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Sunday at 11:00 am

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Sunday at 9:00 am

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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"

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1st Sunday in Lent—February 18, 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent—February 25, 2024

A Message



**from the
Pastor**

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Dear Friends,

The season of Lent is God's gift to humanity to recognize the love of God for us and intentionally with joy remove every obstacle that would affect that love, so that our relationship with him, who created and redeemed us, could be strengthened. God continue to dispense his grace at this sea-

son through the Church for the salvation of humanity. It is a season to remind ourselves of the constant invitation of God to us for repentance and a conversion of heart so that we may receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. This process of conversion is not limited to the season of Lent but a lifetime journey of cooperating with the will of God. This process enables us to put our thoughts and actions in right perspective, setting our focus on what matters most, the joy of salvation in Christ Jesus.

I was reading through one of the Knights of Columbus magazines (Columbia January/February 2024) recently and would like to share part of the reflection of Fr John Connaughton, that "there is a deep longing for connection, but we attempt to satisfy it with worldly and superficial things that leave us feeling exhausted and discontented. The King's banquet is where we find rest, peace, joy and the loving fellowship that is the communion of believers in Christ, which we call the Church. Christ wants to make us holy through the life of the Church. It is in the Church that we are shaped into saints. To be a saint is to live a tremendously full, meaningful and satisfying life. But this demands something of us. It requires repentance and conversion, which means giving up things to which we've grown attached, and experience that feels like the cross. But repentance and conversion are liberating because they free us to desire the highest things and make room within us for God's grace. Grace gives us strength to keep in check the lower desires that can knock us off the path to holiness and keep us stuck in the banality of sin. Sin, ultimately, is to say to God: I don't want what you are offering me. This other stuff is more interesting and more desirable than you are".

We know that there is nothing more desirable than God because it is in him, we live and move and have our being. May the Lord grant us the courage to repent of our wrongdoings and choose him whose love for us is everlasting. Amen.

In a few days, we shall celebrate Family Day. Every member of a family is God's gift to one another. God has a purpose for us; let us continue to work for the oneness and unity of our families. Happy Family Day!

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

Fr. Augustine Ogundele



From the desk of Kathryn Heemskerk:

Before I came to work for the Catholic Family of Parishes, I hosted a retreat morning for the CWL on how we use our hands to carry out the work of God. There are so many of us that volunteer in so many ways. Sometimes we get wondering and realize we have forgotten why we do what we do. We had someone say something, or not say something, that made us feel like we were not appreciated. Or we have been trying our hardest to do things, and wonder if it matters or if it makes a difference. I want to remind you that we cannot always see the impact we are having or the im-

pression we are making on others. God has a way of working in hidden ways. Like when He makes seeds grow, He does some of His best work in the dark and the silence. We are instruments He uses to do great things, but it is, in the end, His work. We can help, but it is His. That is why we spread love and kindness far and wide. We need to scatter it generously so that it can grow and spread even further. Thank you for loving God and sharing that love with those you meet. Our world needs people like you. Do not be discouraged. Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.



Life in our Parish

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

St Mary —Keira, Carter, Nora , Brady , Korbin, Asher and Aubrey, great grandchildren of Betty Engelhardt

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs—Jaxon Dierick, child of Kerry and Bret

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

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Michael McLeod, Dorothy Botzang,
Bill Perreira, Eileen Nan, Matt LeSage, John Azzopardi and John Gots

“a time to die. . .”

We pray for all the faithful departed: Vivian Sabo, Edward Stockmans and
Anthonio Matos

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

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Our Family of Parishes is attending this year's Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto. To register or for more information, visit the
parish website @ <https://catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca/lift-jesus-higher-rally>

The Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) consists of two catholic conferences happening simultaneously.

The Youth Conference and the Adult Conference.

Families can choose to stay together or separate and meet up throughout the day.

For the bus and the conference on *Saturday March 2, 2024*, the cost is **\$60 for adults** and **\$25 for youth**.

For any additional inquiries about the Lift Jesus Higher Rally you may contact

Courtney Duckworth (call or text) **519-427-6137** or (email) courtney.brame@gmail.com.

This is a great opportunity to build faith within your family.

Please register by Feb 23, 2024, but register ASAP to secure your seat on the bus.

Job Posting

Organist Needed at St. Mary's Church, Simcoe, please contact Deb at the office.

These walls can sing

BNHCDSB Arts put on an exhibit at Lynnwood of paintings based on Canadian music. Paintings are
now being auctioned off through www.shackeltonauctions.com All proceeds go to St Vincent de
Paul. Auction is now open and closed Feb 21

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organiza-
tion of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global
South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and
social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Our transformative work is possible thanks to the generosity and support of our members and Canadians who
stand by us. Join the movement of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your com-
munity. Visit devp.org/membership.



Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* petition

Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect
those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine.

