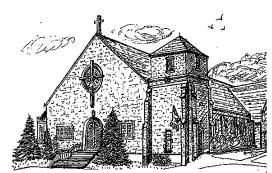


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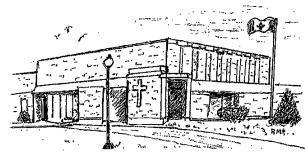
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Feast of Christ the King ~ November 25, 2018 First Sunday of Advent ~ December 2, 2018

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Advent Message from Deacon Frank Chowhan

The last few years of the 1940's I was ending my year's at high school, now looking forward to further my education at school in Montreal. While at high school I met a super Priest, who was responsible for nine young men studying to become priests. I think he was sorry I didn't make his list, but for many years Fr. Duffy introduced many of us to the Abbey of Gethsemani... (Trappist Cistercians) an Abbey where we had many, many retreats over these many years.

I would like to share with you the message from the monk who gave us **The Retreat on Prayer**, and I still use this prayer every day, at bedtime.

His message was after a short examination of our day, an Act of Contrition which should always be prayed. This is a great way to usher in Advent.

Act of Contritions

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offended thee, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my Love. I firmly resolve, with the help of they grace, to confess my Sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

Amen

Please consider using this prayer for daily meditation.

Be Bold ~ Be Catholic

From the desk of Father Lucio and Father Alan:

Please note that in this bulletin, we have listed the Christmas Masses since there is a change from last year at St. Mary's and St. Cecilia's. This allows families to make their plans and pray together as a family.

Please take with an open heart, our request for YOU to donate to the WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. The envelopes were in the last bulletin or you will find them at the doors of the church. Your support is appreciated.

Development and Peace presentations are this weekend at all of our parishes. Please take a moment and support our Development and Peace committees as they request your signatures, for their support. This is another way to make a stand for those less fortunate.

PLEASE, take a moment a pick up your Offertory Envelopes at the front doors of the church. Remember, you do not receive an Offertory Envelope box if you are on preauthorized giving.

Fr. Lucio and I are attending several meetings in London at the Diocesan Centre, because we are a PIONEER Family of Parishes along with Chatham. Our Bishops are trying their best to learn from our mistakes and our successes as we move into our Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk. These meetings will continue through 2019.

Our next bulletin will list the various times and places for Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please come and celebrate God's love and forgiveness!



Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 24, 2018

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux 7:00 p.m.
- St. Cecilia 7:00 p.m.
- St. Mary 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass

<u>Tuesday, December 25, 2018</u>

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux 9:00 a.m.
- St. Cecilia 9:00 a.m.
- St. Mary 11:00 a.m.

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs -- 11:00 a.m.

Catholic Women's League News

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs C.W.L Delhi

Our CWL ladies will be at the back of church before and after mass for our annual CWL Membership Drive 2019 on Sat. Dec. 1 and Sun. Dec.2., cost is \$25.00. Hope you will join us.



Remember to save the date for our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sat. Nov. 24th 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and Bingo at 7:00 pm. See you there!

Next meeting of our CWL is Thurs. Dec. 6th with mass at 5:30 followed by our catered Christmas Dinner. Tickets for the Christmas Dinner are \$25.00, and will be selling them before and after mass Sat. Nov. 24 and Sun. Nov. 25th . Also you may call Ethel Rieter for tickets and info at 582-0316. Everyone is welcome.

THANK YOU, to all who came out to the BAZAAR. Your support is greatly appreciated. Also a BIG THANK YOU to ALL the DONORS of the businesses in our community and all talented individuals who contributed to the Bazaar. Heartfelt thanks to our ladies, men and students who helped with the making/cooking/serving of the luncheon tables/soup/sandwich, the set up and take down of the Bazaar and those who worked the venue. Blessings to everyone.

Our Lady of LaSalette C.W.L.

The next meeting of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday, December 3 at 7 pm at the Community Hall in LaSalette. Everyone Welcome.

Our Lady of LaSalette Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday, December 10. Mass at 5 pm at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs followed by supper at 6 pm at the Delhi Hungarian Hall. \$25 per person. For tickets please call Cecile Catry at 519-468-6658. We will have entertainment, draw table, 50/50 draw, donation of cash or cheque to the Delhi Sharing Pantry. Everyone welcome.

Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Women's League memberships are coming due, which is \$25. Cheque or cash can be put in an envelope marked LaSalette Catholic Women's League and placed in the collection basket at Mass. For more information please call Cecile Catry at 519-468-6658

St. Bernard's C.W.L.

C.W.L. memberships for 2019 will be collected on the next 2 Sundays, November 25 and Dec.2 . Memberships are \$25.00.

Our Christmas dinner will take place on Thursday, December 13 @ Kerry's restaurant. Husbands / partners etc. are also invited. Cost is \$ 30.00 per person, tax included. If you are interested in joining us the DEADLINE is Sunday, December 2 to pay. For more information and signing up please call Tinie @ 443 - 3881 or Conny @ 512 -2786.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11 @ 7 pm. in the church hall.

St. Cecilia's C.W.L.

St. Cecilia's Catholic Women's League Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 9:45 am, following the morning Mass.

Christmas tree light up Sunday, December 9, 3:00 - 5:30 pm.

The women of the parish are invited to join the CWL at their annual Christmas dinner which will be held in St. Cecilia's church hall on Wednesday, December 12th, starting at 5:30 PM. It will be catered by the ladies of Grace United Church. The cost will be \$20 per person for a complete Christmas dinner. If you are interested in attending, contact Evelyn at 519 583 9528 or by email at ehudecki@gmail.com before Dec. 2nd. CWL membership fees for 2019 may be paid at the dinner.

Our Religious Articles store is open before and after the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass or by appointment call (519) 583-9186. Religious Christmas Cards, Advent Candles and a variety of other items have arrived for the Christmas Season including the Timothy Schmalz statues which make a great gift for any occasion.

Knights of Columbus News

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus





"Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs are now available. \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Please call Jim 519-426-5806.

Delhi - LaSalette Knights of Columbus Council 5095

Knights of Columbus members Christmas Dinner. Monday, December 3rd at 6pm Contact Bill Csinos prior to November 29th if you would like to attend 519-535-2932 bbcsinos@gmail.com

There will tal Mass.

St. Mary's Monthly Parish Social & Luncheon

There will be **No** luncheon in November in preparation for the Parish Christmas Party which will take place on Saturday, December 8 in St. Mary's Parish Hall following the 11 am Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE ~ SIMCOE/WATERFORD/ DELHI

During the past month, we were asked to supply groceries in the Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi area to 65 families, having a total of 183 adults and children. The Soup Kitchen which operates 3 days per week, reopened



October 11th, and served 410 hearty meals to area participants during the balance of October. This is an average of 46 people each day and as the weather gets colder this number is sure to rise.

Collection for the month of November was \$629.00 from St Bernard's, \$1853.00 from Our Lady Queen of Martvr's and \$1117.00 from St Marv's.

We wish to thank the students, staff and parents of Holy Trinity High School, St Joseph's in Simcoe, St Michael's in Walsh and St Frances Cabrini in Delhi for their huge donations of food from their recent food drives.

Our members will be available after Mass on December 1st & 2nd to receive your kind donations. Please give your name and address if you wish a year end income tax receipt.

We thank you for your continued financial support and ask that you pray for an increase in the number volunteers to St. Vincent de Paul and for those we serve.

Women's Group Update

Our next meeting will be on **November 27th at 7:30 pm** in the lower hall at St. Mary's. All women are welcome to join us for prayer and socializing. Starting in January we will be meeting on the third Tuesday of the month in the lower hall at 7:30 pm. If you spoke to me and did not receive an email with details from the first meeting please touch base so I can add you to the email list. Call or text (519) 427- 6137 or email courtney.brame@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk

We are thrilled that you are thinking about Baptism for your child. The first step is to call the office 519-426-0887 or 519-582-1312. and ask for Kathryn, our Pastoral Minister. She will fill in a Baptism Information form with you by phone and then sign you up for a Baptism Information Night. You may attend any preparation night you wish, regardless of which church your child's Baptism will take place at. The upcoming dates for these nights are:



Thursday, Dec 6th 7:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia's, Parish Hall

Thursday, Jan 3rd 7:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Upper Hall

Thursday, Feb 7th 7:00—8:00 pm at St. Bernard's Parish Hall

After you have attended the Information Night, then you will call and book your date. In general, we have Baptisms on the first and third weekend of the month after the mass.

