#### Parish Offices

## Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs & St. Bernard

110 Adams Avenue, Delhi, ON N4B 1P7 Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am-12:00 noon 1:00 pm-4:30 pm PHONE (519) 582-1312 EMAIL olmstbern@dol.ca

#### St. Mary & St. Cecilia

211 Union Street Simcoe, ON N3Y 2B3 Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am-12 noon 1:00pm-4:30 pm PHONE (519) 426-0887 EMAIL stmarycecilia@dol.ca

#### SUNDAY EUCHARIST

#### Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

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

#### St. Marv

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 Sunday at 7:00 pm Spanish Mass (Fr. Frank Murphy)

#### 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: <u>www.catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca</u> Facebook: www.facebook.com/stbstcstmolgm

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To reach a staff member, call your Parish Office and use the extension provided

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Leave a Legacy

Leave a legacy of faith by remembering the Church in your Will. By planning a gift now to your parish, the seminary or the diocese, you can support the Church today and for generations to come. www.dol.ca/legacy

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#### 3rd Sunday of Easter—April 23, 2023

#### From the desk of Kathryn Heemskerk:

This weekend and a couple of other dates as well, we will be welcoming families in our parishes for the **Sacrament of First Communion.** Remember they are guests, and we want them to feel at ease. Pray for their families. Invite them to coffee time if there is one. Welcome them and ask them to come back again. Congratulate them after mass. Introduce yourselves. It is not easy being the new person. Or the gone for awhile person. Or the unnoticed person. How thrilling that they have come to celebrate the sacrament with us. Let us make new friends!

#### The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group

The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday evening at 7:45 pm electronically on Zoom, and every 2nd & 4th Tuesday in person after Mass at St Mary's.

For more information, call John/Barra: 519-583-0277, or E-mail: johnbarra@sympatico.ca

**The Spirit of Truth and Love Prayer Group** invites you, your family, and friends to a two-hour faith building gathering titled, "**Come and See! The Holy Spirit, Giver of Life."** There will be a Sunday afternoon or evening session available; with each one of the parishes in our family hosting a free social event with video, discussion, coffee and treats. Date and times are:

Sunday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Delhi 2 to 4 pm Sunday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> St. Cecilia's, Port Dover 7 to 9 pm	Sunday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Waterford	7 to 9 pm
Sunday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> St. Cecilia's, Port Dover 7 to 9 pm	Sunday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	•	•
Sunday May 21st St Mary's Simone 2 to 4 pm	Sunday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Cecilia's, Port Dover	7 to 9 pm
Suriday, May 21 St Mary 3, Sincoe 2 to 4 pm	Sunday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Mary's, Simcoe	2 to 4 pm

Pre-registration appreciated. Please e-mail <u>johnbarra@sympatico.ca</u> to register for your Session of choice. Please be sure to include your full name and number coming with you. All are welcome!

#### Indwell

Join us for Indwell's annual Hope and Homes Banquet in Simcoe on Thursday, April 27th from 5 – 9 pm at the lovely Greens at Renton. Join us for mingling and simulator games beginning at 5 followed by dinner and a program beginning at 6. Join us for a delicious meal, games and a celebration of hope and homes in Simcoe!

Go to <a href="https://indwell.ca/events/">https://indwell.ca/events/</a> or call (905) 529-0454 x239 to reserve your spot.



CWL Rummage Sale.

St. Mary's Church in TILLSONBURG, corner of Venison and Rolph Streets.

Saturday April 29th, 9am until 1pm.

Clothing and footwear for the entire family.

Small furniture, kitchenware, jewelry, toys and books.

Find us in the fully accessible church hall.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

Please bring a bag (or two) to bring home your treasures.

## An Invitation to JOIN us in the PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Under the Spiritual Leadership of Fr. Vince Gulikers Associate Pastor from Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes

Further details, contact Irene at kohirene88@gmail.com, or call: 519-464-2044

#### 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, Nick Botzang, Diane Collins, Bill Perreira, Margaret Smith and Matt LeSage



We pray for all the faithful departed: John Smelko

#### 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

#### **Diocesan News**

#### The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

The Amherstburg- Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes is hosting the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The dates and times for this event are: Columbus Hall-190 Richmond Street, Amherstburg, Ontario, When: Saturday, May 27 from 9:30am-9:30pm, Sunday, May 28 from 9:30am-7:30pm, Monday, May 29 from 9:30am-7:30pm. For more information please contact ahcfop@dol.ca or eucharisticmiraclesexhibition@gmail.com.

