



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Our community respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on the unceded ancestral lands and waters of the Algonquin people, on whose territory we live, pray, work, and grow in faith and understanding.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday at 7:00pm

Wednesday-Friday at 12:15pm

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass Tuesday-Saturday
or call the office

Pastor

Fr. Frank Kuczera, OMI

Administrative Assistant

Heather Duggan

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Matilda Owolagba

Director of Religious Ed.

Adele Casuga Lalonde

Pastoral Council

Sheila Foy Connolly

Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7pm

Finance Council

Joseph Duggan

Development and Peace

Anna Dorner

Weekly Gatherings

Christian Meditation

Dorothy Wood

Mondays, 3pm, via Zoom

except last Monday of the
month, 2:30pm in the church

Lectio Divina & Meditation

Maureen Cerroni

Tuesdays, 8pm, via Zoom

Evening Prayer

Brian Cano

Thurs., 6:30pm, via Zoom

RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 8:45am, Parish Centre

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11/12, 2025



REMEMBER IN PRAYER: All who are ill, including: Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, Dan Berube, Devin Bursey, Brian Cano, Sandy Cano, Austin DeCoste, Fr. Jim Fiori, John H., Nick H., Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Bernard Kubale, Sandra LaPointe, Sr. Gwen Legault, OLM, Tony Lim, Janna Petrunik, Br. Len Rego, Fr. Ollie Rich, Caroline Samson, Jeff Stadtmueller, Mike Staples, Beatriz Vercosa Leal

MASS INTENTIONS: **Sat., Oct. 11** Albert Casuga by the Lalonde family; Leonard & Denise Herbert on their 50th anniversary by Leonard Herbert; **Thurs., Oct. 16** Intentions of Fr. Jim Fiori; **Fri., Oct. 17** Teresa & Zbigniew Fallenbuchl by Yvonne Bennett; **Sat., Oct. 18** Jim & Mary McMinn by Margaret Denny; **Thurs., Oct. 23** Intentions of Fr. Jim Fiori by Joe & Marion Lochlan; **Fri., Oct. 24** Kateryna & Natalie Mazurenko by Louise Brien; **Sat., Oct. 25** Allan Carroll by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller; **Tues., Oct. 28** Kelda Whalen & Patricia Marsden Dale by Allison Dingle; **Wed., Oct. 29** Valentyn Mazurenko by Louise Brien; **Thurs., Oct 30** Maryne & Josef Nowosielski by Susanne Shaftoe; **Fri., Oct. 31** In loving memory of the parents of Frank and Daniella by Daniella

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Oct 19: Kenyan tea sale after Mass

Sun., Oct. 19: Lunch and Learn on the Alpha program, after Mass

Tues., Oct. 21: Liturgy Committee meeting, 1:30pm

Fri., Oct. 24: Youth Group, 7pm

Sun., Nov. 2: Memorial Mass, 10am

Our Parish News

FROM FR. FRANK

Dear Sisters and Brothers, I will be away in Rome for the meeting of major superiors of our Congregation from October 14 to November 11. Please keep us in your prayers and be assured of my prayers for you and your families. I am grateful for Frs. Richard, John, Ali, Mark and Eugene who will cover for me at our parish during my absence.

WALK FOR THE CENTRE—THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who joined us on Sunday for the Walk for the Centre and to all those who sponsored our team. We raised well over our goal of \$1,000. There is still time [to donate](#) towards the Walk for the Centre to benefit the Centretown Community Food Centre.

KENYA TEA FUNDRAISER

After Mass on Sunday, **October 19**, Oblate Ontario Associates within our parish will be selling bags of loose-leaf tea from Kenya as a fundraiser for programs/formation of Kenyan Associates. Oblate Associates are lay associates of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The charism of the Oblates encourages reaching out to the poor, on-going formation, support of the Church and working in discipleship with Mary. Please consider purchasing a bag of Kenyan tea for \$20. All funds will go to support continuing formation of Kenyan Associates and priorities of their parishes. Saint Eugene de Mazenod guide us with your mercy and blessings to you all.