The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign. Over 20,000 Canadians have
signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort
and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
February 18, 2024

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs: Archie Verspeeten

Mass Intentions for the Week:

- Mon Feb 19** **St. Mary**
9:00 am +Herbert & Marjorie Smith
 +Maria Adelaide Simoes
- Tues Feb 20** **Rosewood**
10:30 am Intentions for the Residents & Staff
- St. Mary**
7:00 pm +Laurens Maissan
 Intentions of Alex & Keely Terry
- 7:00 pm **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
 +Steve & Barbara Lados
 +Paul & Eleanor Polfliet
 +Anastascio Santos, Cidalia Rodrigues
 & Maria Rosa de Jesus
- Wed Feb 21** **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am +Frank Oliver
- 11:00 am **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
 +Archie Verspeeten
 +Roger Geysens
 +George Paris
 +Mary Jacques
- 7:00 pm **St. Bernard**
 Intentions for Father Augustine
- Thur Feb 22** **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving
- 10:30 am **Norfolk Hospital**
 Intentions for the Residents & Staff
- Fri Feb 23** **St. Mary**
10:00 am +Manuel & Carolina Marques
(School-ESM) +Mario Jesus, Justina Piedade &
 Antonio Bernardo
 +Manuel Bernard Lopes & Maria
 De Pidade
- 11:30 **St. Bernard**
 +Lawrence & Olga Halyk

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
February 25, 2024

**Intentions of All Parishioners of Catholic Family
of Parishes in Norfolk**

Mass Intentions for the Week:

- Mon Feb 26** **St. Mary**
9:00 am +Lucia Gama
 Intentions of the Storoschuk Family
- Tues Feb 27** **St. Mary**
7:00 pm +Herb & Marge Smith
 +Robert Macmillan
- 7:00 pm **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
 +Jose Borges & Filomena Borges
 +Eleanor Polfliet
 Intentions of the Heyndricks &
 Coppens Families
- Wed Feb 28** **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am Intentions for All Parishioners
- 11:00 am **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**
 +Marva McElhone
 +Helen Bobkowski
 +Francisco & Dolores Toste
- 7:00 pm **St. Bernard**
 Intentions of All Parishioners
- Thur Feb 29** **St. Cecilia**
9:00 am +Frank Oliver

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

First Friday – Adoration after Mass

- Fri Mar 1** **St. Mary**
10:00 am +Tony Sammut
 Healing Intentions for Mary Rose Barbara
- 11:30 am **St. Bernard**
 +Sophie Sosnicki

Day of Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

Penance and Prayer across the Diocese



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available for sale. Please see
Dennis Blake or Contact him at
519-427-6504 to get your
souvenir copy



Waterford CWL:

On March 1st we are hosting the World Day Of Prayer at 2 pm. at St. Bernard Church , followed by a social afterwards. Next meeting is on Tuesday March 12 at 2 pm.

Good Friday March 29 we will have our soup supper following the 3 pm. service. Hope to see you at these events.

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs CWL:

1. OLQM CWL will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Feb. 23rd. at 6:30 pm. Please join us

2. Our Money Draw fundraiser is in full swing. Be sure to contact any CWL member or check out the poster, to purchase a \$5 ticket for a chance to win \$500!

Port Dover CWL:

There will be a CWL meeting on Wednesday February 21 at 10 am in the downstairs hall. All ladies are welcome.

Simcoe /Waterford Knights of Columbus Council 4502

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

We want to thank all those who assisted at the "Knights of Columbus dinner" to make our 8th annual fundraiser a very successful event, once again.

With a sold out crowd, and a team of Knights and students to serve them, this dinner raised a new record amount of \$1705.40. These funds will be donated to support "The Norfolk Pregnancy and Resource Center" here in Simcoe.

At this time we wish to thank those who contributed donations towards our Success, Namely: Brian Baker, Belching Barista Coffee company Co., Unilever/Breyers Ice Cream, Canadian Tire Simcoe, The Knights of Council 4502, Paquin Wood products and handyman, Ruffin/s Pet Centers Simcoe, South Coast Hyundai, Tami at The Beauty Loft, Tan to Perfection, The Apple Place, The Barbershop of Dover, Townsend Butchers Inc, Trish's Bakery & Café, as well as a few cash donors.



Every Friday at 7 pm at all churches

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Feb 16	Parish Pastoral Council
Feb 23	Knights of Columbus 4502
March 1	Choir
March 8	Catholic Women's League
March 15	Development and Peace
March 22	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

St. Cecilia

Feb 16	St. Cecilia's CWL
Feb 23	Senior Choir
March 1	Knight of Columbus Council 8149
March 8	Hospitality
March 15	Lectors
March 22	Folk Choir

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

Feb 16	Parish Pastoral Council
Feb 23	Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs CWL
March 1	Saturday Choir
March 8	Knights of Columbus Council 5095
March 15	Sunday Choir
March 22	Development & Peace

St. Mary

Feb 16	Lectors
Feb 23	Hospitality
March 1	Eucharistic Ministers
March 8	Servers
March 15	Knights of Columbus Council 4502

Holy Land Wood Art available at all Parishes February 24 & 25 weekend

Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious items to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income. Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave the Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity.

