell for Knights of Columbus

### CATHOLIC NURSES

A new initiative began in Canada a few months ago: the National Association of Catholic Nurses Canada (NACN-C). It was started by several nurses in Toronto with the blessing and support of Cardinal Collins. It is seeking a Canada wide membership. We strongly urge Catholic nurses or medical professionals in our parish (and city) to be linked to NACN-C! We need our nurses and medical professionals to be supported in every way possible; they are the front-line workers and are subjected to a daily barrage -- spiritually, professionally, and emotionally. Contact them at: [nacncanada.boardcontac@gmail.com](mailto:nacncanada.boardcontac@gmail.com) or check the website: <http://nacncanada.weebly.com>

### DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCES

#### HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every second and fourth Monday (7:00-9:00 p.m.) at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. For information, call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email:

[separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com).

**March 11 and March 25**

### DIOCESAN "RESPECT FOR LIFE"

MASS Annunciation of the Lord Monday, March -- Bishop Gerard Bergie presiding, reception following Let us pray together for the protection of life in all its stages; for greater respect for God's gift of life; for those wounded by abortion.