LUNCH AND LEARN

After Mass on Sunday, **October 19**, we will welcome Rob and Lynne, Alpha Ministry leaders at St. Mary's parish, to give a presentation and answer questions regarding the [Alpha program](#). Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. Join us to learn more about the Alpha program!

MEMORIAL MASS

Our Memorial Mass to remember our recently deceased relatives and friends will be celebrated on Sunday, **November 2** at the 10am Mass. If you would like to add a name to our Book of Remembrance, please [email](#) the office. All are welcome.

ST. JOE'S SUPPER TABLE – 3RD ANNUAL AUTUMN HARVEST FUNDRAISER

You are invited on **October 25** at 7pm to St. Joe's parish hall at 174 Wilbrod Street for an evening of community, food, and support for a great cause, the St. Joe's Supper Table. Since the Supper Table does not receive guaranteed government funding, and has not received any this year, they rely on events like this to keep their programs running strong. So come hungry and ready to support a great cause! To purchase tickets or learn more, [click here](#) or contact the Supper Table at 613-233-4095 ext. 221.

STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH

Our statue of St. Joseph needs a little restoration (a new coat of paint). If you, or anyone you know, has the skills to do this, please [contact the office](#).

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

In alignment with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' commitment to healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall has pledged to raise \$1.2 million for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. As of April 2025, the Archdiocese has raised just over \$1 million representing 83% of our goal. We are very close to the finish line, please help us cross it! Together we can make a difference. Donate online: www.journeyforhealing.ca or with the envelopes on the Welcome Table in the church foyer.

Thanksgiving Is

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude to God, our Creator and Provider, whose guidance and care go before us... and whose love is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the changes, to remember that we, too, grow and change from one season of life to another.

Thanksgiving is a time of changing seasons, when leaves turn golden in Autumn's wake and apples are crisp in the first chill breezes of fall.

Let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving. As we see the beauty of Autumn, let us acknowledge the many blessings which are ours... let us think of our families and friends... and let us give thanks in our hearts.

- Author Unknown

Diocesan and Community News

JUBILEE 2025: DEBT JUSTICE WEBINAR SERIES

Don't miss this informative 3-part series that unpacks the global debt crisis, ecological debt and the urgent need for reparations and fair international rules. Time: 7:00-8:30pm on the dates below. To register, [click here](#).

Wednesday, **October 15** - Restoring Justice: Ecological Debt and Canada's Fair Share. Explore what it means for Canada to repay its ecological debt by enabling debt cancellation and other policies outlined in Canada's Fair Shares Platform.

Wednesday, **October 22** - Time for Global Rules: A case for a UN Framework Convention on Debt. Find out how a UN Framework Convention on Debt could shift power away from private creditors toward the common good.

ST. GEORGE OKTOBERFEST

St. George Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, **October 19** from 11:30am to 3pm at St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave N. A hearty sausage lunch with sauerkraut, potato salad and dessert will be served. Advance tickets are \$20/adults and \$10/children. E-transfer: stgeorgekoc12124@gmail.com

ANNE FRANK – A HISTORY FOR TODAY

"Anne Frank – A History for Today" - a public exhibition at Beechwood National Memorial Centre, **October 19**, tells the story of Anne Frank and her family in the context of the Holocaust and the Second World War. Through 12 large panels, visitors will engage with themes of discrimination, persecution, courage, and resistance.

Public viewing day on October 19 is open to all visitors. Attendees can take part in self-guided or facilitated tours. Admission is free. Guided tours are from 1:30pm-4:10pm and will be lead by students (Gr 11-12) from across the Ottawa Catholic School Board. [You must register](#) for the guided tours.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE, COME WALK WITH US!

On Thursday, **October 23**, celebrate the 9:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Fallowfield and walk the Ottawa Camino to Notre Dame Cathedral in downtown Ottawa. The 29 km walk will take approximately 8 hours, leaving at 9:45am and concluding with a potluck reception at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Check out pilgrimage details (alternate start and finish points) and sign up: to walk, to volunteer to shuttle, to clean up, or to bring something for the potluck at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAA82FAAF5C16-57986854-rosary#/>

KNOX THRIFT SALE

The Knox Thrift Sale will take place at Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Lisgar St. on Saturday **October 25** from 8:30am to 2pm. The sale will offer gently used items (as well as coffee and baked goods) at a low cost to support their community, while also raising some funds for Knox's building and programs.