Join us on **February, 24th and 25th** to purchase beautiful art and strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Blessings,
Jenny - Holy Land Wood Art
Contact: 647-292-4462 or



As most of you are aware we have coffee after the 11:00 am Mass at St. Mary's Church. We could sure use some help from the parish family to continue this program. It costs you nothing but 2 hours of your time we prefer 2 people all supplies will be there. Family members are welcomed. If you are interested or want to know more please contact the parish office or Jerry Vink at 519 420-9867. Any help would be appreciated.



Confirmations 2024

Congratulations to the following young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. May you all be filled with the Holy Spirit!

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

Saturday February 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Maia Balinado
Stefanie Barnucz
Haven Bender
Jonah Bos
Nathan Braun
Brielle Buhay
Ryan Carson
Meredith Csont
Kali-Mae DaSilva
Reed Decoutere-Thompson
Will DeDecker
Layla Di Federico
Diem Hazen
Vada Howden
Riley Kichler
Ethan Kuz
Everleigh Martin
Chance McMaster
Esmee O'Neill
Allysa Roberts
Hudson Shaw
Hanna Stefek
Roman Sztronga
Emma Tarcza
Ellisa Tyndall-Norton
Ryen VanDenBulck
Owen Vandertuin
Emily VanDeVelde
Stefan VanDyk
Travis VanLondersele
Taya Walters

St. Mary

Sunday February 11, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Rilla Arrojo
Kayden Benvenuti
Tenley Bernardo
Kayden Bilinsky
Brennan Blenkhorn
Benjamin Corbett-Hurd
Hailey Deveau
Seth Duesling
Leandrew Dutra
Anessa Garcia
Hailey Goncalves
Elle Haum
Lola-Ann Helmer
Colton Kora
Maya Kwiatkowski
Sydney Lane
Phoenix Mallon
Ty Palhad
Lola Pauls
Emma Pell
Connor Post
Amelia Sceviour
Geneva Thompson-Campbell
Maya Warpecha
Isabella Wodham
Aimee Wysynski
Julia Zytariuk
Chloe Neisary (Eastern Rites)

*May the gifts of the
Holy Spirit strengthen you,
Making you, a witness of Christ's love
May you always live your faith with joy*



Image of St. Ignatius of Loyola, PDP

Springtime of the Church

March 2,
5pm St Mary

7pm Missions

March 3, St Mary
March 4, OLQM
March 5, St Mary

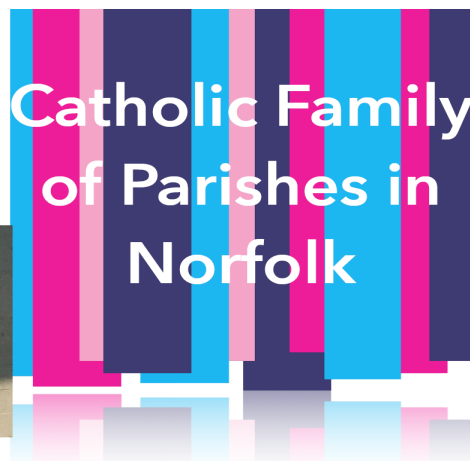
Jesuit Paul Panaretos to offer an encouraging reminder that Lent is not without joy. Christ Jesus is its goal: to share in the consolation of the Risen Christ.

Peace be with you! = the Risen One's opening words. He speaks to human hearts.

St. Ignatius of Loyola invites people to recall being consoled by a best friend; then to consider Christ promptly and richly consoles his disciples in every age.

Paul Panaretos is Spiritual Director at Loyola House, Guelph, ON. He chairs the annual Spiritual Exercises; forms and trains spiritual directors; accompanies individual retreats; & more.

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5 February 2024

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Lent, we hear the Gospel call to conversion – to turn away from sin and to turn back to God with all our hearts. The gift of God's mercy frees us to serve our sisters and brothers in love. Our own brokenness, the tensions between peoples, and the scourge of hostilities and wars throughout the world make us even more aware of our need for conversion. We all must become instruments of justice and peace. "To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope" (Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2024).

To help us in our journey back to God, the Church offers the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These remedies are meant not only for our own personal healing but to unite and strengthen us with the gifts of the Spirit to build up the Kingdom of God, preparing our hearts to welcome the risen Lord and to welcome one another.

In speaking of injustices in the world, Pope Francis reminds us that "The long journey towards reconciliation and justice, including addressing the structural conditions that abetted such abuse, remains before us, and requires concrete gestures of penitence" (A Synodal Church in Mission, Synthesis Report). This year you to join me, individuals, families, and parish communities, to fast, pray and offer alms for peace – peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our communities and peace in the world. Let us work together to be peacemakers.

I invite you especially to return to the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At the Eucharist we gather to behold and receive the Body of Christ, the Prince of Peace. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we experience the love, mercy, and healing that only God can offer. This year, our **Annual Day of Confession will be held on Wednesday 20 March**. On that day, churches in the diocese will be open and a priest will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

May we open our hearts this Lenten season to God's merciful love and become instruments of peace. "Peace is primarily a gift of God, for it is He who left us His peace. Yet it is also a responsibility incumbent upon all of us" (Pope Francis, 8 January 2024).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London

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