#### St. Peter's Seminary Open House and Reception

St. Peter's Seminary will be open to the faithful of the Diocese of London for an Open House and Reception on Wednesday June 21, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It is the Seminary's way of saying "Thank you!" for the exceptional support of the Seminary by the people of the Diocese. For many, it will be the first opportunity to tour the newly renovated Seminary building with seminarians, and once again to see the magnificent St. Thomas Aguinas Chapel. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will served in the A.P Mahoney Library and Toldo Dining Hall. Bishop Fabbro and Seminary Rector Fr. Denis Grecco will speak at 6:00 pm in the Bishop John Michael Sherlock Auditorium. Reservations are required by emailing bishopsdinner@spseminary.ca no later than Wednesday June 14th 2023. There is no charge for the event. Free-will offerings will be gratefully received. Please note that attendance will be limited to the first 250. Please join celebration of the future of St. Peter's Seminary.

#### **Laudato Si' Animators Program**

Fall In Love, Protect, Transform. Consider taking the Laudato Si' Animators Program. Laudato Si' Animators are members of the Laudato Si Movement global community of prayer and action who take action in their local parishes and communities, engaging ecological spirituality, sustainable lifestyles and advocacy for social change. Animators work to bring Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si' to life and care for our common home. Click here for more information or contact Noreen Allossery-Walsh at noreenallosserywalsh@ursulines.org

#### **Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund**

Do you know a young person within your parish that would like to attend a camp this summer but is financially unable to do so? The Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund is directed towards helping young people experience camping activities, projects and leadership opportunities. For specific criteria and an application form please click here or contact Heidi Monteith at the Diocesan Centre at 519-433-0658 x229. The deadline for all applications to the Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund is Friday, May 12, 2023. Submit your application online, by fax (519) 433-0011 ATTN: Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund or by mail: Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund, Diocese of London, 1070 Waterloo Street, London, ON N6A 3Y2.

> The Spanish Mass will be Sundays at 7 pm St. Bernard's Parish, Waterford

\*\*It would be most appreciated if anyone who is able could assist the migrant workers with transportation to Mass and support with spreading the word that the Spanish Mass will now be weekly until the Fall\*\*



## Financial Stewardship

#### February 2023

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#### FINANCE MONTHLY REPORT

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish				
	February Year to date			
Offertory Receipts Christmas	\$ 14,722.74  \$ 31,832.94 \$ 245.00  \$ 395.00			
Total of all Receipts	\$ 18,212.74 \$ 35,747.94			
Total Expenditures	\$ 20,600.68 \$ 50,618.18			
Operating (Deficit) (-\$2,387.94) (Deficit) (-\$14,870.24)				

(Excluding receipts & expenditures for Church Renovations)

#### FINANCE MONTHLY REPORT

#### St. Mary's Parish

	<u>February</u>	Year to date		
Offertory Receipts Christmas		\$ 32,132.75 \$ 950.00		
Total of all Receipts	\$ 16,003.40	\$ 34,426.75		
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,668.71	\$ 45,160.85		
Operating (Deficit) (-\$ 2,665.31) (Deficit) (-\$10,734.10)				

(Excluding receipts & expenditures for Church Renovations)

#### **FINANCE MONTHLY REPORT**

#### St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish

Offertory Receipts Christmas	\$ 8,333.60 \$ 0	\$ 17,858.25 \$ 350.00
Total of all Receipts	\$ 9,628.60	\$ 20,647.25
Total Expenditures	\$ 10,635.18	\$ 27,689.38
Operating (Deficit) (-\$ 1	,006. <b>5</b> 8) (Defic	it) (-\$7,042.13)

(Excluding receipts & expenditures for Church Renovations)

February

Year to date

#### FINANCE MONTHLY REPORT

#### St. Cecilia's Parish

	<u>February</u>	Year to date		
Offertory Receipts Christmas	\$ 6,975.25 \$ 0	\$ 15,524.20 \$ 100.00		
Total of all Receipts	\$ 8,431.60	\$ 19,341.06		
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,160.24	\$ 21,573.02		
Operating (Deficit) (-\$728.64 ) (Deficit) (-\$2,231.96)				
(Excluding receipts & expenditures for Church Renovations)				

Beginning next weekend, April 29-30 we will be printing a two-week Bulletin. We will return to a one-week bulletin in the Fall.





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13 April 2023

#### Catholic Education Week 2023: We are Many, We are One

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme this year of Catholic Education Week, 30 April to 5 May, is *We are Many, We are One.* It emphasizes that though we are many with a variety of gifts, we are connected to one another, and our gifts are best used in service of others. This theme derives from our Christian faith. Saint Paul explains that we are one body with many members, that there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit, and that we are to use our gifts to build up the community. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together (1 Cor. 12). It is in relationship and in union with Christ that we understand our own identity and how we are closely connected with others.

