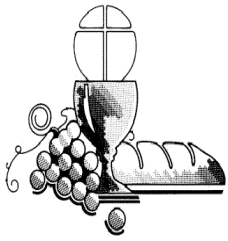


# Mass Intentions



Monday, February 2nd	12:10 p.m.	† Dorothy Bader
Tuesday, February 3rd	12:10 p.m.	† Jay McGrath
Wednesday, February 4th	10:30 a.m.	Grove Park, 234 Cook St.
	7:00 p.m.	† K.J. Ramolla
Thursday, February 5th	12:10 p.m.	† John Shanks
Friday, February 6th	12:10 p.m.	† Gil Turgeon
	7:00 p.m.	Int. Patricia Lynn Attack
Saturday, February 7th	9:00 a.m.	† Thomas Guirey

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION FOR SECOND MARRIAGES



Marriage Preparation for couples in which one of the intended has been previously married will begin on **Wed., April 8th through to and inclusive of May 6th.** Classes are every

Wednesday evening from 7-9:00 p.m. in meeting room 3. This is a requirement before marriage in the church. Please call 416-921-1163 to register and for further details. Speak to either of the priests if you need more information.

We are also planning marriage preparation for couples entering their first marriage. This program begins **Tues., March 3rd through to and inclusive of April 21st.** Please see the bulletin board or call the parish office at 728-2985.

## YOUTH RETREAT



On **Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> to Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>,** Bishop Hundt and The Office of Catholic Youth are hosting a **Lenten Retreat / Mardi Gras Celebration** at The Highwayman Inn & Conference Centre in

Orillia. The retreat is to prepare ourselves for the Lenten season. A limited number of spaces have been reserved specifically for the high school students in St. Mary's Parish. We will be carpooling from St. Mary's to Orillia at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, returning on Feb. 22 by 11:00 a.m. **The cost is only \$10.00.** Please see Robin for registration forms.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

**Special Weekend Retreat: Feb. 13 – 15th.** Find strength in yourself, and God. This retreat is meant for persons who need help in working through the stages of anger, grief and depression which accompany the loss of a partner. The weekend is conducted by a trained team. Call 416-921-1163 ext. 2246 for further information.

## FAMILY DAY WEEKEND POTLUCK



Come one, come all to our parish potluck on **Saturday, February 14th after the 5:00 p.m. mass.** Bring your favourite dish and your family! This is a great chance for us to come together as a parish

community for a time of fellowship. Perhaps your children or brothers and sisters are scattered to the four winds but we still want **you** as part of our *Family Day Weekend Celebration* because **you** are part of the St. Mary's Family! Food can be dropped off in the parish hall before the 5:00 p.m. mass or if you are going to mass the next day, bring it shortly before 6:00 p.m.

*We are looking for helpers. If you can help, Can you help?* please call Pat 726-3442 or Suzanne at 728-1477.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

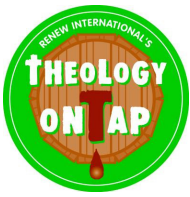
**Regional Winter Social – rescheduled to today, February 1st,** at 2:00 p.m. at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmvale.

**Barrie Tri-CWL Annual St. Valentine Social:** Hosted by Holy Spirit CWL on **Wednesday, February 11, 2009** at St. Joan of Arc High School. Mass at 7:00 p.m.; social at 8:00 p.m. **Please RSVP by today, February 1st, to Rosemary at 726-0624 if you plan to attend.**

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ST. VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

**Saturday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.** in 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 all masses **next weekend,** February 7 & 8th in the parish hall.





### 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).

### 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!***

### CALLED BY NAME

The Simcoe Region has been asked to undertake the ***Called by Name Program*** to the first part of this year. It is a program that identifies potential vocations to the religious life, diaconate and priesthood. At this time, we invite you to begin to prayerfully reflect on men and women whose life and commitment to Christ suggests that they would be good candidates for service in the church. As part of your preparation we invite you to pray the following prayer:

*God of all creation,  
in baptism you called each of us by name  
to be your children.  
We give you thanks and praise for this gift.  
May the Good News of Jesus Christ,  
which inspired the first disciples  
to "Come and See",  
continue to speak in our world today.  
Bless the Archdiocese of Toronto  
with men and women  
who will answer your call to speak your Word  
as religious brothers, sisters, priests and deacons.  
We make this prayer through Jesus,  
your Son and our Brother. Amen.*

### L'ARCH MEETINGS

You are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, February 3rd and Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m.** at 80 Bell Farm Road. Please call Frank Kewin at 720-2492 for further information.

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS: "55+"

**WINTER INTERLUDE rescheduled to this Wednesday, February 4th.**

### LOOKING AHEAD: COMMITTEES NEEDED

**March 18th: An Irish Ceilidh/Party**  
We have a Programme Committee of parishioners who are members of The Irish Claddagh Club, Barrie & District.  
*Needed: A refreshment committee.*



**April 15th: Guest Speaker – Dr. Bruce Meyer, Professor of English, University Studies Programme, Georgian College.**

Topic: "Weight Lifting with Your Mind: How Reading Keeps You Strong."  
*Needed: A hospitality committee.*

**May 20th: A Celebration of Talents**

*Needed: A planning committee to search out talents and plan a programme.*

Persons willing to be part of these committees are asked to contact Sister Mary Rose as soon as possible at 728-2985.

### PRAY AND SEW



The following are Pray and Sew items from January 20th and lovingly made by the ladies of this ministry. They will be sent to Dr. Simone in the near future. 68 grocery bags and one backpack, 51 flannelette crib sheets, 40 cotton crib sheets, 40 girls dresses, 38 crib quilts, 24 t-shirts, 22 boys shorts plus 4 shirts, 11 girls skirts, 9 ladies tops, 7 pairs girls pajamas, 7 girls two-piece outfits, 3 hospital flannelette baby nighties, 3 knitted newborn hats, 2 pillow and blankets sets (children's), and 1 ladies dress and 2 skirts.

***Grateful thanks for the beautiful offerings!***

### SOMETIMES WE CAN BE TOO POLITE #2

At church, we gather as a community, and yet, it is important that we respect each other's space. This does not extend to people vandalizing the church and us sitting passively by. Recently, hymn book holders have been ripped off the back of pews. This damage can only have happened with effort, and a certain amount of zeal. If you see someone destroying our property, it is incumbent on you to gently ask them to stop, and if they have not reached the age of majority, to speak to those who are with them.