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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 - Ron & Janet Roscovich 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - April 13/14</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sue Armstrong 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Bob Hignett</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

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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organization
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President - Sherri De Wilde
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Parish Groups
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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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April 7, 2024 - Year - B
2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Mon	Apr 8	The Annunciation of the Lord 9:00 am +Antonio Furtado Araujo Leite	by Paula Melo
Tues	Apr 9	9:00 am +John Mulder 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm Diocesan Consultors Meeting Catholic Centre 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Upper Meeting Room	by the KOC Fr. Christopher All Members
Wed	Apr 10	9:00 am +Wanda Battiston 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 29	by Helen & Andy Lipiec Team
Thurs	Apr 11	St. Stanislaus 9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by Michael Urban
Fri	Apr 12	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +Kamil Pachowicz & Wesi Trupek	Fr. Christopher by Emilia & Walter Pachowicz
Sat	Apr 13	The 3rd Sunday of Easter 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 11 and 12	
Sun	Apr 14	10:00 am +Fabian Crawford 11:30 am Baptism of Jordyn and Jase Barnes	by Dan & Annette Shukovitsky Fr. Christopher

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.

POPE FRANCIS APRIL INTENTIONS

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit: www.livingwithchrist.ca

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Apr 10 Regular Meeting. Parish hall
- Apr 17 "Feed your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every 3rd Wed, Mass at 9 am & Breakfast following at Lackis. All are welcome
- Apr 23 St. Catharines Diocesan Council 66th Annual Meeting Of Members & Dinner, Holiday Inn, St. Catharines
- May 5 Save the Date! Spring Tea by our Social Committee, More Details to follow.

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA

The annual dinner event is scheduled for Sat, April 15 at Club Roma, St. Catharines (reception 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m.). This year's speaker is Blaise Alleyne, pro-life speaker and co-author of "A Guide to Discussing Assisted Suicide." Tickets (\$60 adults, \$30 students) can be purchased at chooselife.ca/events

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7

St. Joseph's Parish and St. Martin of Tours will celebrate together Divine Mercy Sunday as a Haldimand Deanery Initiative. The host Parish is St. Joseph's in Grimsby. The Service begins at 2:30pm with several priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions). You, are most welcome to join us.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and amazing music lead by the dynamic Nancy Bodsworth who leads the music of the Life Jesus Higher Rally.

Its an afternoon not to be missed in the Haldimand Deanery.

A humble Polish nun, St. Faustina received extraordinary revelations in the 1930s, which she recorded in her diary. Our Lord told her, "In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart" (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1588). Jesus specially chose her for the mission of bringing His message of Mercy to the world, and He called Divine Mercy Sunday mankind's "last hope of salvation" (995). Help spread God's Divine Mercy through St. Faustina! Please join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday.
<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/divine-mercy-novena>

RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

April 8th - 7 pm

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Bishop Bergie will be celebrating the Respect for Life Mass. This Mass is an opportunity for us to join together and pray for a greater respect for life from conception to natural death. All are welcome to attend.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." 2024 is a Year of Prayer, in preparation. Our Parish Pastoral Council will be discussing this in upcoming meetings. Details will follow.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Group One Reconciliation Friday, April 26, 11:30 am at the School.

First Holy Communion, Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 am, Church.

Group Two Reconciliation Friday, May 3, 11:30 am at the School.

First Holy Communion, Saturday, May 4, at 11:00 am, Church.

Seating is limited. We request that no small children attend. Parents will need to obtain a babysitter. A special collection will take place as we need to financially support our parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome to our community of faith:

April 7 Jordyn Deborah Rose Barnes

April 7 Jase Anthony Joseph Barnes

April 28 Alexander Thomas Duwyn

TBD Caleb Gordon Comfort

EASTER EYES TO SEE

Christ is risen! Just as we have a God who knows our suffering, we have a God who is restoring all things to himself. As a faith community we read the narrative of the empty tomb and we noted the fact that Mary Magdalene mistook Jesus for the gardener. After all, how could it be Jesus, for he was dead. She had not yet experienced resurrection and did not at first have eyes to see. We then reflected on how our experience may cause us to put on blinders, and to miss God at work in our lives and in our world. But Easter tells us that we have a God who is always in our midst and at work bringing restoration, and new birth. God is at work in our faith community. Pray with us that we have eyes to see and hearts to respond.