

Mass Intentions



Monday, March 16th	12:10 p.m.	† Hazel Parent
	7:00 p.m.	† Patrick McGrath
Tuesday, March 17th	12:10 p.m.	† Alex McKendry
Wednesday, March 18th	12:10 p.m.	† Brian Griffiths
	7:00 p.m.	† Mary Cavanaugh
Thursday, March 19th	12:10 p.m.	† Stella Saso
	2:30 p.m.	Woods Park, 110 Lillian Crescent
Friday, March 20th	12:10 p.m.	† Maria & Guglielimo Odorico
	7:00 p.m.	† Michael Glennie
		Followed by Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 21st	9:00 a.m.	† Maria Alaimo

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS: "55+"



An Irish Ceilidh – This is the week!
Wednesday, March 18th from 1-3:00 p.m. Put on your green and help create the fun. You are invited to contribute to refreshments by bringing one of the following: Irish tea bread, Irish soda bread, tea biscuits, scones and jam.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Are you interested in D & P? You are invited to come out to the next meeting on **Monday, March 16th from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.** in the parish library.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

AFTER MASS CHAT



Please join us on **tonight, March 15th** for an after Mass chat from 7:45 - 9:00 p.m. in room 3. All youth, 14 & up, are invited to join in as we debate, discuss, and take question on

what the Lenten season means and if it is still relevant in our lives. Refreshments will be available. No need to register or sign up. Please see or contact Robin at ym4smp@gmail.com.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

The parish youth council is hosting a movie night featuring "Bella" on **Friday, March 20th** at starting at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish ending at 10:15 p.m. High School, College and working youth are welcome to join in as we prepare creative and interesting snacks in the kitchen. You are welcome to bring a friend. Please see or contact Robin if you have any questions - ym4smp@gmail.com.



Share...Life!

It's a wonder teens can grow through difficult times....

"I was very fortunate to have been welcomed into *Pelletier Homes* for Youth six years ago. I was in one of their foster homes...for two and a half years. If *Pelletier Homes* was not introduced into my life, I do not know where I would be today. They are responsible for allowing me to grow into the dedicated young woman I am today."

Natasha, former resident, Pelletier Homes for Youth

Our Goal this year is \$145,000

ShareLife Sunday is March 29th

With your help, we can work WONDERS!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



Our next support group for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one will begin soon. The group will run for eight weeks. The purpose of the group is to provide a safe environment where the grieving person will understand the grieving process and develop skills necessary to rebuild a meaningful and productive life. Please call the parish office and a member of the bereavement committee will call you back with further details.

A REFLECTION ON ST. PAUL IN PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION

Galatians 5: 13-21 "For you were called to freedom, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "you shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you bit and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit...If you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law."

"Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissension, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?



We will soon begin a five week program of pre-evangelization for those who may wish to consider becoming a Catholic. Please call the parish office at 728-2985 to express interest and to arrange an initial discussion.

MARCH BREAK CHALLENGE

Please join in as the Youth Council of St. Mary's Parish host its **1st Annual March Break Challenge** at St. Mary's Parish on **Thursday, March 19th from 10 to 4:00 p.m.** Youth Council invites all high school age youth to a day of challenges: *Guitar Hero* and other (Wii) challenges on the large screen; video Divina; a cook-off, and other interesting activities. There is no cost, but donations of a clean T-shirt or canned food will be accepted. For information contact Robin Parkes @ ym4smp@gmail.com or call the office at 728-2985.



LAY PEOPLE CALLED TO MISSION

On **March 20th and 21st** Scarborough Foreign Missions will hold a retreat for lay people considering working in the mission fields around the world. The cost is \$50 which the parish will be happy to pay. If you wish more information please phone 416-261-7135 ext. 265 or email lmo@scarboromissions.ca.

NEW BEGINNINGS

A support group for separated, divorced and widowed persons. The next meeting is on **Tues. March 24th from 7 – 9:00 p.m. in room 1.** For further information call Susan Wicks at 734-7639.

T-SHIRT DRIVE



The Youth Council for St. Mary's Parish is challenging all youth to give up their favoured T-shirt for Lent. YM4SMP will be running a T-shirt drive starting **Sunday, March 15th until April 12.** The T-shirts will be going to Canadian Food for Children. Please bring your clean T-shirts to St. Mary's Hall before each mass. Members of Youth Council will collect and sort your donated T-Shirts. For any further questions please Robin Parkes at ym4smp@gmail.com or call the parish office at 728-2985.

LECTIO DIVINA

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



Lectio is the practise of shared reflection on the scriptures in a prayerful format. An invitation is extended to all parishioners who are able to participate in Lectio Divina.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

General Meeting: Tues. March 17 @ 7:00 p.m. - Please plan to attend and make your vote count - we will be dealing with the budget for 2009.

As well we will have a brief presentation on "*April Showers*" and an update on the sewing of nightgowns for Grove Park. Don't let lack of transportation prevent you from attending. For a ride please call Ann at 721-0005.

Public Speaking Contest: Congratulations to all students who participated in this year's contest - well done! The grade 7 & 8 winner was Katie McGarry, with Chris McDonald as runner-up. The grade 5 & 6 winner was Samantha Ingham, with Victoria Stancheff as runner-up. Good luck to Katie as she progresses to the Northern Region finals.

Sobeys Tapes: Sobeys is ending the tape saver program. CWL will be submitting the tapes collected to Sobeys on March 26. Please put your tapes into the marked slot in the foyer cabin.



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2009

Saturday, April 18th - 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. A bus is running from St. Joseph's High School. Cost: \$40.00/person, this includes admission. Please call Yvonne @ 728-8236 or Pat @ 726-3442. Limited space is available. See bulletin board for further info. or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.