New Life In Our Parish

We Welcome into our Parish Family through the Waters of Baptism

<u>St. Mary</u> ~ Zachary Steven, son of Christopher & Rebecca; Lauren Unwin, daughter of Chris & Rebecca;

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs ~ Tanner LaChance, son of Phillip & Brittany

St. Cecilia ~ Shelby & Demi Yetman, children of Jeremy & Rhonda.

<u>St. Bernard</u> ~ Daphne & Rosalie Stenhouse, children of Kyle & Allison; Hannah & Hunter Dixon, children of Corey & Becky.

We would like to congratulate all of these families and thank God for the gift of children in our midst

Getting Married

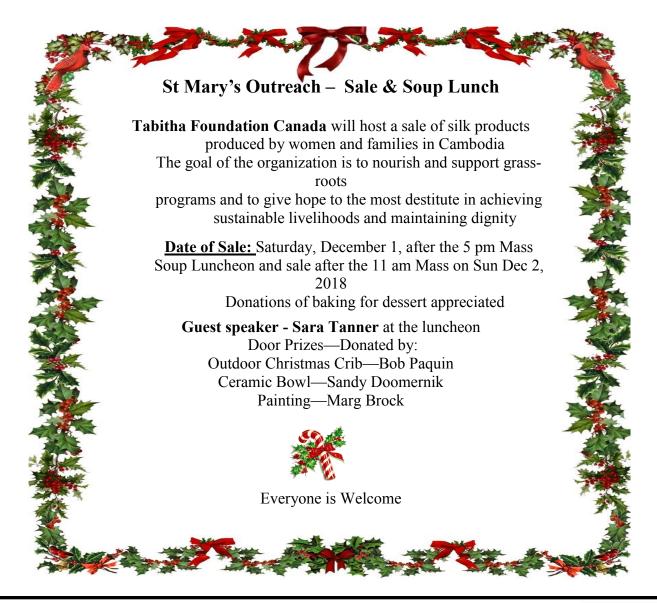
Are you getting married in the future? Congratulations! Please contact Fr. Alan or Fr. Lucio as soon as possible to register for Marriage Preparation. The next course takes place at St. Mary's Parish on Friday, April 5 (evening) and Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Contact the Parish office at 519-426-0887 or 519-582-1312

The Spirit of Truth and Love prayer group upcoming 7:30 pm Tuesday evening meeting schedule, down stairs at St. Mary's Parish Hall, for the balance of 2018 are as follows:

Nov 20 Dec 4 & 18-Dec. January 8, 22 February 12, 26 March 12, 26 April 9, 23 May 14, 28 June 11, 25 July 9, 23 August 13, 27 September 10, 24 October 8, 22 November 12, 26 December 10.





Christmas Cakes for Sale

Traditional cake made by the monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey.

Each cake is slowly baked and aged to perfection. Choice fruits soaked in wine, pecans, creamery butter and quality ingredients are carefully blended according to a traditional recipe creating the perfect Christmas cake.



Regular 600 gms (1.23 lbs) \$20.00 Deluxe 1 kg (2.20 lbs) \$27.00

Sweet Box \$25.00

Chocolate bar (120 gms/4.2 oz) Dark of milk, 6 chocolate (80g/2.8 oz) Milk with Hazelnut filling or dark with caramel filling, or dark with maple filling. Jam (12 oz) Raspberry or blackberry or blueberry or Elderberry. Sucre a la Crème—fudge, (4 pieces).

Savoury Box \$30.00

Red Pepper Jelly (12 oz) Kalamate Olive spread (190ml/6 oz) Squash and Maple Syrup Mustard (212 ml/7oz) Fruit spread for Cheese: Cranberry Raspberry Ginseng, and Star Anise (60ml/2 oz) and Dark Chocolate Mice, 10 pieces.

Call Lou 519-428-2164 to place your order before Nov 26th. All proceeds going to Prolife Education.

The Giving Tree At St. Mary's & St. Bernard's

For many families, Christmas is not a time of joyful abundance, but rather a sad reminder of their poverty, especially for those with small children and the elderly, who are alone.

In Simcoe, the St. Vincent de Paul Society has, in past years, reached out to such families with Christmas baskets of food and gifts, so that these families may also be blessed by the gift of Christmas. In keeping with this tradition, once again, St. Mary's & St. Bernard's will have the **GIVING TREE**. We invite everyone to take one or more cards from the tree, purchase the item[s] written on the cards, and place them under the tree. Please note, the tree will be up on the weekend of November 24th & 25th. At. St. Bernard's the tree will be up on Sunday, November 18. We ask that you please make sure all gifts are under the tree by December 16th, so that they may be distributed to the families in time for Christmas.

