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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.

<u>Ministry Schedule - Feb 10/11</u>		
<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - Marcel Poliout</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest</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 - Sherri De Wilde
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Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
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Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
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
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St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community
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Mission of St. Martin of Tours
We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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February 4, 2024 - Year - B
5th 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	Feb 5	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Feb 6	St. Paul Miki and Companions 9:00 am +Tammy Dolan 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by the Elliot Girls
Wed	Feb 7	9:00 am For the health and healing of Ursula Jasinski 10:30 am - 12 :Noon Gethsemane Centre. Mass/Adoration/ Counselling 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 20 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting Parish Hall	by Helen & Andy Lipiec Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	Feb 8	9:00 am +William Ross Jr. 9:30 am - 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group 1:00 pm Haldimand Deanery Meeting St. Martin's	by Maria Chorley Fr. Christopher
Fri	Feb 9	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am For the God's blessings upon Fr. Christopher	Fr. Christopher by the Newman Family
Sat	Feb 10	The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm Grade Seven Confirmation Prep Sessions 7 and 8	

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.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for the Month of February

The Holy Father encourages prayers "so that Terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support."

GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Eight youth from St. Martin's School are engaged with the Chosen Program in preparation for Confirmation. We welcome and pray for these students as the start their Confirmation Journey.

Still want to join us?

Who: Grade 7 Students.

When: Next session - Feb 10 at 4:45 pm

Where: St. Martin's Church/Hall

Cost: \$50 cover meals and course material

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS CANADA

The Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization and an essential part of the Church's mission. There are so many issues of injustice all over our world that it is hard to know where to begin. Stay focused this coming Lent with the good works of Development & Peace.

PASTORALLY LOOKING AHEAD

Ash Wednesday is February 14.

Parish Mass with distribution of ashes
Celebrated at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm

St. Martin Catholic Elementary School.
Penitential Celebration with
distribution of ashes.

Group One: 11:30 am. Group Two: 12:15 pm

Lent is coming. What's your plan?
How can we help YOU?

RETRouvaille

Support for your marriage! Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy? Does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille, whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce, the next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10. For more information, call 905-664-5212 or e-mail teamrecine@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday - Regular meeting immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass
- Feb 21 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every 3rd Wednesday, Mass at 9 am and breakfast following at Lackis Please join us (husbands welcome)

2024 Memberships are past due! If you have forgotten to renew your membership please. Contact our new President, Sherri De Wilde. Membership for 2024 is \$35.00.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada have issued their theme for the next two years.

"Here I Am Lord, Send Me." (Isiah 6:8)

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Learning about the Mass

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7pm

Using Zoom

Come and learn about the Mass! This virtual Zoom series will use the "Teaching Mass" video resource created by Fr. Leo Patalinghug, award-winning chef and founder of:

PlatingGrace.com

Each Monday in February, a different part of the Mass will be featured via a short video, followed by small breakout room discussions. This series is suitable for both adults and teens.

For more information or to register, contact Terri at the Family and Youth Office by:

e-mail(familyandyouth@saintcd.com) or
call 905/684-0154, x209 during the week.

The required Zoom link will be shared after you register.

UNDERSTANDING OUR LITURGY

Liturgy means "the work of the people." It is an ancient Greek word used theologically by St. Paul, but it was employed before him by Aristotle, who used it to describe the public work done on behalf of the city. Liturgy is public worship because it is the activity of the Church. Liturgy is thus communal, a gathering together of the members of the Church.

One image the Second Vatican Council used for the Church is the "Mystical Body of Christ." The Body of Christ refers to the Church and to the Eucharistic species. In receiving the Eucharistic species, members of the Church grow in deeper union with God and one another. What holds the Church together is the power and presence of Christ united to each of us. The liturgical act is a communal act performed by those united to one another and in deep communion with Christ as the Church, the Body of Christ.