






PLEASE PATRONIZE THE SUPPORTERS OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS BULLETIN

<p>Meester Insurance Centre</p>  <p>T: 905.957.2333 800.465.8256</p> <p>F: 905.957.2599 E: info@meesterinsurance.com</p> <p>www.meesterinsurance.com</p> <p>The Village Square Reg. Rd. 20, P.O. Box 299 Smithville, ON L0R 2A0</p> <p><i>With So Much on the Line, You Can't AFFORD to Compromise</i></p>	<p>Offering the Opportunities of Membership</p>  <p>Council #16421 - St. Martin of Tours Smithville, Ont. koc.16421@gmail.com General Inquiries - attn: Grand Knight</p>	<p>RICE MONUMENT WORKS</p>  <p>1421 Highway #8, Winona 1.800.533.6102 Bus. 905.643.1027 Res. 905.957.6943</p>
<p>Finicky Fox Floral Designs</p>  <p>Design & Consulting Wedding & Special Events Fresh & Silk Designs Tropical Plant Garden Baskets Seasonal Workshops</p> <p>Specialty Custom Door Wreaths</p> <p>Paula 905.870.5017</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC Elementary School</p>   	<p>MERRITT FUNERAL HOME Inc. <i>Serving Families For 4 Generations</i></p>  <p>Drew Gauthier (New Owner) 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</p>
<p>GarageDoorCanada.ca <i>Area's Largest and Complete Garage Door Showroom</i></p> <p>Your complete Residential Showroom 905-957-4432</p> <p>K9 K9 KOUTURE GROOMING INC. Your K9 Spa 905-309-0047</p> <p>Chantal: Owner/Groomer 45 Main St W. Grimsby K9KoutureGrooming@cogeco.ca</p>	<p>THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA FOR GOD AND CANADA</p>  <p>CWL #2289 St. Martin of Tours Church StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com</p> <p>Always welcoming new members; please contact our President for more information.</p> <p>faith service SOCIAL JUSTICE</p>  <p><i>Here I am Lord send me</i> Isaiah 6:8</p>	

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 - Mar 2/3</u>		
Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion
5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec	5:00 pm - Sherri deWilde 10:00 am - Lisa Poort	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Cathy Cartaginense

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

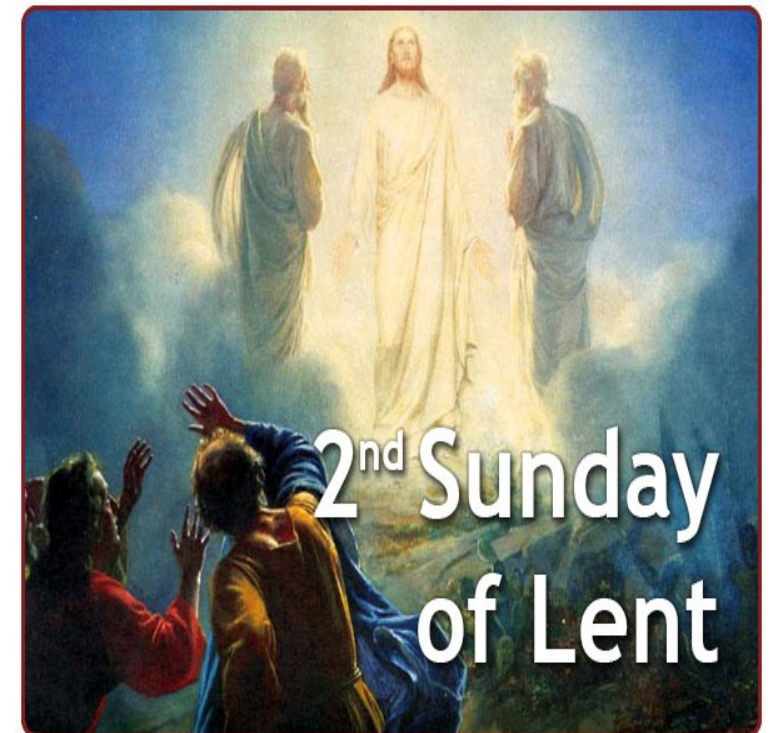
Parish Organizations
Catholic Women's League
President - Sherri De Wilde
sherridewilde@hotmail.com
Knights of Columbus
Grand Knight Tony Zanni
t.zanni@hotmail.com

Facility Maintenance
Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
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
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community
1866 -2024



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

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

February 25, 2024 - Year - B
Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

