

Parish Offices

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St. Mary & St. Cecilia

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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
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

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St. Frances Cabrini, Delhi 519 582-2470

St. Cecilia, Port Dover 519 583-0231

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Waterford 519 443-8607

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

Bulletins can be viewed on our website:

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 17, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 24, 2023



Dear friends,

Last Sunday we started the evening of praise in our family of parishes. The attendance was very encouraging. The band led the congregation [in](#) praise and worship songs that were very inspiring and uplifting. I believe everyone who attended was happy to be there. We thank the members of the band, the prayer group, and hospitality team for using their gifts at the service of our community of faith. It is the desire of the organizers to have the program at all the parishes in our family. Next month, the gathering for Evening of praise will be at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. We expect parishioners from all our parishes to attend as one family praising God.

We thank those who signed up for Bible Study and those who volunteered as leaders at the sessions. We shall be having two sessions in a week. The evening session will be on Mondays at 6.30pm at St Bernard's Hall and the afternoon session will be on Thursdays at 1pm at St Mary's Lower Hall. It is our desire that through the study we shall have a deeper knowledge of the word of God and our vocation as Christians. We shall have the opportunity to interact as members of the same family of parishes. The method we shall adopt is simple and relaxing as the Holy Spirit guides us in the understanding of his word. I want to let you know that we have received the bequest for St Bernard's Parish. The work on the church building will begin as soon as the company is ready. We can also remember our parishes in our Will to sustain our churches for generations to come. Thank you for keeping our parishes in your minds and hearts.

September 14 was the celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. We are reminded of the redemptive nature of the Cross of Christ. There will be blessing of cross at weekend masses. May the grace of God be sufficient for us as we carry our cross daily to follow the Lord. Amen

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

Fr. Augustine Ogundele

From the desk of Kathryn Heemskerk

Part of pausing and spending time with Jesus is so that we can have conversations with the one we love who loves us back even more. But it is also about taking time to notice. Right now, we are about to begin fall. Fall teaches us that sometimes change is so big and bright that you cannot miss it. Blazing reds, oranges, and yellows signal change, just like hearing of someone ill or passing signals change. Change is not always bad, not always easy, but it moves us to a new space.

Look around you and notice. Notice who has lost someone and not returned to mass. Notice someone who was pregnant and may need words of encouragement to return when they are ready. Coming with babies is scary! Notice the new face who is too shy to be the first one to say hi. Notice the one who is always near but disconnected, because maybe just your saying come join me will be enough for someone to brave trying something new. Ask Jesus to help you notice and help you navigate the changes.

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

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Ruth Lampman, Michael McLeod, Nick and Dorothy Botzang, Bill Perreira, Eileen Nan, and Matt LeSage

"a time to die. . ."

We pray for all the faithful departed: Sister Suzanne Malette, Fernando Oliveira Guimaraes, Julia Puype and Lee Pierssens

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 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 Holy Rosary Prayer Group

Many, thanks! for you continued kind assistance and support join us to pray wherever you are whatever life's circumstances be.

For your Spiritual -Faith prayer resources please refer - copy and paste on the following sites"

<https://hozana.org/en/community/11668-novena-for-the-family>

[Join in praying the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Novena !](#)

[Novena in honour of the Nativity of Mary | Fr. Cyril Avinash, EP](#)

[NV-Nativity of Our Lady](#)

[Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows](#)

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/holy-cross-novena-27>

For enquiries pls email: E. Christian ecmc8_1119@yahoo.com

St. Vincent de Paul – Seeks Volunteers!!

Can you spare an hour a week? Do you have a vehicle? St. Vincent de Paul is in urgent need of your assistance! We are looking for volunteers who can deliver emergency food once a week, Tuesdays or Thursdays to our neighbours in need in the Simcoe area. If you are able to help, please call our toll free number 1-855-561-4184 leaving your name and contact information. We will return your call and provide further details. Thank you for your consideration. Together, we can make a difference. God Bless!

JOB POSTING

St. Mary's Cemetery Simcoe is looking for an individual for the position of Cemetery Manager. The position start date is October 31, 2023. Paid training prior to the start date. For a job description please contact Debbie ddrinkwater@dol.ca at the St. Mary's Office. The average work week is 8 hours per week.



