

Parish Offices

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1:00 pm-4:30 pm
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St. Mary & St. Cecilia

211 Union Street
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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

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École Sainte-Marie, Simcoe 519 426-4775

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

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 12, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 19, 2023



Dear Friends,

This month brings back a lot of memories to many families when we remember our loved ones whom God called home. The close celebration of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls (November 2) help us to navigate through our grief with the hope of salvation at the end of our earthly journey. We believe that we shall be together with our loved ones on the last day in the kingdom of God our Father. It is the

month that we also celebrate Remembrance Day (November 11) to honor the fallen heroes, the veterans and the serving officers who put their lives on the line for the protection of our nation. As Christians, we receive consolation from the scriptures that we don't grieve for them like those who have no hope because our hope is in the power of resurrection that we receive in Christ. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead, the spirit of God who lives in us will also raise us from the dead. When our loved ones have completed their earthly journey in death, we have an obligation to take them to a place of rest for burial.

One of the corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead. Doing so, we help to return dust to dust, and it is a mark of honor and respect for the dead. It is an act that the dead can't do for themselves that we are being rewarded by God. God created us in his image and likeness; even at death the body must be treated with dignity. That is the reason for the cemetery as a place of rest where the dead are buried. When the dead are cremated, the ashes are put together completely into one Urn, for interment. It is not appropriate to divide the ashes or spread the ashes in water or the so-called places where the persons liked to go in their lifetime, or to put parts of the ashes in pendants. The most honorable and respect for the dead is to bury them. This gives honor to God in whose image we are created. This may also help to bring closure to sadness experienced, thereby enabling grief and mourning as part of the healing process. This can be intense, but we believe that death is not the end for us, because Jesus conquered death by his own death on the cross. In him we have the hope of eternal life where there is fullness of joy. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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

Fr. Augustine Ogundele



Life in our Parish

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

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

Hayes Gignac son of Vanessa and Brandon

Maia Wisdom, daughter of Cecilia and Marcus

St Bernard Aurora Graham, daughter of Madison and Sean

Isla Jamieson, daughter of Sean and Hilary (grandchild of Enid)

St Mary Keanu Lledo, son of Alison and Jonathan

Rockefeller-Harrison and Holden, sons of Jessica and John Ross

Easton Murtland, son of Elyse and Michael

Tucker Cappe, son of Julia and Brady



Congratulations! **Congratulations to Brady Cappe and Julia Lopes who were recently married at St. Mary's Church.**



We congratulate all of our families who experienced Baptism and First Communion on Saturday, November 4th at St Mary's. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Michael McLeod, Nick and Dorothy Botzang,

Bill Perreira, Eileen Nan, and Matt LeSage

"a time to die. . ."

We pray for all the faithful departed: Kimberly Godlouski, Ella Brockbank, Madeleine Ferket and Alexander Kannawin

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

9 Day Immaculate Conception Novena

A 9 Day Novena will begin on November 29-December 7, 2023 honouring the Immaculate Conception. A novena will be included in the next bulletin for those wishing to deepen their faith relationship. December 8 is the Feast of Day for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The observance of this feast began with a Papal encyclical by Pope Pius IX, when he formally defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, *INEFFABILIS DEUS*, on December 8, 1854. Several years later, in 1858, the Blessed Mother gave her name to St. Bernadette at Lourdes stating, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Job Posting

Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk will be advertising for the position of Caretaker for Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs church and office. If interested please contact the office for a Job Description. The position will be available the end of December. Bill Hasilo currently holds this position and will be retiring in the New Year. Congratulations Bill!



Family Of Parishes Bible Study

Presently we are exploring The Acts of Apostles. There are two opportunities: Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at St. Bernard's and Thursday afternoons at 1pm at St. Mary's. The bible study will be for an hour followed by a social time with refreshments. You are welcome to join us!



Memorial Mass

There will be a Memorial Mass for the members of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Assembly on Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish.



CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES
IN NORFOLK

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

PAINT NIGHT

At St Bernard's Parish Basement

*Taught by
Michelle Snively-Jefferies*

*Two dates available:
Thursday November 9th & 16th
6:00-8:00pm*

\$30 per person
Only 20 spots available

Please call or text:
Margaret Hollahan
(519) 717-5133

CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES IN NORFOLK

Parish Mission

December 10, 7 pm
St. Mary

December 11, 7 pm
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

December 12, 7 pm
St. Mary

SPEAKER:

FR. DANNY SANTOS

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

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs:
Irene, Alan & Ron Verspeeten

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon Nov 13 **St. Mary**
9:00 am +Laurens Maissan
+Maria Adelaide Simoes & Julia Martins
+John Gilmartin

Tues Nov 14 **Cedarwood**
2:00 pm Intentions of Residents and Staff

St. Mary
7:00 pm +Eddie Laing
+Ilda Piedade
+Fernando Guimaraes, Lucia Pinho &
Joaquim Guimaraes

7:00 pm **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
+Manuel Mequita
+Lee Pierssens
+Maria Hinerman

Wed Nov 15 **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am +Tom & Mary Homeniuk
+Mildred Fraser

11:00 am **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
+Paul Schooley
+Jessie Cordeiro
Intentions of the Heyndrickx & Coppens
Families

7:00 pm **St. Bernard of Clairvaux**
+Herb Smith
Intentions for the Living & Deceased
Jamieson and O'Neill Family Members

Thur Nov 16 **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am +Jason VanGroningen
+Michael Clancy

10:30 am **Norview**
Intentions of Residents & Staff

Fri Nov 17 **St. Mary**
10:00 am +John Relva
(School) +Maria Preciosa & Jose Mendes
+Louis Deserrano

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
11:30 am +David Costelo
+Maria & Artur Cabral

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
November 19, 2023

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs: Daniel VanHerzele

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon Nov 20 **St. Mary**
9:00 am +Louis Deserrano
+Olga Kuska

Tues Nov 21 **Rosewood Senior Living**
10:30 am Intentions of Residents & Staff

7:00 pm **St. Mary**
K of C (4th) +Carol Shewburg
Memorial +Monica Kuzmich
Mass +Fernando Guimaraes, Lucia Pinho &
Joaquim Guimaraes

7:00 pm **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
+Jim Phillips
+Jose Borges & Luis Mendonca
+Jose Da Costa

Wed Nov 22 **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am +Angus & Peggy MacDougall
(School) +Audrey & Lew Whyte
+Christina Patricia Caruso

9:00 am* **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
(School) +Rachel DeGroote
+Jose Faria & Maria Julia Robeiro
Our Lady of Fatima for answered prayers

7:00 pm **St. Bernard of Clairvaux**
+Louis Debono
+Michael Clancy

Thur Nov 23 **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am +Tony Masella
Intentions for Blessed Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am **Norfolk Hospital**
The Intentions of Residents and Staff

Fri Nov 24 **St. Mary**
10:00 am +Julia & Luiz Correia
+Manuel Fernandes
+Lucia Gama

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
11:30 am +Herbert & Marjorie Smith
+Frank Oliver

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

*The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let
things go.*



*God of the harvest, you make all things new
and draw people to yourself.
Grant that we may be prepared for the harvest
and witness the coming of the kingdom. Amen.*



Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs CWL:

2024 MEMBERSHIPS: To renew your membership please use an envelope and enclose \$35 and your name. Please make your cheque out to OLQM CWL. (Sue Gaal, Membership convenor 519-582-8201).

This can be submitted by:

- 1) dropping it in the collection basket at Mass, with envelope clearly indicating OLQM CWL
- 2) dropping it off at the Parish office on Tuesdays or Thursdays during the hours of 8:30 a.m. -12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 3) mailing it to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs CWL, 110 Adams Ave, Delhi, Ont. N4B 1P7

A huge thank you to the St. Frances students, all the CWL members, their family and friends who came out to help set up, run and clean up at our very successful rummage sale Saturday Oct. 14th. Also thank you to the many parishioners for all of your support in the form generous donations both monetary and saleable items, and of course, for coming out to shop!!

St. Bernard's CWL:

We like to thank everyone who in any way, shape or form has contributed to the success of our marketique. It was greatly appreciated. So a big THANK YOU to All.

Our next meeting will; be on Tuesday November 14 at 2 pm in the church hall.

Memberships for 2024 are due. Cost is \$ 35.00. You can deposit your envelope in the basket. Thanks.

St. Cecilia's CWL: There will be a C W L meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at 10.00 am. All ladies are welcome.

St. Mary's Cemetery, Simcoe-Cemetery Maintenance

Once again, the cemetery custodian has finished their duties in the cemetery for the season. Water has been turned off and garbage pails have been removed. Please clean up your plots and bring a garbage bag from home to put your unwanted items in, and to take back home. Thank you.

Disclalced Carmelite Secular Order (OCDS) at St. Mary's in Tillsonburg

A "Come and See" information meeting will be held on November 20th at 7:00 pm in the Father Langan Parish Center at St. Mary's Parish Tillsonburg in room 5.