CULTIVATING COMPASSIONATE SOIL

Register for a Thomas Merton Hybrid Retreat at the Galilee Centre, Arnprior, **October 24 – 25**, with facilitator, Gerry Kelly, manager of spiritual programs. Through a series of contemplative conversations, we will allow the insights of Thomas Merton to open our hearts to Christian nonviolence as a way of peace in our turbulent times. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

CNEWA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) Canada team is inviting you to join them for an evening of celebration as they mark their 20th Anniversary! On behalf of the CNEWA Canada team, and with the blessing of Archbishop Marcel Dampousse, Chair of the CNEWA Canada Board, you are invited to celebrate "Light in the East", CNEWA Canada's 20th Anniversary Gala on Friday, **November 7** at 7pm. This unforgettable evening celebrates your support of churches and vulnerable communities throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

JERICHO ROAD EXTRAVAGANZA

[Jericho Road](#) is pleased to announce that tickets for their annual silent/live-auction dinner extravaganza are now on sale! This cherished evening is an opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate recovery, and support the vital programs that bring hope and healing to those in need. They warmly invite you to enjoy a fantastic meal, musical entertainment, auction excitement and authentic tales of genuine miracles. Please join them at the Glebe Community Centre on **November 22** at 5pm for a night you will not forget. Click here [to purchase tickets](#). Canadian Martyrs parish has supported Jericho Road for many years.

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Contact us today!

Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish

Volunteer with us!

Canadian Martyrs is proud of its vibrant and active community, with many different committees and ministries currently serving the needs of our parish and neighbourhood.

Volunteers come from many backgrounds, all ages, and interests. All we ask is that you have a positive attitude and a willingness to learn.

If you are interested in learning more, or would like to be connected with a particular group, you can:

- Browse the volunteer binder on the Welcome Table in the church foyer
- Check out "Our Ministries and Committees" page at www.canadianmartyrs.org
- Reach out to the church office: office@canadianmartyrs.org



Parish Committees and Ministries

Altar Servers	Liturgy Committee
Children's Liturgy	Mass Coordinators
Communications	Music Ministry
Development and Peace	Parish Pastoral Council
Eucharistic Ministers	Pastoral Care Team
Faith Formation	Prayer of the Faithful
Finance Council	RCIA Team
507 Sandwich Club	Refugee Settlement Committee
Greeters	Sacramental Preparation
Hospitality Team	Synod Committee
Laudato Si' Team	Truth & Reconciliation Committee
Lectors	Ushers
Liturgical Environment	Youth Group

Which ministry is calling you?



Parishioners can now quickly donate to the church with their mobile devices. Just scan the QR code and donate securely through the parish's Canada Helps page.

PARISH REGISTRATION: The registration form is available on the Welcome Table in the church foyer or can be accessed at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/register/>.

DONATIONS: Forms are available on the Welcome Table in the church foyer if you wish to make donations through direct deposit. If you wish to donate via credit card through Canada Helps, [please click here](#). Please call or email the office if you would like a box of offering envelopes. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the office to inform us of shut-ins or people in hospital so that we can arrange to bring Holy Communion and administer the Sacrament of the Sick, if desired.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please contact the office to schedule a baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact the office to set up an interview with our pastor. It is recommended that the first contact be a minimum of 6 months before the wedding.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: The minutes of Parish Pastoral Council meetings can be [found here](#). The Pastoral Plan 2025-2030 can be [found here](#). These documents are also on the Welcome Table in the church foyer.

FOOD DONATIONS: Non-perishable food items for the Centretown Community Food Centre are collected on an on-going basis. Please place food items in the crates in the church foyer.

MILK BAGS: Milk bags are collected for making into sleeping mats. Please bring in the outer coloured bags and put them in the baskets under the table in the hall near the breezeway.

507 SANDWICH CLUB: If you would like to donate towards the sandwich ingredients, [please click here](#) (choose 507 Sandwich Club fund). If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.