

**Dear Parishioners,**

**COVID-19** has disrupted ALL our lives. It feels so surreal to not be able to continue with our lives as we have day to day for so many years. We miss seeing and speaking to people we normally would almost daily. Going to work at the office was something I looked forward to and spending time with our Parish Families is something I am missing. We at the Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk hope you are all safe and following the directive we have been mandated. Life is hard for some right now, but we will get through this, perhaps stronger than before. Our **FAITH** and **TRUST** in **God** will help us through this.

Many of you have asked how you can continue supporting the Parishes with your offertory donations; especially with Easter around the corner. We have set up e-transfer for all four Parishes. When you send an e-transfer to the Parish you are registered at, I will automatically know who you are and I will be able to enter your donation under your profile. **Just add under the memo section of the e-transfer what donation this is for: Easter, Good Friday, Share Lent or weekly offering.** We know many of you are going through not only emotional but financial hardship and we do not want to add to your struggle. The request to set up e-transfers was made by several Parishioners. E-Transfer does not replace Pre-Authorize Giving. Anyone who has enrolled in Pre-Authorized Giving will continue on a monthly withdrawal. E-transfer is for Parishioners wanting to continue with their weekly donations or for our “**special**” donations i.e. **Easter, Good Friday, and Share Lent.** If anyone would like to enroll into the Pre-Authorized Giving please either call the Parish office or email me directly at [ddrinkwater@dol.ca](mailto:ddrinkwater@dol.ca). I will send you the enrollment form. As always these two methods of giving is totally volunteer. We do not want to add any pressure financial or other to anyone during these trying times.

We appreciate everyone's understanding at this time and we would like to **THANK** everyone who is keeping us and the Parishes in their Prayers as we are keeping you in ours. Take care everyone.....try and make good memories....**this too shall pass.**

Here are four email addresses you use to transfer your offertory donations:

<b>St. Mary's Parish</b>	<b><a href="mailto:stmarycecilia@dol.ca">stmarycecilia@dol.ca</a></b>
<b>Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish</b>	<b><a href="mailto:olmstbern@dol.ca">olmstbern@dol.ca</a></b>
<b>St. Cecilia's Parish</b>	<b><a href="mailto:stcecilia@dol.ca">stcecilia@dol.ca</a></b>
<b>St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish</b>	<b><a href="mailto:stbernard@dol.ca">stbernard@dol.ca</a></b>

You may continue sending your offerings to the parish offices, but please mail them by Canada Post, do NOT leave your envelopes in the mail boxes at the offices. Staff does not go to the offices daily and we want to make sure your offering is received.

**Debbie Drinkwater**  
**Administration Manager**