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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.

Ministry Schedule - May 3/4

| Hospitality                                | Lector   | Holy Communion                                     | Children's Liturgy        |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| 5:00 pm - Tony Mous<br>10:00 am - George Y | 5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson<br>10:00 am - Lisa Poort | 5:00 pm - Tom Shields<br>10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot | 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde |

Ministry Schedule - 10/11

| Hospitality   | Lector   | Holy Communion                          | Children's Liturgy    |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| 5:00 pm - Ron & Janet R<br>10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia | 5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda<br>10:00 am - Barb Joyner | 5:00 pm - Paula V<br>10:00 am - Cathy C | 10:00 am - Jennifer N |

**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 1:00 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

**Parish Groups**  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Parish Financial Council  
Parish Events Group  
Cemetery Committee  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
Facility Maintenance  
Children's Liturgy  
Funeral Committee  
ACTS Retreats Teams

Diocese of St. Catharines  
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**Apr 27, May 4, 2025 - Year - C**  
**Bi-Weekly Bulletin**  
**EASTER SEASON**

April 27 & May 4, 2025

2nd and 3rd Easter Sundays - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:30 am

|       |        |                                   |   |
|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Mon   | Apr 28 | NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY   |   |
|       |        | 6:30pm - 8:00pm                   | Parish Pastoral Council Upper Meeting Room  |
| Tues  | Apr 29 | <b>St. Catherine of Siena</b>     |   |
|       |        | 9:00am                            | +Sophia Modrzejewski by Family  |
|       |        | 9:30am                            | - 10:30 am Choir Practice   |
|       |        | 12 Noon                           | - 1:00 pm Memorial Mass for Pope Francis. All are invited to attend Fr. Christopher |
| Wed   | Apr 30 | <b>St. Marie De L’Incarnation</b> |   |
|       |        | 9:00am                            | For the health and healing of Doug & Anne Fawcett by John & Judy Terpstra           |
|       |        | 10:30am                           | - 11:00am Gethsemane Centre Mass Fr. Christopher                                    |
|       |        | 12:00pm                           | - 2:00pm Haldimand Deanery Meeting St. Patrick’s Caledonia Fr. Christopher          |
| Thurs | May 1  | 9:00am                            | +Kamil Pachowicz by Parents   |
|       |        | 9:30am                            | - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group   |
| Fri   | May 2  | <b>St. Athanasius</b>             |   |
|       |        | 7:30am                            | - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men’s Rosary Group Virtual Fr. Christopher                  |
|       |        | 9:00am                            | For the health and healing of Joan & Bob Hignett by Heather Belmont                 |
|       |        | 9:45am                            | - 11: 00am First Reconciliation - Group 2 Fr. Christopher                           |
| Sat   | May 3  | <b>The 3rd Sunday of Easter</b>   |   |
|       |        | 11:00am                           | First Holy Communion - Group 2 Fr. Christopher                                      |
|       |        | 4:00pm                            | - 4:30 pm Confessions   |
|       |        | 5:00pm                            | +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin’s Parish Family          |
| Sun   | May 4  | 10:00am                           | +For God’s blessings upon Agnes on her birthday by Norrie Franko                    |
| Mon   | May 5  | NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY   |   |
| Tues  | May 6  | <b>St. Francois De Laval</b>      |   |
|       |        | 9:00am                            | +Wesy Trzopek by Family   |
|       |        | 9:30am                            | - 10:30 am Choir Practice   |
| Wed   | May 7  | 9:00am                            | +Laurentina Lelemos by Maria Borges   |
|       |        | 10:30am                           | Gethsemane Centre Mass Wellandport Fr. Christopher                                  |
| Thurs | May 8  | 9:00am                            | +Sofia Mazurek by Family  |
|       |        | 9:30am                            | - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group   |
| Fri   | May 9  | 7:30am                            | - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men’s Rosary Group Virtual Fr. Christopher                  |
|       |        | 9:00am                            | +John Fedorik Sr. by Family   |
| Sat   | May 10 | <b>The 4th Sunday of Easter</b>   |   |
|       |        | 4:00pm                            | - 4:30 pm Confessions   |
|       |        | 5:00pm                            | +Norman Magill by Joan McGee  |
| Sun   | May 11 | 10:00am                           | +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin’s Parish Family          |

**E-TRANSFERS**

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**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Catholic stewardship during Easter. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and reflect on the gift of new life. This includes expressing gratitude for the blessings of faith and sharing the joy of the Resurrection with others. Specific activities might include attending Mass, participating in prayer, engaging in charitable acts, and offering support to the Church and its Mission.

**EASTERTIDE 2025**

Easter is a 50-day celebration in Christianity, not just the single day on which the Resurrection of Jesus is commemorated. This period, known as Eastertide or Easter season, is a time for ongoing joy and reflection on the Resurrection and its implications. It extends from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, 50 days later, and is marked by various traditions and celebrations.

**WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?**

Divine Mercy Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter, is a special day of grace within the Catholic Church, marked by the celebration of Jesus's infinite mercy. It is rooted in the visions of Saint Faustina Kowalska and offers complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those who receive communion and confession on that day. The day is also associated with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and special graces, particularly in the hour of MERCY at 3:00pm.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27**

Joint celebration for the third year now St. Martin and St. Joseph Parishes celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph Grimsby, beginning at 2:30pm - 3:30pm. Confessions and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Another joint effort within our Haldimand Deanery.

**UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISMS**

**May 18, 2025**

Sofia Sandra Bruccoleri  
Alessia Giovanna Laird

**June 22, 2025**

Emilia Gabriella Annette Chabot

**July 20, 2025**

Lennon Rae Hare

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE MOTHER’S DAY DIAPER DRIVE**

**Saturday, March 29 – Sunday, May 11**

The Haldimand Pregnancy Care and Family Centre (HPCFC) needs the following items:

- Pull-ups (size 2T-6T)
- diapers (sizes 5-7)
- wipes
- women's hygiene (tampons preferred).

Donations can be placed in the meeting room after the Masses. Thank you.

**PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF POPE FRANCIS SOUL**

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

**THE LATE POPE FRANCIS ON COMPASSION**

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." "Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity."

**DIOCESAN INITIATIVES IN OUR JUBILEE YEAR**

The MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series continues. Messages of Hope Sessions are free; Everyone is welcome! To register use this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/rehnH9PdnB?origin=lprLink>

**Upcoming sessions in the Series:**

April 30, 2025 Speaker: Father Peter Rowe,  
Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

May 24, 2025 Speaker: Dr. Joseph Lombardi,  
Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine,  
Port Colborne

**WEEKEND COMPUTER OPERATOR FOR LARGE SCREEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for a volunteer to operate the computer before and during the Sunday Mass. No experience is required. Training will be available.

Requirements are:

- Arrive for Sunday Mass 30 minutes early
- Commitment to show up when scheduled

**PARISH MISSIONAL HEALTH SURVEY**

Throughout our diocese the survey will be completed. Here at St. Martin's will be complete the survey next weekend at the end of Mass (there will be no final hymn). Paper survey or QR Code will be made available. Please make sure you bring your phone with you if you are using the QR Code to complete the survey. This is a survey to get the heart beat on our "Missional Health". Thank you in advance for your willingness to engage in this process.