

Parish Offices

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

110 Adams Ave., Delhi
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Mary

211 Union St., Simcoe
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

165 Thompson Rd, Waterford
Sunday at 9:00 am

St. Cecilia

17 Lynn Park Ave.
Port Dover
Sunday at 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary & Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

Every Saturday 4:00 pm-4:30 pm

St. Cecilia & St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Every Sunday 8:15 am or by appointment

CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES IN NORFOLK



**St. Mary, Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs,
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and St. Cecilia**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"We are a Eucharistic community forming faith-filled disciples of Jesus in loving service of God and neighbour for salvation"

Website: www.catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stbstcstmolqm

Pastoral Team

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Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Simcoe 519 429-3600

St. Frances Cabrini, Delhi 519 582-2470

St. Cecilia, Port Dover 519 583-0231

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Waterford 519 443-8607

Please consider including your parish in your estate planning

Bulletins can be viewed on our website:

<https://catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca/>

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 12, 2023

A Message



Dear Friends:

Next weekend our Family of parishes will be celebrating with some of our children as they complete their sacrament of initiation, with confirmation. It is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a unique way in the life of our faith communities. We thank Fr Charles and Kathryn for coordinating with the schools to make it happen in the absence of Parish Family and Youth Coordinator. We also thank the principals and the teachers of these students who did a great work in preparing them for the Sacrament. It is now the ministry of everyone in our parishes to pray for these candidates who are about to receive the sacrament of confirmation, bearing in mind that the Apostles waited in prayer to receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is a spiritual activity that requires spiritual preparation, not just checking the list. The Holy Spirit will impart the gifts of God upon the candidates to continue the mission of Christ. Confirmation “brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry Abba Father; it unites us more firmly to Christ; it increases the gift of the Holy Spirit in us; it renders our bond with the church more perfect; it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly and never to be ashamed of the cross” (CCC 1303).

St Bernard’s parish will be having a Town Hall meeting this week Wednesday February 15 to deliberate on the way forward regarding the repairs on the church building. I invite everyone to join in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the grace for a fruitful meeting. Our spiritual and financial support for one another in the family will continue to keep us together as one. I am so impressed and thankful to some of our parishioners in other parishes within the family who have shown interest in supporting St Bernard’s parish financially.

Rejoice in the Lord Always! God is greater than our challenges!!

Fr. Augustine Ogundele



Congratulations on the birth of your child and welcome to preparing for Baptism. Baptisms take place on the first two Sundays of the month. When you are ready to begin, go to the Catholic Family of Parishes website, look under the Sacrament tab for Baptism and fill out the online form. It will go to Kathryn Heemsker’s mailbox, and she will contact you for the next steps. Looking forward to preparing you for this wonderful sacrament!



Getting Married

Are you getting married in 2023 or 2024? Congratulations!

Call the office (519-426-0887 or 519-582-1312) to make an appointment with Father Augustine and to sign up for the next Marriage Preparation Class.



Income Tax Receipts are currently being prepared and will be mailed out before the end of the month.

So if you have moved, or have any changes, please call us to update our records. This will insure that you will receive it promptly.

Ash Wednesday Masses on February 22, 2023 at our Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk



9am **OLQM** (with St Frances), **St Cecilia** (with school), **St Bernard** (with school)
11am **St Mary** (with Ecole St. Marie).

7pm **OLQM** and **St Mary**

Parents and Parishioners are encouraged to celebrate Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be taken to the Long Term Care from 1:30pm for those open to it.

To everything there is a season . . . "a time to be healed. . .

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Ruth Lampman, Rob and Carole Doody,

Michael McLeod, and Nick Botzang

"a time to die. . ."

We pray for all the faithful departed: Edward Kabara, Lucille Beal, Bob Defreyne Sr., Marjorie Smith

Eternal rest grant unto them

Please contact our **Prayer Line** for anyone in need of comfort and solace. We have parishioners who share their gifts and gather in a prayerful ministry to pray for whatever request comes to them.

