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Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

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St. Mary

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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: www.catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca Facebook: www.facebook.com/stbstcstmolgm

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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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Pentecost Sunday—May 28, 2023 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity—June 4, 2023

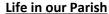
From the desk of Father Charles:

Dear Friends,

On the Sunday of the Pentecost, we round off more than seven weeks of celebrating the Paschal Mystery: Passion and Death – Resurrection – Ascension, Exaltation – Coming of the Holy Spirit. Although the liturgy it is spread over seven weeks, all the elements are actually there on the cross on Good Friday. At the moment of death, Jesus passes to life, is exalted to the Father, and breathes forth his Spirit. The Pentecost day is also the birthday of the Church, which is basically the small community left by Jesus, spread all over the world, and is continuing the visible presence of God and his work by living openly in the Spirit of Jesus and offering its experience of knowing Christ to the world. Next Sunday, with the Solemnity of the Most Holt Trinity, we shall return to the 'Ordinary' Sundays of the Year, and this will bring us right up to Advent which begins another liturgical cycle (Year B).

As we continue our journey, let us always remember that "...And the Word was made flesh, and lived among us" (Jn 1:14) does not only apply to Jesus, but to all of us who are now the visible Body of the Risen Jesus. It is for each of us, individually and as a community, to incarnate the Word of God in our world.

Fr. Charles Akinloye



Holy Baptism

We welcome into our Family of Parishes through the Waters of Baptism the following:

St Mary Olivia Lamerz, child of Sabrina and Cameron and Miguel Costa Lara, child of Gabriella & Rafael St Cecilia Myla Haywood, child of Anna and Peter

St Bernard Alden Snyder, child of Sheena and David and Izabella Leonard, child of Noella and Joel

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Giorgia Ness-Jack, child of Leah and David; Luca Pinto, child of Ashley and Victor; Bella Ferreira, child of Stephanie and Clement; and Cole and Harrison Chesney, children of Jayme-Ann and William



Congratulations to Kane and Karissa Meyers who received the sacrament of First Communion at St. Mary' Church this past weekend. May the joy of the Lord continue to shine through you!



Congratulations to Blake Froese and Jessica Varga who received the sacrament of Convalidation at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Church.



A big **thank you** from St Cecilia's parishioners to Dennis and the Knights of Columbus for the coffee and pastries they prepared to celebrate Mother's Day. Your hard work is much appreciated by all those who enjoyed the delicious goodies.



June 8, 7 pm—Liturgy Meeting St. Mary's Parish Hall

June 15, 2 pm— Property & Finance Meeting, St. Mary's Parish Hall

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 "a time to die..."



We pray for all the faithful departed: Dwayne Kozuch, Niickolas Skoblenick, Mary Murphy, Reginald Godelie and Evelyn Peter.

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

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 VENTS 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

Holy Rosary Prayer Group

The HOLY ROSARY Prayer Group invites you to join us in prayer to honor and celebrate, the annual MARY MONTH OF MAY 2023 to pray daily Holy Rosary daily with your family, loved ones or with friends wherever you can. Our next schedule for the ZOOM HOLY ROSARY will be on: May 27 & May 31st-ZOOM invite link details to follow. The following MAY month Novenas starts: (Novena Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, May 22-31Feast Day) & (Novena to the HOLY SPIRIT/PENTECOST weekend May 19-28th-Feast Day). For further readings, on The 10 Ways to celebrate MARY MONTH OF MAY. Please check out the following Spiritual enrichment resources guide refer on the websites below:

https://perpetualeucharisticadoration.com/novena-to-our-lady-of-the-most-blessed-sacrament/

https://marian.org/mary/feast-days, https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/celebrate-may-month-of-mary-6307, https://novenaprayer.com/novena-to-our-lady-of-fatima/,, https://catholicexchange.com/ten-ways-celebrate-may-month-of-mary/,https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/#:~:text=Though%20this%20novena%20can%20be,May%2019%2D27%2C%202023. Many thanks for your kind assistance and support for inquiries: email: Christian O'Malley ecmc8 1119@yahoo.com May GOD's Peace and Blessings be with us all To Jesus through Mary/St. Louis De Montfort Pray for Us! Our Lady of Fatima Pray For US!