At St. Mary's there will be gift bags from previous years available by the tree. Please feel free to take some of these to return your gifts or for your other gift wrapping. Also we would appreciate it if you would return the gift tags in the bag with your gifts, for use in future years.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity

Port Dover/ Walsh St. Vincent de Paul ~ GIVING TREE

On Sunday November 25th the giving trees will be set up at the back of St. Cecilia's church. The giving tree will contain tags with food or gifts items needed to fill Christmas baskets for families in our local community. Please feel free to take one or more tags, purchase the items and return them to the giving tree **unwrapped** with the tag attached, by Sunday December 16th. Our St. Vincent de Paul helps people from all over Norfolk County and last year we distributed approximately 50 Christmas baskets thanks to your help. We look forward to your generosity again this year. If anyone would like to donate their time we will be packing the boxes on Saturday, December 22nd at St. Cecilia's from 9am—10:30am.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and have a Merry Christmas.

Delhi Toy and Food Drive

Once again Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish will be collecting non perishable food items and toys for Delhi families this Christmas.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations. Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 9, 2018.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of November 25, 2018 St. Mary's for John Paul Song



Weekday Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 27 - November 30, 2018

Date	Time & Place	Intentions for	Requested by	Please Pray for
Tuesday, Nov 27	St. Mary's ~ 7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs	Manuel Fernandes Maria Perreira Peggy Shortt	The Family Zilia Almeida Daphne Shortt & Family	Mrs. Karen Robert, Pastoral Minister
	7:00 pm	Julie Brinker Celestine Bacro Paulette Maks	Ethel Dobias Carol Mychajluk Adele, John & Family	
Wednesday, Nov 28	St. Cecilia's ~ 9:00 am	Peggy Riordan Ken McKinnin & Joanne Amyotte Rita Decker	Mike & Pat Fidler John & Joan Dancho Margaret Wormsbecker	Deacon Paul Bezaire
Thursday, Nov 29	St. Mary's ~ 9:30 am Avec Ecole St. Marie	Staff & Students John Paul Song Dorothy & Isaiah Jeffrey Robert McElhone	Agnes Song The Estate Paul & Norma McElhone	Mrs. Christine Yeoumans, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Friday, Nov 30 St. Andrew the Apostle	<u>St. Mary's ~ 9:30 am</u>	Esperanza Gonzales & Ricardo Benevides Antonio Santos Ana Cristina & Zilia Borges	Laidy Maya Maria Santos Maria Correia	Deacon John Shiha
	St. Bernard's ~ 11:30 am	Doris Myska Lucien Verbuyst Adam Caruana	Marg & Keith Hutchinson Alfons & Josie Mels Sharon Caruana	



Starting Advent, there will be a 'Sunday School' program running on Saturday evenings, at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish during the Saturday night Liturgy! Children will be invited to come to the front of the Church and join a Church volunteer after the Gospel and return to their parents after Communion or after Mass (the children can remain with the Choir to sing the Communion hymn and Recessional hymn if they choose). There will be a take home craft completed over the 4 weeks of Advent. All children are invited to celebrate the Advent season and prepare for Jesus' birth!

Holy Trinity Catholic High School – Day of Adoration



Community members are invited to sign up to be present for 1 hour during Adoration in the Chapel at Holy Trinity Catholic High School, 128 Evergreen Hill Road, Simcoe. Please contact Steve Norman, Chaplaincy Leader, if you are able to help with this between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 519-429-3600, ext. 319 or snorman@bhncdsb.ca

Mass is in the chapel at 8:00 am followed by Adoration is on Wednesday, Dec 5, 2018



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of December 2, 2018 Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs In Memory of Jerome Dewilde St. Mary's for Carlos M Lopes & Maria Rodrigues Zeca: The Family Weekday Mass Schedule & Intentions for December 4 - 7, 2018