We are a lay community of prayer, committed to daily reciting of recommended prayers such as Morning and Evening Prayer and the Rosary. We also take time to study the Bible and the writings of the Order's saints such as St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese- the Little Flower and St. John of the Cross.

Through monthly meetings, the individual is supported in the development of a deeper faith life and a personal relationship with Jesus in the truest Catholic tradition.

We have as our patroness and example, Mary, our Lady of Carmel, whom we honour as Jesus' mother.

All inquirers who are interested are welcome to attend the open meeting on November 20th at 7:00 pm.

For further information, please contact Deacon Brian Hanley at bhanley@dol.ca

Let's Stand for the Land!



For Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope : Stand for the Land** campaign, our partner ERIC—Radio Progreso has asked that we support the defenders of human rights and the environment in Honduras. Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been fighting to preserve their rivers and the Carlos Escaleras National Park from mining. To find out more, visit devp.org/campaign.

"Communities are displaced. Rights are violated. Access and rights to water denied. All this to give priority to the extraction and pillaging of resources."

— Leonel George, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón

Book of Remembrance



During the month of November, each Parish will have a Book of Remembrance at the front of all churches in our Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk for all Parishioners to write the names of the faithful departed into. Please remember to pray for these names.



Toy & Food Drive

We will be collecting toys, food, gift cards or cash to help the less fortunate in our community this Christmas. Our greatest need is food donations and gifts for our older children ages 10-14. Gift cards for Ardene or Walmart, cash, cheque payable to Delhi Toy & Food or e transfer to Delhi Toy and Food gramps 1836@gmail.com are most welcome. Gift cards, cash donations or a cheque placed in an envelope marked Delhi Toy

and Food can be left at the church office or at Coldwell Banker Real Estate office. Our collection closing date is Sunday December 3 2023. We thank you in advanced for your kind donations. Delhi Toy & Food Drive Committee.



THE GIVING TREE

Every year St. Vincent de Paul asks for your support in ensuring that every family has a joyous Christmas!! We provide Christmas hampers directly to 50+ families in our community. Each family receives a hamper with a turkey or ham, potatoes, vegetables, bread, milk, cookies, and other items that will guarantee that they will not go hungry.

With the increased costs we are all facing this year from heating our homes to groceries, your continued support is urgently needed. Please consider taking a tag or two off our Giving Tree and help us to fill our Christmas hampers! The Giving Tree will be up from December 2nd – December 17th. Just take a tag, purchase the item, or gift card and place it under the tree in a bag before or after mass by noon on December 17th. Please also return the tag in the bag so that we can re-use the tags.

If you are an early shopper, feel free to purchase a gift card from Walmart, Giant Tiger or a grocery store and leave it under the tree during the first week of Advent! Hampers include gift cards for each adult, and a food store gift card for each family for the incidentals. Other items you may consider purchasing are peanut butter, coffee, hot chocolate, chocolates, or cookies. Every little bit helps! Your support will help us create a Merry Christmas for a family, couple, a single person, or the elderly who may not be able to afford even the basic food necessities this holiday season.

Thank you in advance for bringing the light of Christmas into the homes of others!



**CRAFTS, BAKING, CABBAGE ROLLS,
COUNTRY KITCHEN, WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE
PENNY TABLE, GIRL GUIDE TABLE,
DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLES**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2023
10:00AM - 2:00PM**

Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk
invite you to join us in an

EVENING *of Praise*

6:30 - 8:00 PM • Every 2ND SUNDAY of the Month*

Join us for evenings of spiritual growth and total trust in singing God's Praises!

• Sept. 10 - St. Mary's - Simcoe	• Feb. 11 - Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - Delhi
• Oct. 15* - Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - Delhi	• Mar. 10 - St. Bernards - Waterford
• Nov. 12 - St Cecilia Port - Dover	• Apr. 14 - St Cecilia Port - Dover
• Dec. 3* - St. Bernards - Waterford	• May 5* - St. Mary's - Simcoe
• Jan. 14 - St. Mary's - Simcoe	• June - 9 - Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - Delhi

Dates 2023-2024 • Free Admission • Everyone Welcome

* Please note these dates are not the 2nd Sunday of the month - catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca

DIOCESAN NEWS

Letter of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to the People of God & The Synthesis Report – A Synodal Church in Mission

At the conclusion of the Synod's time of conversation, listening and discernment, the synodal assembly has issued a Letter to the People of God. The letter expresses the tenor and tone of the month-long gathering, not offering any resolution to questions and issues but indicating the deep listening that characterized their consideration of every topic on the synod agenda. Fidelity to the process was the hallmark of the synod and the impact it had on their formation and development as agents of synodal action. The letter and the Synthesis Report are on the diocesan website at this [link](#).

