

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 30th	12:10 p.m. † Bernadette Shaughnessy 7:00 p.m. † Earl and Andrew Lund
Tuesday, March 31st	10:00 a.m. Sister Catherine Donnelly at the school 12:10 p.m. † Jay McGrath 7:00 p.m. COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION
Wednesday, April 1st	10:30 a.m. Grove Park, 234 Cook Street 12:10 p.m. † Michael Light 7:00 p.m. † Rosaria Manno
Thursday, April 2nd	9:30 a.m. St. Marguerite d'Youville at the school 12:10 p.m. † Mark Beaudoin
Friday, April 3rd	12:10 p.m. † Bela Szlimak 7:00 p.m. † Cass Cormier: Stations to follow
Saturday, April 4th	9:00 a.m. † Joan Lavis

Share...Life!

By making a contribution to ShareLife today, you are making a significant impact in your parish, in your community, and around the world.

- More than 225,000 people received care from ShareLife agencies last year, likely including people from your parish.
- Countless others around the world received assistance and faith resources with ShareLife funding.

Our Parish Goal for this year is \$145,000. To date we have raised \$27,223.00. We are 18% of our way to our goal.

Today is ShareLife Sunday!

**Your sacrificial gift today will allow our agencies to continue to make a difference.
Please give generously.**

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

Sound of Music: Please note the date has been changed to **Wednesday, June 24th**. Registrations are available on the bulletin board.



COMING EVENTS: Guest Speaker: April 15th at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Bruce Meyer of Georgian College will speak on the topic: Weight Lifting with Your Mind: "How Reading Keep you Strong."

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.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE



Once again this year our parish will have an Easter Food Drive. Bags will be supplied by the Knights of Columbus and distributed on Palm Sunday after all Masses. Your donations will be directed to Grocery Assistance Program, Youth Haven, David Busby Street Centre, Elizabeth Fry Society, Bii Nbaan, Salvation Army, and the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Cheques can be made payable to St Vincent de Paul. **Thank you for supporting the less fortunate of our community.**

BULLETIN COUNT

This weekend we are hoping every household will take home a bulletin, so that we can have a clear sense of the number of bulletins should be printed from week to week. Of course, if you lose your bulletin they are always available on line at the parish web site.



Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY – Regularly scheduled masses with the distribution of palms.

HOLY THURSDAY - Mass at 7:00 p.m. As is the tradition of the church, there is only one Mass on Holy Thursday.

The church will be open for veneration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 midnight on Holy Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY - 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The Passion Reading, Good Friday Intercessions, Communion and Veneration of the Cross.



HOLY SATURDAY- EASTER

VIGIL- 8:00 P.M. Yes, this mass covers obligation for Easter Sunday. (There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass).

EASTER SUNDAY - Mass times are as usual.

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 is running a T-shirt drive 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 questions, please contact Robin Parkes at ym4smp@gmail.com or call the parish office at 728-2985.



FIRST COMMUNION

Do you have a child of First Communion Age?
If you have a child in grade two or above attending a separate school, or the religion program in the parish, it is important that you enroll them to receive their first communion. Ask for the blue enrolment form after Saturday evening or Sunday masses.

CONFIRMATION

 If you have a child in grade eight or above who would like to participate in Confirmation, the deadline for enrolment is April 19th. They need to pick up the yellow enrolment form after Saturday evening or Sunday mass and return it completed, no later than April 19th.

A REFLECTION FROM ST. PAUL IN PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you." (Phil 4:8-9)

As a reminder, our other readings from Paul to prepare for reconciliation were: Ephesians 5: 7-14; Romans 7: 14-25a; Galatians 5: 13-21; and Colossians 3:12-17.


*Celebration of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m.
A number of visiting priests will be present.*

CHARITY GARDEN



We welcome your involvement this spring in a charity gardening project. Bruce Chappell has been so kind to donate an acre of certified organic land for the project. Located just down the road on Hwy 93 near Willow Creek, the plot is less than a 10-minute drive from downtown. The goal is to grow as much food as possible to give away to local aid organizations. We are looking for volunteers who want to work in the garden and learn organic farming techniques. We would also welcome any financial donations for seed purchases and equipment rental. Other gardening tool and equipment donations are also very welcome. Please contact Andrew Miller at 728-9722 or email at back2basics09@gmail.com.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUEST SPEAKER

School  Dr. Robert Brooks, author of *Nurturing Resilience in Our Children*, *Seven Steps to Help Your Child Worry Less* and *Understanding and Managing Children's Classroom Behavior* will present **Raising Resilient Children and Adolescents**, April 30, 2009, 7-8:30 pm at St. Joan of Arc High School, 460 Mapleton Avenue, Barrie. Dr. Brooks will share specific strategies for nurturing self-discipline, self-esteem, responsibility, caring, hope, and resilience in our children. All parents are welcomed. For more information, visit www.smcdsb.on.ca.