The 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	Feb 26	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Feb 27	9:00 am +Joe Mous	by the KOC
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Diocesan Deans Virtual Training with Ron Huntley Leadership	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Feb 28	9:00 am +John William Tye	by Heather Belmont
		10:30 am - 12 :Noon Gethsemane Centre. Mass/Adoration/ Counselling	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 23	Team
Thurs	Feb 29	9:00 am For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
		9:30 am - 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
		6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Diocesan Council for Development & Peace Virtual Met	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Mar 1	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am +Antonia Alha	by Maria Borges
		2:00 pm - 3:30 pm World Day of Prayer St. Martin of Tours.	
		5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration/ Prayer Time/ Confessions	
		6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Lenten Way of the Cross (Stations)	
Sat	Mar 2	The 3rd Sunday of Lent	
		10:00 am - 11:00 am St. Martin Cemetery Board Meeting - Upper Meeting Room	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Michelle McManus	by Family
		5:45 pm - 8:30 pm Grade Seven Confirmation Prep Sessions 9 and 10	
Sun	Mar 3	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.

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.

NEXT COFFEE SOCIAL SUNDAY

Sunday, March 10, following Mass.

We also celebrate Father Christopher's 65th Birthday!

Join us for coffee/tea, light lunch and cake.

WHY DO WE PRAY THE WAY OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

Walking the Way of the Cross is a wonderful Lenten devotion. Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb have been a popular devotion in the history of the Church. Please plan on attending our Way of the Cross Stations) beginning the First Week of Lent, Fri, Feb 23, at 6:00 pm. Church is open at 5:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration prior to the Stations.

Attending Weekday Mass is also a great habit to form for Lent and beyond. Weekday Masses in Lent Monday to Friday 9:00 am.

Lent for all Catholics is a time of renewal. It is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This is especially true for those in the RCIA process. During Lent the journey goes from the head to the heart as the Catechumens/Elect long for the Easter Sacraments.

LENTEN JOURNEY 2024

Each Sunday, including Palm/Passion Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website: www.cccb.ca/oec/journeythrough-lent/), featuring pastoral reflections based on the readings for the Sunday Eucharist. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. It is sponsored by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, in collaboration with the National Liturgy Office. These videos will also be available on our diocesan Facebook page

ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

Once more, the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education (NFCE) is hosting the annual Benefit Gala and presentation of the NFCE Award of Distinction. The foundation supports students in need and provides scholarships. Bishop Gerard Bergie is the honorary guest.

This year's event is on Thurs, Mar 21 - 6:00 pm at Club Roma, St C (\$100 per person - payable on-line or by cheque to NFCE by Mar. 13).

For further info, call: 905-734-0240, x2141 or e-mail linda.marconi@ncdsb.com

PASTORAL LETTER ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

"Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious!" (Jan. 24, 2024) The CCCB's Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace recently released this "call to all Canadian Catholics," with its "seven commitments we can make together." There is a meaningful prayer at its close, and questions for discussion. Look it up on the Canadian Bishops' website!

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY (LJHR) March 2, 2024

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

LJHR is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. The theme this year is TAKE HEART: BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.

Adult tickets are \$30 and Youth tickets are \$15. For registration information visit: www.ljhr.ca

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 1 World Day of Prayer hosted by St. Martin's Paris
- Mar 13 Regular Meeting
- Mar 14 Lunch at Megalomaniac Winery
- Mar 20 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every 3rd Wednesday, Mass at 9 am and breakfast following at Lakis Please join us (husbands welcome)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

"I Beg You, Bear with One Another In Love."

Join participants from around the world in the World Day of Prayer 2024. Local Service on Friday, March 1, at 2:00 pm at St. Martin of Tours. The Parish and our Catholic Women's League is hosting. Reception to follow in the parish hall. All women and men are invited to attend.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

We believe in the dignity of every person and supports communities so that they can be the architects of their own development.

We work in partnership with almost **100 local organizations** that empower communities in over **34 countries around the world** to defend their rights, act for peace and take charge of their own development.

Parishes are vital to the Development and Peace — Caritas Canada movement. From driving donations to raising awareness to inspiring action, parish communities form a unique connection between people in Canada and our partners in the Global South.

Parish representatives serve as links between Development and Peace - Caritas Canada and parishioners, carrying out campaigns and inviting others into our work. Many parishes even have Development and Peace parish groups, in which members gather to share in a life of solidarity and faith. Please support this Lent Development & Peace and Caritas Canada. Solidarity Sunday/ Share Lent Collection is the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2004. We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who feed the planet while taking care of our Common Home.

Visit their website at devp.org