Date	Time & Place	Intentions for	Requested by	Please Pray for
Tuesday, Dec 4	St. Mary's ~ 7:00 pm St. Bernard's ~ 7:00 pm	Mark Kwarciany Ronnie Slaman Colleen Valeriote Denise Coudenys Lucien Verbuyst Bob Stachura	Mom & Dad & Family Olivia Hays Roy & Alona Havens Dad Bernadette, Justin & Family John & Jennie Pajor	Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/ Director of Music
Wednesday, Dec 5	Holy Trinity High School 8:00 am St. Cecilia's ~ 9:00 am St. Cecilia's School	Staff & Students Roger DeGroote Rachel Evens Joan Foglton Staff & Students Cor Schertzing Mary & Joseph Heffer Teresa Wight	Dan & Anita Vanberzele Rachel DeGroote Jim & Linda Hantz The Family Mike & Pat Fidler Joan & John Dancho	Rev. Dwayne Adam
Thursday, Dec 6 St. Nicholas	Dover Cliffs ~ 10:30 am Delhi Nursing Home 2:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 5:30 pm	Frank Oliver Dorothy & Isaiah Jeffrey Julia Barnes Paul Polfliet Lucien Verbuyst Steve Cebulak Robert McElhone Bob Stachura Andy Vandenpoele	The Family The Estate Barbara Mayer Harry & Gladys Heemskerk Rachel DeGroote Barrie & Nora Marie Bruder Harry Heemskerk Edward Lechowicz John Vandenberghe & Family	Rev. Robert Weaver
Friday, Dec 7 St. Ambrose	St. Mary's ~ 9:30 am Exposition ~ 10:00 am Rosary ~ 11:00 am Benediction ~ 11:20 am St. Bernard's ~ 11:30 am Exposition ~ 10am-6pm Benediction ~ 5:45 pm	Filipe Miguel & Belmira Santos Joaquim Francisco Living & Deceased Cruz & O'Malley Family Members Manuel Moniz Jr. Enid Jamieson Maryanne Simon	Filomena, Manuel & Nuno Miguel Julia Francisco Mike & Tian O'Malley Maria Pereira Colleen Valeriote Colleen Valeriots	Deacon Lyle Lalonge

We Commend to your prayers:

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Daphne Jarman, Lillianne Van Dam, Richard Desrosiers, Fr. John Van Damme, Patricia McPhail & Jason Verbuyst.

Remember Prayer

We pray for all the faithful departed including: Violet Matecsa, Bill Siemens, Mary Meszaros & Lea Vermeulen.

Lighthouse Festival Theatre ~ Messiah

Arcady will perform Handel's choral masterpiece, **Messiah** at the Lighthouse Festival Theatre in Port Dover on Saturday, December 1 at 7:30pm. The critically acclaimed touring ensemble specializes in the performance of this great choral work and is known for its lively, energetic and rhythmic rendition. The performance will be conducted by Arcady's Artistic Director, Ronald Beckett. Tickets at \$30 are available online at <u>lighthousetheatre.com</u>/off-season-events or by calling the box office at 519-583-2221 or 1-888-779-7703. For group rates of 15 or more please contact info@arcady.ca

Waterford United Church is hosting their Annual Turkey Supper on Thursday, November 29 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a home style turkey supper complete with all the trimmings including fresh rolls and dessert. Adults \$16, youth \$6, children under 6 free, \$40 for a family group. Tickets at the door – 135 Main Street, Waterford.

Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home Christmas Bazaar

Place: 365 West Street, Simcoe - NHNH Activity Room

Date: Friday, December 7th Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Sale includes: Raffles, Penny Table, Sewing, Crafts, Baked Goods & Cabbage Rolls

All proceeds will go towards NHNH Activities ~ Free Parking



How to get a Hold of Fr. Alan or Fr. Lucio in an Emergency

Just a reminder! For emergencies only, please phone your parish office - Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs / St. Bernard's 519-582-1312 and St. Mary's / St. Cecilia's 519-426-0887 if no one answers, wait for the prompt which tells you to press the number 9. This then goes to Fr. Alan or Fr. Lucio's cell phone and they can respond.

Please use the emergency number 9 for emergencies only, such as a loved one is sick or has died

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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OUR LADY, QUEEN OF MARTYR'S
& ST. MARY'S ~ CLOSED

TUESDAY
ST. MARY'S — CLOSED
OUR LADY, QUEEN OF MARTYR'S
8:30 AM - NOON 1 - 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY
ST. MARY'S ~ 8:30 AM - NOON
1:00 - 4:30 PM
OUR LADY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS ~ CLOSED

THURSDAY

ST. MARY'S ~ 8:30 AM - NOON 1:00 - 4:30 PM OUR LADY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS 8:30 AM - NOON 1:00 - 4:30 PM

FRIDAY
ST. MARY'S ~ 8:30 AM - NOON
OUR LADY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS ~ CLOSED

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for our young people of Grade 8 age or older at weekend Masses in February.