Family Of Parishes Bible Study

The Family of Parishes Bible Study begins the last week of September. We will explore the Book of Acts to learn the historical context, study the scripture and discuss how it is relevant in our lives today. There are two opportunities: **Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's**

starting on Sept. 25th and Thursday afternoons at 1pm at St. Mary's starting on Sept. 28th.

The bible study will be for an hour followed by a social time with refreshments.



Luncheon Social

October 1, 2023 at St. Mary's Church after Mass

The Filipino group is planning to sponsor a luncheon, please come and join us.

Parent Information Night for Sacraments- September 28th

All children in grade 2 and all children in grade 8 this school year, no matter what version of school you attend, are invited to attend a parent information night at St Mary's Parish. Please let your grandchildren, neighbours, friends and family know.

Grade 2 children will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Grade 8 children will be preparing for Confirmation. **They must have already been baptized** to attend this meeting. Please have a copy of their baptism certificate available at the meeting (or a record of baptism from the parish they were baptized if you have lost their certificate). Grade 2 families will meet at 6 pm and Grade 8 families will meet at 7 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Mass

On Wednesday September 27, is the day set aside to honor Saint Vincent de Paul. All St. Vincent de Paul members and parishioners are encouraged to attend any of our Masses that day.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
September 17, 2023

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs: Julia Barnes

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon Sep 18 **St. Mary**

9:00 am +Maria Adelaide Simoes
+Frank Oliver

Tues Sep 19 **Rosewood Senior Living**

10:30 am The Intentions of Residents and Staff

St. Mary

7:00 pm +Rita McElhone
+Herbert & Marjorie Smith
+Lucia Gama

7:00 pm **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**

+Ron Kichler
+Maria Hinerman
+Jose DaCosta

Wed Sep 20 **St. Cecilia**

9:00 am +Michael Clancy
+Valerie Slater

11:00 am **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**

Intention of the Heyndrickx & Coppens
Families
+Mary Varga
+Jolanta Slodki

7:00 pm **St. Bernard of Clairvaux**

Deceased Members of the Trepanier
Family
+Herb Smith

Thur Sep 21 **St. Cecilia**

9:00 am +Paul O'Connor
+Pat O'Connor

10:30 am **Norview Lodge**

The Intentions of Residents and Staff

Fri Sep 22 **St. Mary**

10:00 am +Terry Buckborough
+Michael Maloney
+Peter & Anna Balazs & Mary Ann Gills

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

11:30 am +Larek Juzefowich
+Louis Debono & Carmen Debono

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
September 24, 2023

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs: Susie & Alfons Scheers

St. Mary: Cruz-O'Malley living & deceased Family, Relatives & Friends

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon Sep 25 **St. Mary**

9:00 am +Eddie Laing
+Lucia Gama

Tues Sep 26 **St. Mary**

7:00 pm +Francisco Lopes
+Terry Buckborough
Souls in Purgatory

7:00 pm **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**

+Bob & Dorothy McElhone
+Margaret Ann Smith
+Maria Catarino

Wed Sep 27 **St. Cecilia**

9:00 am +Paul O'Connor
+Tony Masella

9:00 am **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**

School Mass +Ron VanElsacker
Our Father for answered prayers
Intentions of School Staff and Students

7:00 pm **St. Bernard of Clairvaux**

+Angela Zmuohienska
+Louis Debono

Thur Sep 28 **St. Cecilia**

9:00 am +Michael Clancy
+Frank Oliver

10:30 am **Norfolk Hospital**

Intentions of Residents and Staff

Fri Sep 29 **St. Mary**

10:00 am +John Relva
Special Intention for Teresa Relva
+Purita Manalo Cruz

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

11:30 am +Herbert & Marjorie Smith
School Mass Intentions of School Staff & Students

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass



**You are invited to the
Anointing Mass**

**On Friday October 13, 2023, 10:00 am
at St. Mary's Church**



Decoration Day:

Our Lady of La Salette Cemetery
88 La Salette Rd
Sunday September 17 at 1:00 pm

MEETING REMINDER

Tuesday September 26, 7:30 pm **St. Mary's Cemetery Board Meeting**, St. Mary's Parish Hall
Thursday September 28, 6:00 pm **Parent Information Night –1st Communion**, St. Mary's Church
Thursday September 28, 7:00 pm **Parent Information Night—Confirmation**, St. Mary's Church
Thursday September 28, 7:00 pm **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**, St. Mary's Parish Hall