Norfolk Pregnancy & Family Resource Centre

Still have your Norfolk Pregnancy Centre Baby Bottle? It is not too late to see your change impact a life. Your giving provides ongoing support for our Ministry. If you haven't had a chance to fill your bottle, please return it anyway! This allows the NPC to share the bottles to others to give. Bottles are to be returned by June 18th THANK YOU for your giving hearts!

St. Mary's Cemetery

To keep our Cemetery looking good and honouring the people resting here please be advised of the following rules: When driving into the cemetery please stay on the road. Do not drive or park on the grass, some plots are very close to the road way. These burials do not have any monuments. If you would like to park. Park in the area on the left side of the columbian.

The Cemetery Board is not responsible to replace any items missing from the cemetery. Some missing saddles that have blown off monuments could be hanging on the fence.

Please bring your own watering pail to the cemetery when you want to water your plants.

No candles or glass are allowed in the cemetery.

Do not lean on monuments or stand on the base of a monuments.

You are responsible to clean your own plot of dead flowers.

Garage cans are to be used for loose flowers, potted plants should be taken home.

If you would like to put in a garden or purchase a monument we can help with any questions, just call the Parish office and ask for Donna at ext. 247. In the next few weeks video cameras will be placed in the cemetery.

We are also looking for people to join the Cemetery Board, we meet every other month the last Tuesday of the month. For more information or questions please call Donna Jackson, Chairperson of St. Mary's Cemetery Board at the parish office at 519-426-0887 ext 247. Thank you!

DIOCESAN NEWS

A Farewell Letter to the Faithful from Bishop Dabrowski

Bishop Dabrowski has written a farewell letter to the faithful of the Diocese in English and French. The letters are posted on the diocesan website and links to the PDFs are available at: https://dol.ca/news/bishop-dabrowskis-farewell-letter-to-the-faithful-of-the-diocese.

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 Aquinas 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.

Simcoe/Waterford Knights of Columbus 4502

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

Knights of Columbus Simcoe Council 4502 **Annual Golf Tournament** September 24th,2023, Springview GC. Tee off 10:00 to 1:00pm. (Scramble Format, Ladies Welcome) \$100 per Golfer Includes Meal, Green Fee, Prizes, Cart. Call Sue Vroom 519-426-4152 for tee times and to register your foursome. Last day to register is Friday August 11th. Tickets and info available from Jim Vynckier 519-426-5806 and Pat McElhone 519428-2534.

Delhi - La Salette Knights of Columbus 5095

Upcoming meetings, held in OLQM Parish Hall at 7:00pm 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: A pot luck lunch will be held in the downstairs hall at St Cecilia church on June 21 at 12 noon. This will be the last meeting until September. All the ladies of the parish are welcome. If you wish to attend, please call Evelyn at 519 583 9528, or Maureen at 519 583 1691. In order to have a variety of dishes, if you can, please let us know what type of dish you plan to bring. The executive will provide the meat course for the meal. Please join us for a great meal and good companionship.

St. Bernard's CWL: Reminder: Yard sale on June 3rd at St. Bernard's parking lot. Spaces to sell out of your trunk/car are \$ 15,00 .For more info call Betty at 519 443 5023. Also Ladies there are still tickets available for the play at Port Dover Lighthouse for May 31 at 2 pm. Norm Foster "Come down from up river" Call Patti Korczak at 519 443 5269.

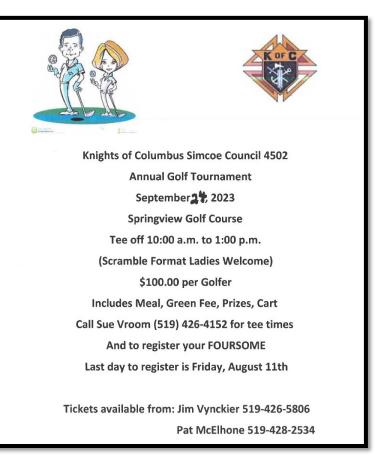
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs CWL:

MAY ROSARIES will be led by our CWL, on Wednesday on Wednesday, May 24 and May 31 at 5:30 pm in the church. Please join us.

