

Mass Intentions



Monday, April 6th	12:10 p.m.	† Brian Griffiths
	7:00 p.m.	† Dennis Decarie
Tuesday, April 7th	12:10 p.m.	† Annie McLaren
Wednesday, April 8th	11:15 a.m.	Barrie Manor, 340 Blake Street
	12:10 p.m.	† Maria Alaimo
	7:00 p.m.	† Mildred Young
Thursday, April 9th	7:00 p.m.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
		SEE BELOW

Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m. As is the tradition of the Church there is only one mass on Holy Thursday. It will include foot washing. You will be invited to be part of this ritual. 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.

Easter Vigil Mass - Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. Yes, this mass covers your obligation for Easter Sunday. There is no 5:00 p.m. mass.

Easter Sunday - Mass times are as usual.

Reconciliation – Wednesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m., after mass on Holy Thursday, and after both services on Good Friday. There will be no confession on Holy Saturday. Thank you for the great numbers who came out on Tuesday, March 31st to celebrate reconciliation.



EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Bags will be distributed by the Knights of Columbus after all masses this weekend. **Please return the bags next weekend.** Cheques can be made payable to St Vincent de Paul. **Thank you for supporting the less fortunate of our community.**



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.

BUS TRIP TO ST. PAUL'S BASILICA



St. Margaret's, Midland is organizing a bus trip to St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto on May 26th. Cost is \$35/person; includes tour and lunch. Call 526-6313 to register. See bulletin board for more info.

Share...Life!

It's a wonder more seniors don't fall through the cracks....

"I love it here. There's so much to do in the building: we have a seniors social once a week, exercise class, they have computer rooms. We laugh and we joke and we play cards. I find all the benefits great. You're not alone. People are friendly. This place may not be here if it wasn't for the support of people who donate to ShareLife."



Rose, resident of **Loyola Arrupe Centre for Seniors.**

2nd ShareLife collection – May 3rd

Our Parish Goal for this year is \$145,000.

To date we have raised \$61,475.00.

We are 42% of our way to our goal.

You can work **WONDERS!**

WHAT A WONDERFUL LENT

Before Lent began, we gave the parish a challenge to attend mass every weekend and one other day during the week. The attendance at weekday masses has been nothing short of wonderful. I doubt if we had a mass, and this includes two on many days, with less than one hundred and fifty people.

For all of those who took this challenge to heart we remind you that there is an icing that goes on this cake and that is Holy Week. To be exact mass on Holy Thursday, services on Good Friday and Easter Vigil on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. This is the perfect way to complete a wonderful Lenten discipline.

SO MUCH FOR THE BULLETIN COUNT!

We really did want to get a sense of how many bulletins we actually need so the people at the 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. were asked to be sure to take home a bulletin. Lo and behold, over half the bulletins disappeared at those two masses which indicates that our number of bulletins is appropriate, but people have got out of the habit of taking one home. If you have any idea of the time and effort that goes into preparing a bulletin every week you would not walk by and ignore the bulletin. Please take them home and be well informed of life in your parish.

Also, take a few minutes to look at the back cover and take note of who finances this valuable service through their advertising every week. *Let's support our advertisers.*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

We are looking for two or three men or women to sit on our property committee. This committee has oversight of the maintenance of our building and grounds. Those who wish to be considered should have a good understanding of mechanical and electrical systems and of the general maintenance of buildings.

Committee members identify and in consultation with the pastor, address the needs of our physical plant and grounds on an ongoing basis. If you are interested please give your name and telephone number to Fr. Frank.

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.**

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS

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."

Personal Prayer for Maturing Adults: A four session programme beginning April 22nd. Registration forms available at the back of the church.



Sound of Music: Registrations are available on the bulletin board in the foyer and due April 24th.

CHARITY GARDEN



We welcome your involvement this spring in a charity gardening 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.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BEING CATHOLIC?



In the near future, we will begin a process of inviting those who are interested in being Catholic to participate in some time of discussion and reflection. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of being Catholic, please call the parish at your earliest convenience.

ST. JOAN OF ARC GUEST SPEAKER



School News

Engaging and inspiring speaker and author Dr. Robert Brooks will share his expertise on raising children and adolescents to be caring, hopeful and responsible. Dr. Robert Brooks will present ***Raising Resilient Children and Adolescents***, April 30th, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc High School. All parents are welcome. For more information please visit www.smcdsb.on.ca.