According to Catholic social teaching, we must uphold the dignity of each person, promote solidarity, and work for the common good. In other words, we must always balance the *many* and the *one*, *diversity* and *unity:* "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another" (Rom. 12:5).

Pope Francis makes the following point: "Differences between persons and communities can sometimes prove uncomfortable, but the Holy Spirit, who is the source of that diversity, can bring forth something good from all things and turn it into an attractive means of evangelization. Diversity must always be reconciled by the help of the Holy Spirit; he alone can raise up diversity, plurality, and multiplicity while at the same time bringing about unity" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 131).

It is in our families that we first learn how to balance unity and diversity. There, we learn words, values, habits, and attitudes that enable us to appreciate our own gifts and the gifts of others; we learn to give thanks to God for each member. In our Catholic schools, educators help our students to refine those gifts and to use them in service of others. In our Families of Parishes, we gather as a community to thank God for our unity in Christ and the nourishment and strength he gives us in the Eucharist.

At the invitation of Pope Francis, we are learning to 'walk together', to be a synodal Church. This means, like all families, we are learning to listen to each other and to the Holy Spirit. To be a listening Church we must practice the habits of respecting, welcoming, and celebrating the other person. We must reach out to those in need and seek to be reconciled and understand the other person, not as a stranger, but as a sister or brother. As the Catholic Bishops of Ontario highlighted in Renewing the Promise, "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and in doing so, to transform."

Catholic Education Week calls all of us to work together, home, school and parish, and to cultivate those habits that allow us to welcome, celebrate, serve, and listen to each other, especially those in our communities who are most in need. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we recognize God's abundant gifts that unite us to Christ and enable us to give our lives in service of others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, CSB

+ Ronald Talbro, ORB

Bishop of London

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of April 23, 2023

#### Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs:

The Deceased Members of the Scheers Family

#### **Mass Intentions:**

(Please note Mass Schedule Changes)

Mon Apr 24 St. Mary

9:00 am +Maria Catarino

+Julianne Skura

Tues Apr 25 St. Mary

7:00 pm +Arthur Schell

+Bertha Cloet

7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

+Adrienne Norkus +James Bakos +Mike DeRick

Wed Apr 26 St. Cecilia

9:00 am +Sam & Jane Basilio

11:00 am Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

+George DeVos

+Maria Julia Ribeiro & Jose Faria

+Barbara Schooley

Thurs Apr 27 Norfolk Hospital

9:00 am Intentions for Residents & Staff

Fri Apr 28 St. Mary

10:00 am +Mario Tomaz & Noah Edwards

(School Mass) +Joe Krentz

11:30 am **St. Bernard of Clairvaux** 

(School Mass) Intentions for the Smith Family

+The McKinley Family +Mary Nightingale

+Katarzyna Proracki

**Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass** 



**Catholic Family of Parishes** in Norfolk needs volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers, Collection Counters, Music Ministry, Hospitality, Altar Servers and Sunday School. specifically

for St. Mary's Parish, volunteers are required for Funeral set-up in the Parish Hall.



#### Simcoe/Waterford Knights of Columbus 4502

Meetings will be 1<sup>st</sup> 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 May 1, 2023 Monday June 5, 2023

\*\* 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 CWL:** There will be no CWL meeting in April, but the May meeting will be, as usual, on Wednesday May 17 at 10:00 am in the downstairs hall. We will be discussing the June potluck, and the September yard sale. Hope to see you there!

#### **OUR FASCINATING FAITH-Neophytes**

Perhaps you've noticed that those who were baptized and newly initiated into the Church at Easter are still sitting in a prominent location during Sunday Mass. Aren't they done? What's going on?

During this Easter season the newly initiated are called "neophytes," and they are living through the final period of the catechumenal process, known by the name "mystagogy." They are exploring the mysteries of their new identity, reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments they celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and strengthening their bonds with Christ and the Christian community. That they are living their new identity in such a public way should be an inspiration to the rest of us, a sign that this new life in Christ really makes a difference. And they are also still in need of the prayers and support of the rest of the community.

As neophytes and fully-initiated members of the Christian community, they are no longer being dismissed for catechesis during Mass. Perhaps you might take advantage of their presence at the end of Mass and engage one in conversation. Learn about their experience and let them know of your continuing prayers and support for them.

### PARISH FOCUS



As a mission-oriented church forming disciples of Jesus, our diocese wants us to continue building a culture of hospitality. Our goal is to boost the sense of welcome and community that all our parishioners and

visitors should feel when they are in our churches, our facilities and at our events. Please give that little extra to those around you as you are sitting in the pews.



Please pray for and welcome those receiving the sacrament of First Communion in our Catholic Family of Parishes over the next few weeks.