Dates for upcoming CONFIRMATIONS

St. Cecilia's Church, Port Dover: Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Mass St. Mary's Parish, Simcoe: Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Mass Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, Delhi: Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Mass St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, Waterford: Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Mass

If you have any questions, please contact Ian Duckworth: iduckworth@dol.ca or call the Simcoe office: 519-426-0887 or Delhi office: 519-582-1312

First Reconciliation THANK YOUS

Thank you to all those who came out and sang for our First Reconciliation Masses! Young people play such an important role in the life of our Catholic Family of Parishes so thank you to the parents who encouraged them to practice and journeyed with at home and to the teachers who helped prepare them in the schools. Know that so many parishioners including myself were led deeper into the Mass because of their leadership.

Our next Grade 2 parent meetings will be at the end of January and the beginning of February, where we'll take our first look at the Sacrament of First Holy Communion - If I don't see you, have a Merry Christmas!

If your son or daughter missed their first Reconciliation - it's not too late! Just give me a call at the office (519-426-0887 Ext. 227)

God Bless
- lan Duckworth

"Those we love are with the Lord, and the Lord has promised to be with us. If they are with Him and He is with us, they cannot be far away."

-Peter Marshall

Family Faith: Advent Activities

Advent is a time when we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is a wonderful time of year to add a simple prayer to our family meal. You can even do this as you light your advent candle each night.

God of Love,

Your Son Jesus is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of Your love. Help us to walk in that love during the weeks of Advent. As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

(Loyola Press)



Emulating God's love can seem overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. Some easy ideas you might try are:

- *Make cards, crafts or cookies as a family and go visit an elderly neighbour. Your visit might be the only one they get.
- * Join in with making Christmas baskets at one of our parishes.
- *Buy some children's pajamas and a favourite Christmas book and drop it off at a women's shelter.
- *If your children are older, offer as a family to watch the children of a younger family so they can go prepare for the holidays.

Nativity Thoughts

It is very common at this time of year to put out a nativity scene. This year why don't you change it up and put Jesus in a separate special place until Christmas Eve. In our house we put Jesus by our Mary statue so she can watch over Him. Then when He arrives in time for Christmas morning we might take a moment to stop and look lovingly at Him.





We celebrate the birthday of Jesus on December the 25th. It is so easy to get caught up in the Christmas gatherings to remember why we are actually are having Christmas. One easy way to do this is before you go off to Christmas Eve mass, have a birthday cake for Jesus and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

Advent Kindness Tree

Cut out a green construction paper tree and paste it to a red background. As a family, create a list of good deeds that everyone can do. Keep them very general. Put the tree somewhere everyone can see it (on the fridge) and keep a sheet of stars near by. Each time a family member completes a good deed, place a start on the tree.

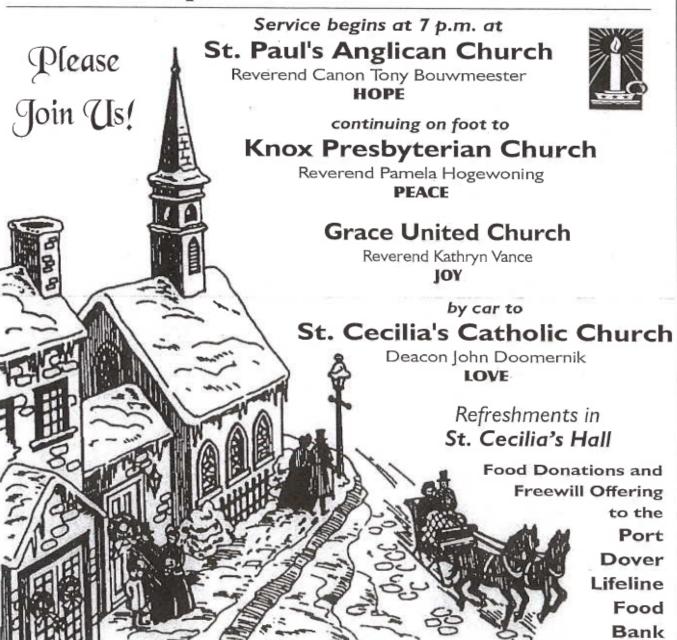




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Sunday, December 2, 2018



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