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Ministry Schedule - Dec2/3		
Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet Roscovich 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	5:00 pm - Sue Armstrong 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Andy Lipiec

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 - Maryanne Mous
StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com
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Grand Knight Tony Zanni
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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
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The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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

Mon	Nov 27	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Tues	Nov 28	9:00 am +Kamil Pachowicz 10:00 am - 12 noon - School Confessions - St. Joseph's Elementary School	by Danuta Mazur Fr. Christopher
Wed	Nov 29	9:00 am +Maria & Bill Fonseca 10:30 am - 12 NOON Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions 11:20 am - 2:00 pm - School Confessions - Blessed Trinity School 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 11	by Maria Martins Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	Nov 30	9:00 am +From the Book of Remembrance 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study	
Fri	Dec 1	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 8:30 am First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 am +Kamil Pachowicz 9:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration / 10 am - Benediction 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Catholic Women's League Christmas Flowers Pickup Main Foyer	Fr. Christopher by Danuta Mazur:
Sat	Dec 2	First Sunday of Advent Year B 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm Gethsemane Centre Annual Christmas Concert and Dinner	Fr. Christopher
Sun	Dec 3	10:00 am +Kamil Pachowicz	by Teresa & Marek Mazmiewski

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.

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve.

- Mass 10:00 am. (Forth Sunday of Advent)
- Vigil Mass for Christmas 5:00 pm.
- Anticipated Midnight Mass 10:00 pm
- Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am.

WEST LINCOLN COMMUNITY CARE ADVENT DRIVE

St. Martin's Parish has partnered with West Lincoln Community care to sponsor 4 families in need for Christmas. If you are interested in helping someone in need in our community this season, please sign up in the foyer with your name and phone number beside a listed item. All items **must be NEW** and **UNWRAPPED** and must be brought in to the parish no later than **Sunday December 10th**. The maximum amount for each item is \$50.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday November 20 to review a Parish Mission & Vision for the future and December parish pastoral activities. We plan to kick off the new Liturgical Year with rolling out our Mission and Vision Statements. Stay tuned!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- Tue Dec 19 - 7:00 pm
Haldimand Deanery Initiative: St Helen's.
St. Joseph and St. Martin
- Advent Reconciliation Service (Confession Form 2 with individual priests hearing confessions) Host parish St. Joseph's.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you are currently not use Offertory Envelopes and would like to, please contact the office before Dec 1st, via phone, visit or email, and a set will be made for you for the coming year, 2024.

If you wish to use E-Transfers for your contributions, please ensure that the office has your contact information. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 14 Christmas Dinner in Parish Hall \$30.00. New this year "invite a friend" E Transfer parryee@gmail.com - Elaine 905-957-0673 Names and payment required by Nov meeting.
- No regular meeting for December.
- Dec 20 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every third Wednesday Mass at 9 am and breakfast following at Lackis. Please join us. (All are welcome)

ANNUAL DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

Last weekend, our parish took up the special **Deo Gratias** collection to support our Priests' monthly benefit through the Clergy Aid Society. We are happy to report that your gifts already total \$1005.00. The St. Catharines Clergy Aid Society pays a monthly benefit and health insurance for retired priests at age 75. Many of our Diocesan priests live independently during their retirement years, and they use their benefit for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation. If you have already made a gift to the **Deo Gratias** special collection, please know how much we truly appreciate your support. If you have not completed and returned your envelope, you may still do so at mass or by returning it to the parish

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Pope Francis reminds the faithful in this month's video that "The fact that someone is Pope doesn't mean they lose their humanity. On the contrary, my humanity grows each day with God's holy and faithful people." He adds, "Being Pope is also a process. The person becomes aware of what it means to be a pastor. And in this process, he learns how to be more charitable, more merciful, and, above all, more patient, like God our Father, who is so patient."

Pope Francis asks his listeners "to judge benevolently" and "pray that the Pope, whoever he might be – today it is my turn – may receive the help of the Holy Spirit, that he may be docile to that help." Specifically, he asks for prayers for the Pope "so that in the exercise of his mission, he may continue to accompany in the faith the flock entrusted to him by Jesus, always with the help of the Holy Spirit."

GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

St. Martin's Parish kicked off the award winning *Chosen* Confirmation program on Sat Nov 18 with 5 youth from St. Martin's School.

We welcome and pray for these students as they start their Confirmation Journey.

Still want to join us?

Who: Grade 7 Students.

When: Next session - Dec 9 at 4:45 pm

Where: St. Martin's Church

Cost: \$50 cover meals and course material

PRIESTS ADVENT RETREAT/STUDY DAYS

December 5 to 7

at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls.

No Weekday Masses.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Students in Grade 8 will celebrate their Confirmation on Sat. December 9, at 11:00 am. Rehearsal will take place on Fri. December 8, at 11:30 am.