Prayer Line: 519 582-2431 or 519 426-0788 ~ jeanninekowalsky@gmail.com



The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group

The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group Prayer meetings are every 1st & 3rd Tuesday evening at 7:45 pm electronically on Zoom and every 2nd and 4th. Tuesday in person after Mass at St Mary's. For more information call 519-583-0277, John or Barra.

Holy Rosary Prayer Group

Please join the HOLY ROSARY Prayer Meetup Group, praying together supporting one another for grateful Blessings received and for the needs of our church & community via ZOOM on the following dates. Feb. 11- Feast Of OUR LADY OF LOURDES, (Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes Feb.2-10) <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-our-lady-of-lourdes-297>, Feb. 14-Tues-St. Valentine's Day, Feb.20-Family Day we PRAY for our Families to the HOLY FAMILY (as the month of February is dedicated to the HOLY FAMILY); & Feb.22- ASH WEDNESDAY, ZOOM invite link and time details will be sent via email. For your Spiritual resources: <https://catholic-link.org/mark-your-calendar-devote-your-february-to-the-holy-family/>. May the Sweet Immaculate Heart of Mary keep us close to the Divine compassion of the Most Sacred Adorable Heart of Jesus, Amen! Many thanks for your kind assistance!! In GOD's graces, Christian O'Malley
email: ecmc8_1119@yahoo.com,

Job Posting

Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk will be advertising for the positions of **Property and Maintenance Coordinator** for our Parish Family and **Custodian** for St. Mary's church and office. If interested please contact the office for a Job Description for either posts.

**MEETING
REMINDER**

Town Hall Meeting-St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm

St. Bernard Church building needs an urgent repair to forestall further damage to the building. Please attend this very important meeting.

World Day of Prayer

There is no organized Day of Prayer in Delhi this year. The **2023 World day of Prayer is Friday, March 3, 2023**. Please join the Catholic Women's League in Praying for the Women & Peace in Taiwan.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Pope Francis Fund – Grant Application Process

The application process for grants from the Pope Francis Fund is open. In 2022, 11 organizations received a total of \$46,500 in financial support. Charitable organizations in the Diocese that are dedicated to working with the poor and marginalized are encouraged to apply for grants. The link to the application process and grant criteria is at www.dol.ca/pff. All the faithful are asked to share this information with local agencies who could qualify for funding.

The Mysteries of the Eucharist

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of London and Springbank Catholic Family of Parishes welcome Father Michael Driscoll, Professor-Emeritus, University of Notre Dame. Join us as we discover the Eucharist as a mystery to be celebrated, a mystery to be believed, and a mystery to be lived. The evenings will be streamed at www.springbankcatholic.ca on March 7-9, 7-9 pm. You are welcome to join us in person or virtually. Further details are available on the Family's website. UPDATE: a poster has been added at this [link](#)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
February 12, 2023

OLQM: Irene, Alan & Ron Verspeeten
St. Mary: Maria daNazare, Manuel, Aires,
Antonio & Cidalia

Mass Intentions and Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon Feb 13 **St. Mary**
9:00 am +Antonio & Ana Correia
+Mary Ann Gills & Anna Balazs

Tues Feb 14 **Cedarwood**
2:00 pm +Vital & Mary S. Vankerrebroeck
+Jerome & Albertine Degryse

7:00 pm **St. Mary**
+Jeremy Gilchrist
+Ruth DeSerrano

7:00 pm **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
+Jose Borges & Joaquim
+Jeanne Bacro

Wed Feb 15 **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am +Helen Azzopardi
Deceased Members of the C.W.L

11:00 am **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
+Marlene Murphy
+Irene, Alan & Ron Verspeeten

***6:30 pm** **St. Bernard** (*please note time
change*)
+Dorothy Bassett
Members of the Reagan Family

Thurs Feb 16 **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am +Maria D'Alfonzo

10:30 am **Norview**
Members of the Clancy Family

Fri Feb 17 **St. Mary**
10:00 am +Maria Tomez & Noah Edwards
+Maria Catarino

11:30 am **St. Bernard**
Intention for Fr. Augustine
Tony & Martin VanDenHurk &
Families

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass



Simcoe/Waterford Knights of Columbus 4502

Meetings will be 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at
St. Bernard's Parish Hall.