Holy Family Retreat House November Newsletter

The November edition of Holy Family Retreat House newsletter can be found at this [link](#).

Veritas Series For Faith and Culture

King's University College welcomes Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim, editor and professor of Theology at Earlham School of Religion on November 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kenny Theatre. Her lecture is entitled "Healing our Broken Humanity". This lecture will offer Christian practices that can bring healing and hope to a broken world such as lament, relinquishing power and reinforcing agency. Embodying these practices enables us to be the new humanity in Christ, so the church and world can experience reconciliation, justice, unity, peace, and love. Some of her books will be available for signing and sale at the end of the lecture (cash only). More details regarding this lecture are available [here](#).

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Seventh World Day of the Poor, November 19, 2023, the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7) you can read the Pope's full message at this [link](#).

Annual Catholic Men's Retreat - "Idol Thoughts" November 24-26, 2023

This annual retreat experience will be led by Rev. Michael Parent and will focus on deepening our relationship with the Lord and those around us. It will include talks, confession, mass, times of quiet reflection and comradery. The weekend runs from 7:00 p.m. Friday to 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Register by calling the Retreat House at 519-738-6136 or visit www.hfrh.ca/upcoming-retreats.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults - "Joyful Anticipation"

Are you looking to make this Advent a more powerful season? Are you wanting to grow in your relationship with the Lord, but find it difficult in the midst of work, school, or a sense of discouragement? Why not come out to our Youth Young Adult and Family Ministry Diocesan Advent Retreat from Friday, December 1 at 7 p.m. until Sunday, December 3 at 1 p.m. at Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley. The retreat will be full of prayer, reflection time, speakers, confession, fun, great food, Mass, and more. Take time from your busy schedule and make this time for Jesus. The cost will be \$175 if you are registered on or before Monday, November 13 (It rises to \$225 starting after that). This price includes two-night accommodations, all meals, and materials to make this time amazing. Please note this retreat is open to young adults between the ages of 18-35 years of age. To sign up, please go to <https://dol.ca/advent-retreat-for-young-adults>.

Diaconate Ordination - Saturday, November 18, 2023

With great joy, the Diocese of London announces the Ordination of David Ducharme, Edward Czilli, Joel Beneteau, Jim Van Lanen and Jeffrey Sylvestre to the Order of Deacons through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, CSB, Bishop of London. All are invited to attend in person or watch by livestream. Parish teams are asked to promote this event in your bulletins, websites and/or by announcing it at your Masses this weekend so people may attend or offer their prayerful support.

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, 196 Dufferin Avenue, London
Livestream link available at www.lncc.dol.ca.



Job Posting
Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk
Part-time Caretaker

Position: **Caretaker**

Family of Parishes: **Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk**

Location: **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish-110 Adams Avenue, Delhi**

Commitment: **15 hours a week, including weekends and evenings**

Posting Date: **October 27, 2023**

Closing Date: **November 24, 2023**

POSITION SUMMARY:

Reporting to the Pastor, the Caretaker manages and ensures the timely maintenance and upkeep of the properties of the Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk. The Caretaker works collaboratively with the the Pastor, Administration Manager, Pastoral Team, staff, laity, committees and Diocesan staff.

Summary of Duties:

- Cleaning of all buildings including church, offices, Parish Hall.
- Contacting, arranging for and overseeing required work with outside contractors for services and/or repairs.
- Make arrangements for general maintenance and minor repairs of all buildings including painting, minor plumbing, electrical and carpentry repairs
- Setup and take down for events and meetings taking place in the Parish Hall
- Purchasing of all needed cleaning and maintenance supplies.
- Ground maintenance year-round including spring and fall clean up, lawn cutting, flower gardens and the Coordination of snow removal and salting of all entrances and sidewalks.

Qualifications and Requirements

- Prior experience in general maintenance and cleaning with knowledge of basic plumbing, heating, electrical and carpentry
- Willingness and ability to work flexible hours including weekends, as needed.
- Ability to perform tasks of a physical and manual nature safely and efficiently.
- Use of a reliable personal vehicle, valid G driver's license and proof of personal insurance for vehicle are required.
- Strong organizational skills, verbal communication skills, creative problem-solving skills along with a high level Of self-initiatives are required for success in this position.
- Prior experience delegating to and working with volunteers is an asset.
- Understanding of and a supportive attitude towards the mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of London is Necessary.

Please submit your resume along with 3 work related references to: ddrinkwater@dol.ca

Debbie Drinkwater

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We thank all who apply to this position for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.