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<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Cathy & Frank Cartaginense</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - Sept 16/17</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sue Armstrong 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 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

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
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Grand Knight Tony Zanni
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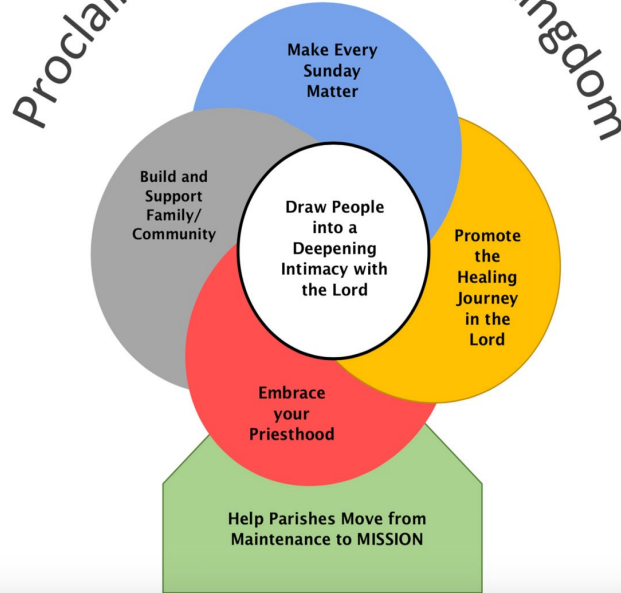
Facility Maintenance
Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Parish Pastoral Council
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreat Teams

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

Proclaim Christ and God's Kingdom



A Warm Welcome To Our New Parish Pastoral Council We Are Powered For Impact

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September 10, 2023 - Year - A
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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	Sept 11	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
		10:30 am - 12 Noon. Wellspring Niagara Zoom Presentation	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in multiple meeting room	
Tues	Sept 12	9:00 am For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
		9:30 am - 12 Noon. Ministerial Faith Communities of Smithville Meeting at St. Luke's	Fr. Christopher
		11:30 am Opening School Mass at the School Gymnasium - Group 1	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Sept 13	St. John Chrysostom	
		9:00 am For the health and healing of Andy Lipiec	by the Newman Family
		10:30 am - 12 NOON Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm- 8:30 pm Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting Parish Hall	
Thurs	Sept 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
		8:45 am +Lorraine Gillen	by the Newman Family
		9:30 am - 12 Noon Assembly of Ontario Bishops' Social Affairs Commission Virtual Mtg	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Sept 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	
		9:00 am For the health and healing of Andy Lipiec	by Joan & Bob Hignett
Sat	Sept 16	The 24h Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A	
		1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Development & Peace National Launch Webinar	Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions.	
		5:00 pm +Ross Moniz	by Brenda Moniz & Family
Sun	Sept 17	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

"We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions: may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance."

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Calling all active or retired teachers, ECE's and volunteers: We need your help!

We are looking for 3 people to volunteer for Sunday morning Children's Liturgy. Training will be provided and all materials are ready to go. Police check is required (organized by the Parish Office). Our goal will be to have you cover one Sunday per month from September to June. Many hands make for light work! Please contact the parish office today by email or phone.

"But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to them." Luke 18:16

Children's Liturgy begins Sunday, September 17.

SEPTEMBER COFFEE SOCIAL

We aim to prepare for Sunday, September 17, 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. Please plan on attending.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Throughout the summer, many parishes across the diocese held the Parish Pastoral Council Study Series developed for our diocese by Ron Huntley leadership. The study was designed to have participants explore ideas about leadership, and learn what successful Parish Pastoral Councils could be like. Our parish actively participated in the study series. Setting up for success takes time, discernment, the breath of the Holy Spirit and your prayers and support, and the process is just starting. You - the parishioners of St. Martin - actively participated in both the Diocesan lead Discernment Process before COVID -19 and Pope Francis' Synod Listening Sessions. Both provided an abundance of feedback to give our newly formed Parish Pastoral Council a strong starting point.

Parish Pastoral Council

Sherri De Wilde, Cheryl Ecker

Father Christopher Gillen, Sandy Johnson

Lisa Port (Facilitator)

Lenora Newman, Valerie Newman

Tom Shields, John Terpstra.

Paula Verrecchia, Nick Verrecchia

First Meeting is Monday, September 11, 7:00 pm in the multiple meeting room on main floor.

THE PARISH LEADERSHIP DAY

"Setting Hearts on Fire"

Saturday, September 23 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport

The purpose of the day is to inspire, empower, and equip pastors and their parish Pastoral Councils, whether newly formed or existing -- to better understand this call to leadership and service as one that will "set hearts on fire" across the diocese.

It is a unique way to meet one another, network, and share ideas - and see how the Holy Spirit is at work in Bishop Bergie's mandate that focuses on co-responsibility and collaboration. Besides Bishop Bergie, guest speakers will include Ron Huntley and Lorraine McCarthy. Please prayer for the success of this gathering for both the diocese and our parishes.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENT

Sept 13: Regular meeting in parish hall at 7:00 pm

BECOMING CATHOLIC?

St. Martin's Parish RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you fit any one of the following descriptions (or if you know of someone who does), call us!

- anyone who wants to join the Catholic Church
- anyone who wants to consider entering the Church
- anyone who was baptized but never received the other sacraments
- anyone who simply wishes to inquire about Catholicism
- anyone Catholic who feels that they would like to review or increase their knowledge of the faith (and at the same time, act as a parish sponsor for an inquirer)

The process begins on Wed Sept 20, 2023 and will run every Wed until May 15, 2024 from 7 - 9 pm. There's no time like the present to signal one's intentions!

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED

Calling all Parishioners

RCIA is kicking off in September at St. Martin's. We are looking for volunteers to create a "Sponsor List" where parishioners can seek out a supporting Catholic to help along their journey.

Please contact the office today to inquire about what is involved and how to sign up.

PILGRIMAGE TO MARY LAKE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GRACE

13760 Keele St. King City

Friday September 15, 2023

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

All Parishioners are welcome to join us.

We will leave St. Martin's parking lot at 9:30 am after morning Mass, leaving Mary Lake at 1:45 pm to return home. You can picnic on the beautiful grounds or go for lunch at a nearby restaurants.

Call the office to register.

PRACTICE MINDFULNESS and ALERTNESS

School is back, so that means children walking to and from school, school buses and extra traffic. Keep within the speed limit at school zone. Stop for School Buses. Drive safely so that we can keep our children safe.