NEXT MEETING: Our Past President's meeting will be held on June 1st. Mass: 5:30 Potluck dinner to follow. Bring your favourite dish. PLEASE NOTE: Dessert will be provided.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE: The rummage sale has been scheduled for October 14th. You can help us raise funds to help our community by dropping off your clean, gently used donations of clothes and household items, etc., at the church during office hours (8:30 - 4:30) on any Tuesday or Thursday. Any questions call Joanne 519-582-2520





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Long Term Care	SB=St. Bernard			1	2 1st Friday	3
Facilities and	SC=St. Cecilia			9:30 Ador. 10 Mass-SB	10 Mass-SM	
Retirement Homes	SM=St. Mary				Exposition after	2 pm-Ukraine
may be cancelled if	OLQM=Our Lady,					Orthodox - SM
they have an	Queen of Martyrs				11:30 Mass SB	
Outbreak.					Exposition after	5 pm Mass-St. Mary
						-OLOW
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St. Cecilia	10 Mass-SM	9:30 Adoration	9 Mass SC-	10:30 Mass Norview	10 Mass-SM school	
11 Mass-St. Mary		10 Mass OLOM	9 Mass OLQM-school			
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SB's Sunday School		7 Mass-SM		·		
Family BBQ	6-SC Graduation	7:45 S of T Gr SM PH				
7 Spanish Mass SB	Liturgy					





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28 May 2023 Pentecost Sunday

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Re: Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Jesus told his disciples to "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Throughout the history of our diocese, many priests and members of institutes of consecrated life, women and men, have given their lives in service of the Gospel. We thank God for the tremendous witness they have given us and the enormous sacrifices they have made.

We thank God also because in our day he continues to send out workers into his harvest. In the next few weeks, I will be ordaining three men to the diaconate. God willing, they will be ordained priests in a year's time. Their vocations have been nurtured in their families, our parishes and St. Peter's Seminary. Their ordinations are a sign of hope for all of us.

When we speak of vocations, it is important to recognize that God's loving call is to all. All the baptized are called by God to a particular vocation. Some are called to love and serve the Lord in marriage and family, others in single life, others in ordained ministry, consecrated life and lay ecclesial ministries. Others respond to God's call through their presence in the world in their professional, social and community commitments. Our response to God's call must be a lifelong project which we embrace every day with all our hearts.

A real and pressing concern for our diocese, as well as dioceses across Canada and other parts of the world, is the shortage of priests. We are blessed to have priests from other countries who are willing to minister in our diocese. They leave their homeland and serve generously in our parishes, working hard to become familiar with our culture and to learn a different language. We would not be able to serve our people without them and are profoundly grateful for their priestly ministry.

As we look to the future and see that there will be a declining number of priests for our diocese, we have a responsibility to promote a new generation of priests. I am announcing for our diocese a **Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood**. This special year of prayer will start on Pentecost Sunday, 28 May 2023, and will continue until Pentecost Sunday in 2024.

The promotion of vocations is happening in our Families of Parishes. They are working hard to become a missionary Church that forms disciples of Jesus, reaching out to families and young people, welcoming them to our parishes and inviting them to join us in our celebration of the Eucharist and our commitment to justice and service to those who are poor and in need. They are offering a variety of experiences which help our young people, and adults as well, discern that Jesus is truly present in their lives and making himself known to them, so that they can joyfully respond to his unique call to them. Those who set out on this journey are coming to our parishes to see the values of the Gospel lived out, to learn how to pray, to be accompanied and to receive spiritual quidance. We need to trust that as they grow in a personal relationship with Jesus and are inspired

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by the priests whom they come to know, some of them will hear God calling them to the priesthood and respond with an open heart.

These efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood are important but most important is prayer. This Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood reminds us of Jesus' urgent call: "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest". His call is addressed to individuals, families, parishes, Catholic schools, and other faith communities in our diocese. Our first duty is to keep alive this appeal for unceasing prayer for vocations to the priesthood. I ask our parishes to offer Holy Hours, Eucharistic Adoration and Marian devotions. I ask our families to pray together, pray with the Scriptures, pray the Rosary, pray at mealtimes, bedtime, special moments and during the liturgical seasons.

The call of Peter occurred through the witness of his brother, Andrew, who spoke to him about his personal encounter with Jesus and then brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42). We too can be instruments of God's call. The call to the priesthood can be awakened through the witness of a parent, grandparent, friend, youth minister or teacher.

