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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.

Ministry Schedule - Feb 22/23

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet R. 10:00 am - George Y..	5:00 pm - Sherri deWilde 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Valerie N. 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	10:00 am - Jennifer N.

Ministry Schedule - Mar 1/2

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia	5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Marg VanGeest	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Dick Van Geest	10:00 am - Judy Terpstra

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 1:00 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

Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's League
President - Sherri De Wilde
sherridewilde@hotmail.com

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Facility Maintenance
Children's Liturgy
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
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HAPPY Family Day

JUBILEE YEAR 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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

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February 16 & 23, 2025 - Year - C
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 6th and 7th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

February 16 & 23, 2025

The 6th & 7th Sundays in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:30 am

Mon Feb 17	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
Tues Feb 18	9:00 am +Henry Pikula		by Family
	9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice		
	10:00 am - 2:00 pm Blessed Trinity Secondary School Confessions Grimsby		Fr. Christopher
Wed Feb 19	9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban		by Michael Urban
	10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass Wellandport		Fr. Christopher
	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Diocesan Meeting Virtual		Fr. Christopher
	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm ALPHA Course Lakemount Worship Centre Grimsby		Fr. Christopher
Thurs Feb 20	9:00 am +Kevin Van Den Elzen		by Cheryl Ecker
	9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group		
Fri Feb 21	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual		Fr. Christopher
	9:00 am +Joyce Ross		
Sat Feb 22	The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions		
	5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family		
Sun Feb 23	10:00 am +Frank Modrzejewski		by Family
Mon Feb 24	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting/Upper room		Team
Tues Feb 25	9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban		by Michael Urban
	9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice		
Wed Feb 26	9:00 am +Ike Schiestel		by St. Martin's School Staff
	1:30 pm- 3:00 pm Diocesan Council of Priest Meeting at the Catholic Center		Fr. Christopher
Thurs Feb 27	9:00 am +John William & Grace Tye		by Heather Belmont
	9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group		
	12 noon - 2:00 pm Haldimand Deanery Luncheon and meeting		Fr. Christopher
Fri Feb 28	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual		Fr. Christopher
	9:00 am +Connie Krasko		by Norrie Franko
Sat Mar 1	The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Development @Peace Diocesan Share Lent Launch		Fr. Christopher
	4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions		
	5:00 pm +Jeremias Machado		by Agostinha Machado
Sun Mar 2	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family		

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.**

PARISH MISSION HEALTH ASSESSMENT

We thank those individuals who took the time to fill out our questionnaire. Huntley Leadership will present the findings to Father Christopher and to the diocese. Let us move forward in HOPE!

ALL MINISTRIES:

Hospitality, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Serving.

Thought the upcoming season of Lent we will present an opportunity for review, update, and offer training. We invite new members to join a ministry. We thank you for your ministry of Service. Check bulletin for the scheduled gatherings. Thank you.

2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Remaining income tax receipts that have not been picked up have been mailed out to you.

FAMILY DAY WEEKEND

As we observe Family Day on Monday February 17th, we are reminded of the importance of family as the foundation of faith, love, and unity. Families are called to be a "domestic church," where faith is nurtured and shared. This special day encourages us to reflect on the role of our families in living out Christian values and growing together in God's love.

We invite all families in our parish to join us for Family Day Weekend by praying together at our Masses on February 15th/16th as a family.

Coming to Mass together strengthens our bond with Christ and with one another. Let us take this opportunity to pray together, give thanks, and seek God's blessings on our families.

FAITH OUTREACH AND LENTEN STUDY PROGRAMME

Would you like to enhance your Lenten Journey this Jubilee year? Join us for: The No Greater Love - A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion. Programme on Tuesdays from March 4 to April 8 at 7 pm.

This Lenten Study is for anyone who wants to experience a deeper relationship with Christ, and experience more deeply his extraordinary love for each of us. After all, Christ's Passion and Death is central to who we are as Catholic Christians.

You must register so we know how many books to order. The cost of the book and workbook is \$39.95 plus tax. If we have 10 or more people sign up, the cost will drop to \$36.75 plus tax. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer of the church.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday is March 5.
9:00 am Parish Mass
10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass
School Lenten Services
Group One: 11:30 am
Group Two: 12:15pm
6:30 pm Parish Mass
Distribution of Ashes at all Masses and Services.
Lenten Way of the Cross First Week of Lent begins Friday, March 14, at 6:00 pm.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

In our parishes throughout the Diocese, and closer to home within our Deanery of Haldimand, we are always seeking ways to encourage parishioners to accept the call to live as disciples and grow as good stewards. We are constantly considering what we hear from members of the community, and how we might help them move more closely toward a new vision of Christian discipleship and stewardship. As we listen, we must identify their challenges and tailor the stewardship message to address the challenges they face. It is beneficial to identify the challenges in relationship to key themes of stewardship:

Spirituality:

Do parishioners understand stewardship as a spiritual way of life, or does it seem that they view it as a checklist of things they are supposed to do?

Gratitude and Response:

Are members of the community making the connection between growing in gratitude for the gifts and blessings of their lives and do they respond through giving?

DIOCESAN INITIATIVES IN OUR JUBILEE YEAR

The MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series is a special Jubilee 2025 initiative designed to engage those living in the Diocese of St. Catharines to learn about hope, and together, reflect and explore ways to restore a climate of hope in our world that desperately yearns for it. Each month, in venues around the diocese, a speaker has been invited to give a talk that explores some messages and themes that Pope Francis highlighted in this Jubilee's Bull of Induction SPES NON CONFUNDIT. Hope does not disappoint unless otherwise advertised.

The Messages of Hope Sessions are free; everyone is welcome!

To register use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/rehnH9PdnB?origin=lprLink>

Upcoming sessions in the Series:

Fr. Rico Passero

Topic: Hope for Today

Monday, Feb. 24 @ 7:00 pm at the Catholic Centre

Nick Ali, Director of Evangelization &

Faith Formation for the diocese

Topic: Hope in Evangelization

Tuesday, March 18 @ 7:00 pm at St. Kevin's Church, 303 Niagara Street, Welland.