

Mass Intentions



Monday, February 16th	9:00 a.m.	† Adeline Murphy
Tuesday, February 17th	12:10 p.m.	† Kennedy and Harvey Families
Wednesday, February 18th	7:00 p.m.	† John Shanks
Thursday, February 19th	12:10 p.m.	† John and Jean Lancefield
Friday, February 20th	12:10 p.m.	† Irene Corrigan
	1:00 p.m.	Simcoe Terrace, 44 Donald Street
Saturday, February 21st	9:00 a.m.	† Stabl and Wick Families

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ST. VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

NEXT WEEKEND! 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 going fast!**

ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION



Any altar servers wishing to attend the Barrie Colts Hockey game on **Saturday, February 28th** are asked to pick up consent forms from the parish office and return them signed, **no later than February 22nd**. For further information about this outing, please contact Rita Cyr at 721-5151.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



These weekends are designed to expand and deepen the joys a couple share together whether they have been married for a short time or for many years. The next upcoming weekends are March 27-29 in Niagara Falls, April 17-19 in Toronto, May 15-17 in Peterborough and October 23-25 in Toronto. For further information please call John and Karen Hawkins at 487-2958.

SPRING IS COMING....THIS WEEKEND!!!

Check out our flyer in this week's bulletin and start planning your garden! Spring bulbs and seeds priced at \$10 & \$15! 50% of all sales will go to Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County. "Strengthening Simcoe County...one family at a time." **Thank you for your support!**



PRAY AND SEW



Pray and Sew will meet **Wednesday, February 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the hall to make children's cloth teddy bears for Dr. Simone. **Please bring scissors!** Pattern provided. Come join us to sew! All are welcome! For further information please contact Colleen Evans in the parish office at 728-2985.

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Early in January, all grade two and three students took home letters inviting their parents to enroll them in first communion. This process is simple enough. Ask a pastoral team member for an enrolment form after Saturday evening or Sunday mass. Complete it, and return it so we may begin the process of preparation.



L'ARCHE MEETING

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



PANCAKE SUPPER

The Knights of Columbus, Council 1626 will be having their **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 24th**. The supper will be in St. Mary's parish in the hall from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00/person or \$15.00/family and will be sold at the door.



FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports for 2008 and projections for 2009 are available at the back of the church.

CALLED BY NAME



What will "Called By Name" be asking you to do? It will simply ask if you know of men or women in our parish who show an aptitude for religious life. This of course, includes married men who may be called to the permanent diaconate. **What does aptitude involve?** - a reasonably active intellectual life, emotional stability, an openness to learn, and most importantly, a disposition of service in the life of the church. **How would we know that disposition to service is there?** - by a willingness to participate in the sacraments, to pray, and to be engaged by ideas of faith and spirituality. The opportunity for you to designate those who you consider good candidates will be offered to you in March. In the meantime, we ask that you continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious orders.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



The Ministry of Care Giving: this is a three session programme on Thursdays: Feb. 26th, March 5th, and March 12 in room 1 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The programme will focus on some fundamental principles of care giving. Brochures and registration forms are available in the church foyer.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest will take place on March 1, 2009 in St. Mary's parish hall, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. (approx). Students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 are eligible to participate. If you are a student attending public school, and are interested in competing, please contact Ann Diamond at (705) 487-0433, **before February 20**, for further information.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The next meeting is on **Monday, February 16th at 7:30 pm in the library.** If anyone is interested in joining us, please come on out or call Tom Stack at 647-299-0599 for further information.

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As in past years, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Wednesday after mass. If your group or your school wishes to participate, please call Susan so a date can be assigned for you to lead the stations. If you need help with texts we will be able to assist you.

THANK YOU FROM SISTER MARJORIE

Thank you!

My deepest gratitude to all at St. Mary's for your kind and generous good wishes and prayers. I have felt surrounded and supported by your good intercessions for my healing and health. I am on the journey to recovery, and I'm very grateful for the great blessing of being part of St. Mary's community of faith! Bless your hearts!

Sister Marjorie

LECTIO DIVINA



In the season of Lent, we will be celebrating Lectio Divina on March 17th, March 24th and March 31st from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the chapel.

Lectio is the practice of shared reflection on the scriptures in a prayerful format. It gives those who participate the opportunity to deepen their sense of connectedness to the scriptures in a prayerful manner and to give voice to the experience of having Christ in our lives. An invitation is extended to all parishioners who are able to participate in Lectio Divina.

FAITH UPDATE

When we sent the questionnaire home with the students of our elementary schools, we impart asked the parents whether they felt they were in need of updating. It is surprising the number of people who expressed an interest in some form of education. Please watch next week's bulletin. Fr. Frank will have the schedule for these three updating sessions and the topics to be covered.

The focus of this work is the families with elementary aged children. We offer many things for youth and for maturing adults. This is a chance for those who are often the most busy to step back and reflect on their faith.



Theology on Tap is heading downtown on **Monday, February 23rd.** Starting at **7 p.m.** YM4SMP will host an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics. All young adults in their twenties and thirties are welcome. Joe Egan of L'Arche Canada will speak on *Human Rights: Inclusion, Understanding, and Belonging.* The host Pub is **McReilly's Pub & Restaurant** at 82 Dunlop St., Barrie. For more information please speak with Robin at the Parish office (705) 728-2985 or email him at ym4mp@gmail.com.