Delhi – La Salette Knights of Columbus 5095

Upcoming meetings

Held in OLQM Parish Hall at 7:00pm

Monday March 6th

**** NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME ****

Port Dover/Walsh Knights of Columbus 8149

Knights of Columbus meeting is first Monday of month at 7:30 PM at
St. Cecilia's Parish Hall



St. Cecilia's/St. Michael's Knights of Columbus are asking
Parishioners to please donate non-perishable food items
for the Port Dover Foodbank and leave them at the en-
trance of St. Cecilia's Church on **Sunday, Feb. 12 and
19th.**



St. Bernard's CWL

Our next meeting will be on Tue February 14 at 2 pm. in
the Parish hall. Hope to see you there.

Reminder, ladies if you have not paid your 2023 member-
ship, please do so a.s.a.p. since we have to send them in to National
very soon. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Cecilia's CWL

There will be a C WL meeting on Wednesday, February 15 at 10:00
am in the downstairs hall. All the ladies are welcome.

JOIN US AT OUR OPEN HOUSE!

I love my French School!



ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE CATHOLIQUE **SAINTE-MARIE**

Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m.

French immersion students are welcome to apply. To learn more, scan our QR code:



165, Queen Street North, Simcoe | 519-426-4775

Visit: CscMonAvenir.ca



Room at the Table

BUILDING A CULTURE OF HOSPITALITY IN YOUR PARISH

As members of the Church, we strive to grow in our relationship with God and help others to do the same. Many people are not drawn to the Church without first feeling at home, like they belong. Hospitality makes the Church feel like home. It allows people to experience the Church in the most human way: imperfectly, with love.

The priest, deacon or pastoral minister cannot be present in every pew of every Mass to do this welcoming. It is up to the people sitting in the pew, the people who make up the Body of Christ, in His Church.

We are all called to engage in active hospitality. Here's an example to help illustrate what that means. Imagine you were invited to attend a great banquet, but you had to go alone:

SCENARIO ONE

You see a table with some empty seats. You approach the table and ask to join them. They say yes!



PASSIVE HOSPITALITY

SCENARIO TWO

Someone notices you and they introduce themselves and invite you to join them at their table.



ACTIVE HOSPITALITY

Active hospitality in a church could look like:

- A kind and simple greeting at the door
- People in the pews, not just greeters, noticing new people and saying hello
- Helping people find the washrooms or accessible entrances
- Welcoming children and families

Tips for Engaging Conversations at Church

It is easy to come to church week after week and miss opportunities to build community with the people around you.

Community and belonging start with conversation. Here are some quick tips for meaningful conversations at church:

- **Ask people their names.** Even if you have been sitting near them for years, start with, "I should probably know this, but what is your name?"
- **Engage in small talk** to build trust, then get to more meaningful conversations. You can keep some "go-to" questions in mind like: Have you read any good books? What does your family do for fun?
- **Continue the conversation.** Try to touch base with someone each week, even if it's just talking as you file out of the church after Mass. Foster those connections and try to add new ones regularly.
- **Pray for each other.** As you're talking, ask the simple question, "How can I pray for you this week?"



How can you make room at the table?

What is Nurturing Joy?

As a mission-oriented church forming disciples of Jesus, our Diocese wants to continue building a culture of hospitality and belonging. The Nurturing Joy Initiative is supporting our Families of Parishes as they boost the sense of welcome and community that parishioners and visitors feel when they are in our churches, our facilities and at our events. Find out more at dol.ca/joy.



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