

## Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, January 19th	12:10 p.m.	† Martha Blanchard
Tuesday, January 20th	12:10 p.m.	† Jacqueline & Francoise Venchiarutti
Wednesday, January 21st	7:00 p.m.	† Margaret & Ernie Board
Thursday, January 22nd	12:10 p.m.	† Jay McGrath
Friday, January 23rd	12:10 p.m.	† Regina & Frank Melady
Saturday, January 24th	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of John and Rita Black

### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ST. VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. at St.



Mary's parish hall. Tickets \$50/person and available now. (A \$25 tax receipt will be given.) This is their biggest fund raising event. Please call Ester at 733-0254 or Maggie 733-0673. Tickets will be sold after one of the masses on one of the weekends in anticipation of the dance.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**"Movie Night"** on Friday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. For further information please call or email Robin Parkes at 728-2985 or [ym4smp@gmail.com](mailto:ym4smp@gmail.com).



**Theology on Tap:** Please mark Monday, February 23rd on your calendar as the next Theology on Tap. YM4SMP is inviting all young adults in

their twenties and thirties to attend an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics. Joe Egan of L'Arche Canada will speak on Human Rights: inclusion, understanding, and belonging. Please watch for further details on the time and location. For more information please call Robin Parkes at the Parish office or email him at [ym4mp@gmail.com](mailto:ym4mp@gmail.com)

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Next Sunday is Membership Sunday for the Catholic Women's League.

**Regional Winter Social:** As there is no January General Meeting - why not consider this instead: **Sunday, January 25, 2009** Northern Region Winter Social at 2:00 p.m. at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmvale. Carpooling is being arranged. If you'd like a ride please call Anita at 737-1663.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

If you are interested in learning more about Development and Peace, please join us at the next meeting on **Monday, January 19th at 7:30 p.m.** in the parish library.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION



Marriage preparation will be running in the parish in the winter months ahead. Our parish preparation program will begin **March 3rd and run through to April 21st. It is held every Tuesday evening from 7 – 9:00 p.m.** Please call the parish office to register.

### PRAY AND SEW

Would you like to be part of a Pray and Sew group that meets four times a year here at St. Mary's and sew cloth grocery bags, children's clothes and blankets? The items are then shipped to Dr. Simone in Toronto, and sent to the many poor countries in the world desperately needing supplies.



**This Tuesday** The next pray and sew meeting is **Tuesday, January 20th** in our parish hall from 9 – 2:00 p.m. Mass at 12:10 pm and lunch provided at 12:45 pm. Please bring a sewing machine if possible. All materials are provided. Please call Colleen Evans at 728-2985 in the parish office to sign up or for further information.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

The meeting for parents regarding first reconciliation will take place this **Wednesday, January 21st following the 7:00 p.m. mass at 7:30 p.m. in the church.**

In addition to the parents of grade 2's or grade 3's who have not made first confession; we are inviting the parents of older children who have not made confession to attend as well.

### SOMETIMES WE CAN BE TOO POLITE

It was discussed recently at parish council a problem which arises at communion time at St. Mary's. Here is the problem. People for some reason are reluctant to come to communion until the pew in front of them has emptied out totally. The simple fact may be that the people in the pew in front of you are Protestants attending the baptism or first communion of one of their grandchildren. They are not going to be going to communion. May we make it a rule of thumb, that when communion begins that we come forward not based strictly on what row we are in. Let's try to not make the visitors to our parish who are sitting in front of us feel uncomfortable.

Let's balance this on the other side; people in the back row should not come up the aisle like a rocket as if we are going to run out of hosts.

While we are discussing going to communion if someone is significantly frail or has limited mobility it is not impolite to let them make their own way to communion at their own pace and to pass them.

Every so often we have someone who is going to take a significant period of time to make it to the front and no one will take the initiative to step out and allow the line to continue. If you will do it on the road you can to it on your way to communion.

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

#### Winter Interlude

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 28th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

In order to respond to different interests, several activities will be available.

**hall: a movie;**

**room 3: cards and board games;**

**library: conversation group. Topic: "books I've read during the past year."**

Come and bring a friend for a little communal enjoyment to break the long days of winter!



#### Life Story Writing Group: 2009



Applications are available in the office and at the back of the church. The programme requires a minimum of six participants and a maximum of 12 – 15. The programme will not be offered next year. For further information please contact Sister Mary Rose in the parish office at 728-2985.

### VOCATION



A good vocation prayer to say every day – from the time we are young until we are in our golden years – is found in today's first Scripture reading:

*"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening".* Just try it with sincerity, starting today. For single Catholic men, 18 years and older, who are considering a call to the priesthood the next *"Come and See"* Retreat Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough will take place on **Feb. 1-3rd**. To register, or for further info., contact Fr. Liborio Amaral at (416) 968-0997, or email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca). Visit the Vocation website at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a recruitment drive this weekend. The tremendous charitable work the Knights conduct annually is a by-product of continual membership growth. Members raise funds for the needy, volunteer their time and support a wide range of programs in our community. Will you step up and join us? Membership is open to all Catholic men over the age of 18. Please find a request for information card in the pews, fill it out and give it to one of Knights after mass.

### BIBLE CAMP 2009



There will be a meeting in room 1 for all adults interested in participating in Bible Camp 2009 on **Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m.** *Please plan on attending if you can help!*

### HOLY SPIRIT FUNDRAISING EVENT

**Take a Break from the Winter Blues:** a night of music on **February 7th from 7 – 9:00 p.m.** at St. Joan of Arc High School. There will be various musicians. Admission is \$5/person at the door. Door prizes and more! *Come out and join us!*

### THE FEAST OF JORDAN

Come celebrate the Ukrainian Feast of Jordan with the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church on Sunday, January 18th.

This event is being held here at St. Mary's with Liturgy from 3:00-4:00 p.m. followed by a traditional Feast of Jordan dinner of Kutia, Borscht, Cabbage Rolls, Perogies and more. Cost is \$15.00/adult and \$5.00/child payable at the door. Children under 5 are free.