When priests tell their vocation story, almost always they relate how they were personally asked to consider the priesthood by their parish priest. Two of the Basilian priests who taught me in high school took me aside when I was in Grade 12 and invited me to consider becoming a Basilian. I urge you, my brother priests, to take seriously this most important role you have in promoting vocations. Make the promotion of vocations a priority in your Family of Parishes. Take advantage of opportunities to invite a young, or older, man to think about the priesthood. The joy you radiate, the witness you give of loving service, the dedication to your people, the holiness of your life, the fidelity to your vocation – all these qualities draw people to Christ and attract men to the priesthood.

I am asking you, the faithful of our diocese, to participate fully in this Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. Our Director of Vocations is making available excellent resources for parishes, families and schools. I note especially our diocesan prayer which will be a focus this year for our prayer for priestly vocations.

The Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood is an expression of our hope, the hope we celebrate on Pentecost Sunday. We firmly believe that Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit on his Church and continues to call men to the priesthood.

May we open our hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May Mary, Mother of the Church, watch over the faithful of our diocese and those called to the priesthood, that we may manifest to the world the beauty of a life lived totally for God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB

+ Ronald Talbro, OB

Bishop of London

Diocese of London: Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of

May 28, 2023

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs:

Bob VanWynsberghe & The Hare Family

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

Mon May 29 St. Mary

9:00 am +Bruno Sanchez & Victor Manuel

+Rene Prior

+Joaquina Ventura

Tues May 30 St. Mary

7:00 pm +Bertha Cloet

+Mel Hare

Intentions of Rodolfo G. Cajala

7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

+Jeanne Bacro +Reinaldo Gomes +Raul Ferreira +Anastascio Santos

Wed May 31 St. Cecilia

9:00 am Deceased Members of the C.W.L.

9:00 am Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

(School) +Bob VanWynsberghe

The Hare Family +Mary Murphy

7:00 pm St. Bernard of Clairvaux

+Ed Kabara

+Maria Luisa Tinoco +Winston Sysiuk

Thur June 1 St. Cecilia

+Tony Masella

10:30 am **Dover Cliffs**

For the Intentions of the Residents & Staff

2:00 pm Delhi LTC

For the Intentions of the Residents & Staff

5:30 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martys (CWL Mass)

For the Intentions of Past & Present

Members

* 1st Friday Adoration 1 hour after both Masses *

Fri June 2 St. Mary

10 am +Jose DaCosta

+Maria Emilia Lopes

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

11:30 am +Irene Noel

The Newcomer Family

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass
5:30 pm Wednesday CWL Rosary at Our Lady Queen of
Martyrs

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of June 4, 2023

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs:

Irene, Alan & Ron Verspeeten

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon June 5 St. Mary

9:00 am +Daphne Jarman

+Maria Adelaide Simoes

Tues May 30 'Pastoral Study Days' – NO Mass

Wed May 31 'Pastoral Study Days' - NO Mass

Thur June 8 St. Cecilia

For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Fri June 9 St. Mary

10 am +Mario Tomaz & Noah Edwards

+Manuel Simoes

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

11:30 am +Mary, Stan & John Zlomanczuk

+Judith Donohue

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

SIMCOE/WATERFORD/ DELHI

Last month, in the Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi area, we gave a three day supply of groceries and \$5,250.00 in food store gift cards, to 113 families, having a total of 330 adults and children. The Community Meals, [formally known as the Soup Kitchen], closed for the season on April 20th, after serving 3728 full course meals, since mid October 2022. This will give the over 65 members and volunteers, who work in this mission, a well deserved rest. Other agencies will provide this service, to the community, over the summer months. The collection for the month of May was \$710.00 at St Bernard's, \$260.00 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, and \$1824.00 at St Mary's. In addition, we received a donation of food from Ecole Ste Marie.

Our volunteers will be available Mass on June 3rd & 4th to receive your kind donations to continue our support to our Neighbours In Need.

You can also donate by cheque, payable to St Vincent de Paul, Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi, and mailing it to: St Vincent de Paul St. Mary's Conference 211 Union Street, Simcoe, ON. N3Y2B3. We also are able to accept an E Transfer to ssvpstmarysconference@gmail.com. If using the E Transfer facility, in the detail section, please give your name and address. For the security question please use "What province do we live in" answer "Ontario". The income tax receipt will be mailed out at year end, unless otherwise requested. Again, thank you for your kindness and please pray for our members and for those we serve.