IN - PERSON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US

September 26th, 2023
2:30pm - 4:00pm
Meetings weekly / 10 weeks

Dunnville Library
317 Chestnut St
Dunnville, ON N1A 2H4

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT JULIE COULSON
1-866-529-0849 EXT 108
jcoulson@seniorsupport.ca

NO FEES, REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF HALDIMAND AND NORFOLK

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU
THROUGH THE MOST DIFFICULT
DAYS OF YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

FIRST COMMUNION
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
6:00 PM

CONFIRMATION
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
6:45 PM

St. Mary's Church
211 Union St., Simcoe

St. Mary's Parish, Tillsonburg

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care Horizons of Hope: "A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care" seeks to:

- ◆ Empower and educate parishioners by addressing questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment, and bereavement in a holistic fashion.
- ◆ Present high-quality content that explores how palliative care is understood from a perspective of Catholic moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise and the Compassionate Community model.
- ◆ Facilitate meaningful conversations together so that our parishes and families become Compassionate Communities, grounded in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ.

The four-module program will take place in the Church Basement, at St. Mary's, Tillsonburg, on the following dates:

Module 1: Wednesday, September 27 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Module 2: Wednesday, October 4 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Module 3: Wednesday, October 11 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Module 4: Wednesday, October 18 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

The sessions will be facilitated by Rob and Judy Schonberger, Violetta Bell and Susan Pettit. To register call the parish office at 519-842-3224, email etcfp@dol.ca, or register online at www.etcfp.dol.ca.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Come and See Weekends

From Friday, November 10, 2023 to Sunday, November 12, 2023 or Friday, March 9, 2024 to Sunday March 11, 2024, St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat for men 17 years old and older who are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, provides spiritual help for discernment and offers the opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty of St. Peter's Seminary. A poster has been included at this [link](#) to advertise the event and please make sure you bring it to the attention of those in your community who might be interested.

For more information about either event, please get in touch with Fr. Danny Santos at vocations@dol.ca. To register, visit our website at www.dolpriest.ca/registration.

Truth and Reconciliation Fund Special Collection

On September 23 and 24, the Diocese of London will begin a new special collection for our Truth and Reconciliation Fund. The goal of the campaign is to help our local Indigenous communities heal from the traumas of the past, preserve and promote their culture and build for the future. More information is in a letter from Bishop Fabbro on the homepage at www.dol.ca. With your generous support we can make a difference

On-line Learning Courses with Dayton University for Registered Nurses

Are you a registered nurse interested in wholistic healthcare and spiritual health? An upcoming online course will be of interest for nurses for both personal and /or professional development as well as nurses who are in our parishes looking at ways to help promote a health ministry. The current course offered is: "*Facilitating Wholistic Health Through the Lifespan*" which looks at health topics throughout the ages; from childhood until end of life. Course dates are Oct 16 – Nov 19, 2023 and registration is required by October 11. More information is on the St. Peter's Seminary website at this [link](#) (please scroll down to "Online Courses 2023- 2024")



Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs CWL:

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 north door of the church during office hours (8:30 - 4:30) on any Tuesday or Thursday. Any questions call Joanne 519-582-2520.

St. Cecilia's CWL:

There will be a C WL meeting on Wednesday September 20 at 10:00 am. Please join us to discuss the coming years activities.

St. Bernard's CWL:

Ladies I hope you all enjoyed the summer and or your holidays. But now it is back to our " normal" life..

Our 1st meeting of the fall season will be on Tuesday September 12 @ 2 pm. in the church hall. Hope to see you there, so we can plan for the coming months.

To all CWL Members:

You are invited to the Diocese of London CWL Regional Days

September 30th, Our Lady of Mercy, Sarnia,

October 21, Immaculate Conception, Stratford or

October 28, Good Shepherd, Lakeshore.

9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Registration : \$15.00 for lunch and snack

Please notify, Edith Heleniak no later than one week before, if you are interested in attending. edithh73@execulink.com

*Creator God,
You placed us on this earth
To be its caretakers and stewards.
May our actions respect all of life
And protect creation for generations to come.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*