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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 - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Cathy Ransome</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - May 4/5</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Paula Verrecchia 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</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
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**St. Martin of Tours
Catholic Faith Community
1866 -2024**



Mission of St. Martin of Tours
We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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5th 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 29	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Apr 30	St. Marie De L'incarnation The Parish Office is closed today.	
		9:00 am +Rose-Marie Scandar	by St. Martin's School
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		3:15 pm - 4:15 pm Diocesan Virtual Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Wed	May 1	9:00 am +Melva Clarke	by Yvonne MacNiven
		10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 32	Team
Thurs	May 2	St. Athanasius	
		9:00 am +Antonio Pais	by Fatima Araujo & Family
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
		1:00 pm - 2:20 pm Pastoral Home Visits to those who registered.	Fr. Christopher
Fri	May 3	St. Philip and St. James	
		7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am For the special intentions of Heather Belmont	by Joan & Bob Hignett
		11:30 am 1st Holy Reconciliation at St. Martin's School - Group 2	Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 4	The 6th Sunday of Easter	
		11:00 am 1st Holy Communion Group 2	Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Manuel DaSilva	by Maria daSilva
Sun	May 5	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to our community of faith:

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- May 5 Spring Tea , 2:00 pm parish hall
- Monthly Meeting May 8, 7:00 pm.

DIAPER DRIVE

Catholic Women's League 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 main foyer.

MAY CROWNING

May 12, 2024

Children from the Grade 2 Holy Communion classes are invited to wear their Communion outfits at the May Crowning, and join their classmates who will be Crowning Our Blessed Mother after the 10:00 am Mass. Pass the word...and lets make this a beautiful celebration for Mother Mary.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER BOUQUET SALE

May 12, 2024

Our Catholic Women's League will be selling flower bouquets to celebrate Mother's Day. All proceeds will go towards expenses for the Annual Parish Picnic.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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.

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry "*Feed Your Faith*" event: All young adults (19 - 39 years old), whether in school or working, single, married, or separated/divorced, whether cradle Catholics who were raised and educated in faith or those who have drifted away and are searching for meaning and purpose from a life centred on Christ, are invited and welcome to gather at the Catholic Centre (3400 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold) for a shared meal, fellowship, and quiet prayer beginning at 6 pm on Friday, April 26, 2024. Contact: Terri Pauco at: 905-684-0154, ext. 209 or email: familyandyouth@saintcd.com. The next "*Feed Your Faith*" event will be on Fri, May 31, 2024.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy happens at our Sunday 10:00 am Mass. This liturgy is such a special program and we are grateful to our excellent volunteers who make it happen. In the last several months we have had new families with young children move into the parish and we want to be sure that they are aware of it. There, they listen to Gospel passages and partake in activities relating to the readings of the week. At the Offertory they rejoin the congregation in the church. We encourage young families to have their little ones participate.

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."

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

The very best in Marriage Preparation
What is it? A weekend away with other couples designed to give couples an opportunity to dialogue honestly and intensively about their future together.
Do you have to be Catholic? It is open to all but Catholic based.
Is it like group therapy? Definitely Not! It is a quiet, low key weekend, where couples concentrate on each other.

Topic covered are:

Self-awareness. Communication, Unity, Prayer, Marriage readiness, forgiveness, Careers, Family of Origin, Children, Decision Making, Sexuality, Sacrament, Natural Family Planning.

A Wedding is a Day ... Marriage is a Lifetime.

Registration Information:

- Register at least 6 months prior to your wedding date
- Contact Jennifer - 289-228-0140
Celine - 289-241-4390