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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

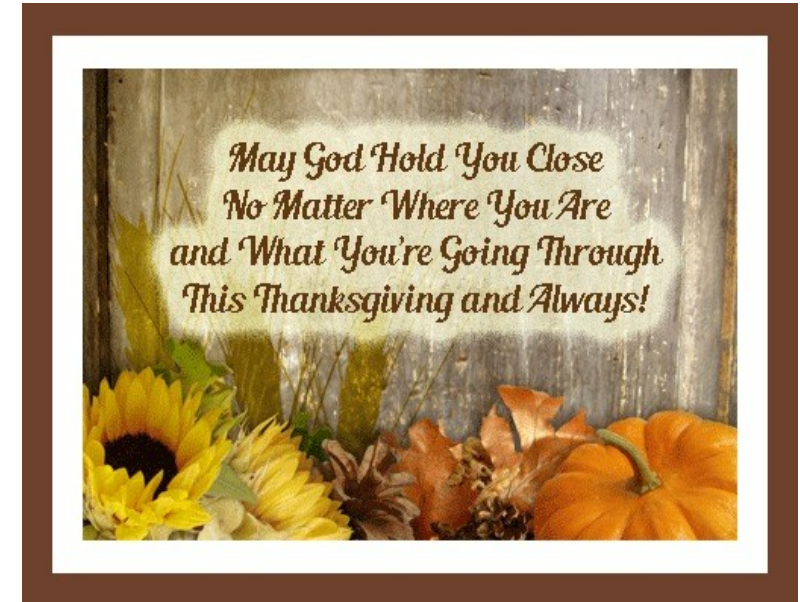
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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organizations
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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.
RCIA TEAM
ACTS Retreats Teams

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- 2023



**THANKSGIVING MASS,
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, at 10:00 am.**
Please consider joining us.
Happy Thanksgiving!

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October 8, 2023 - Year - A
The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - Oct 14/15</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Lisa Poort</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Mary Hornak</p>
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The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Oct 9	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass for all parishioners living and deceased.	
Tues	Oct 10	9:00 am	+Maria Jose Cordeiro	by the Melo & Mikhail Families
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am	Choir Practice
		10:30 am	- 12 Noon	Church, open for prayer, engagement, conversation
		10:30 am	- 11:30 am	Parish Pastoral Council meeting with Facilitator Lisa Port Fr. Christopher
Wed	Oct 11	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Arthur & Arleen Marlow	by the Newman Family
		9:00 am	- 12 Noon	St. Luke, Anglican Church, open for prayer, engagement, conversation
		10:30 am	- 12 NOON	Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm	- 8:30 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session Four upper meeting room Tea
		7:00 pm		Catholic Women's League monthly meeting in the parish hall
Thurs	Oct 12	9:00 am	+James & Teresa Bolton	by the Newman Family
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am	Parish Bible Study Group upper meeting room
Fri	Oct 13	7:30 am	- 8:00 am	Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am	+Cathy Ranbury	by Judy & John Terpstra
			+Paul Furtado	by Paula Melo
Sat	Oct 14		The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A	
		11:00 am	Funeral Mass with Internment of Kathleen Armstrong	Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm	- 4:30 pm	Confessions.
		5:00 pm	+Maria & Antonio Pais	by Fatima Araujo & Family
Sun	Oct 15	10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
		2:00 pm	- 5:00 pm	ACTS RETREAT TEAMS Lunch in Mississauga Fr. Christopher

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Increase your standard of Giving before your increase your standard of Living.

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.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

REGISTRATION FOR CERTIFICATE

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2023. To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish by November 10, 2023

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 11 Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm in parish hall.
- Oct 12 Lunch at Mandarin
- Oct 18 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" - every third Wednesday Mass at 9:00 am and breakfast following at Lackis Please join us (husbands welcome).

Memberships for the year 2024 for returning members will be coming up. Please remember to renew your membership and a special invitation for new members to join us. More information to follow.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This past week (October 2), the PPC focused on Mission and Vision. Knowing where we are today and where we are headed is foundational for a thriving and vibrant Parish Community. Your PPC met to work through the Mission and Vision. We are committed to ensuring all foundational elements of Mission, Vision, Service, Structure and (yes even) Healthy Culture are top priorities so that we as a parish can deliver the fruits of our labour.

Father Christopher presented his written report on the "United West Lincoln" outreach and advocacy amongst the Christian Communities of Smithville. Sandy gave an update on the parish RCIA programme/process. Three candidates and four parishioners who wish to know more about our Catholic faith. So far the RCIA Team and the participants are enthusiastically engaged.

Next PPC Meeting is Monday, October 23.

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS

We prepare our young people for sacraments of Christian Initiation. First Reconciliation; First Eucharist and Confirmation. Registration Forms are to be returned by the end of October. This presents an opportunity of parents and young friends to return to the regular practice of attending the Eucharist on a Sunday. Again, we offer Children's Liturgy every Sunday. The celebrations of Sacraments is collaborative effort of family, parish and school to help our young people enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to grow in their commitment to His Church. May their discipleship journey be a full, active, and conscious participation in the life of our parish.

OCTOBER COFFEE SOCIAL

Sunday, October 22, following the 10:00 am Mass. We thank Parish Events Group who are responsible for this gathering. We look forward to some social time together.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

"We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."

SYNOD OF SYNODALITY OCTOBER 4- 29, 2023

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) welcomed the news from the Holy See's General Secretariat of the Synod of the delegates appointed for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be held this October. The two episcopal conferences serve as the coordinating entities for the North American region for the Synod, which is themed, [For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission](#). The first session of the Synod will be held at the Vatican on 4 - 29 October 2023, and the second session is scheduled to be held in October 2024.

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARTIAS CANADA

Get ready for an exciting new phase of our Fall/ Lent campaign, "Create Hope -- Stand for the Land." This fall we will have the incredible opportunity to connect with a vibrant community in Honduras. The Guapinol community is facing a pressing challenge: the threat to their water and land due to an open pit iron mine nestled in the Montaña de Botaderos Carlos Escaleras National Park. The impact of this mine extends to villages along the Guapinol and San Pedro rivers, as well as the entire regional ecosystem. To learn more about the campaign, visit their website: devep.org