

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 27th	12:10 p.m.	† Michael Light
Tuesday, April 28th	12:10 p.m.	† Jacqueline & Francoise Venchiarutti
Wednesday, April 29th	9:00 a.m.	St. Mary's School at the school
	7:00 p.m.	† John Shanks
Thursday, April 30th	12:10 p.m.	† Aileen Latour
Friday, May 1st	12:10 p.m.	† Gordon Burke and Susan MacKinnon
	7:00 p.m.	† Irene Glennie
Saturday, May 2nd	9:00 a.m.	† Mike Paupst

Catholic Family Services serve the people of Simcoe County with offices in Barrie on Bell Farm Road and Midland as well as satellites in many of the towns of the county. CFS provides individual and family counseling as well as life enrichment programs for families and individuals to assist with avoiding the struggles of life.

Share...Life!



In 2008, CFS served 1275 individuals and families through counseling (4,451 hours in total) and an additional 132 through group work. When you support share life you support this vital work in our community. This Catholic agency assists people of all religious traditions to meet the challenges of life.

2nd ShareLife Collection is next weekend. There will be a second collection.

Our ShareLife goal for the year is \$145,000.

To date we have raised \$76,000. We are 52% of our way to our goal.

R.C.I.C.



A big thank you to Liz Van Niekerk and Rita D'Antonio who lead the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children. Last weekend, fourteen children of school age and their siblings were baptized or made profession of faith after the noon mass. Our next program for school age children seeking baptism will begin in early fall. Call the parish if you have children who you hope can participate.

LECTIO DIVINA



Colleen Evans invites you to join her for *Lectio Divina* - a prayerful reading of the Bible. We will meet in the chapel for the following three Tuesday mornings, **May 5th, 12th and 19th from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.**

Brochures are available in the foyer or call the parish office for further information.

NEW PARISHIONERS RECEPTION

It is time again for our new parishioner's reception which will take place on **Sunday, May 3rd** following the noon mass. We invite all new parishioners to come out for this time of welcome and an opportunity for the parish team to connect with and for the many in the parish to give you their particular welcome.



WILL WE SEE YOU AT THE YARD CLEAN UP?



It is that time again to put the parish grounds in order on **Saturday, May 2nd**. We need you there so that the work will not take all day. There is no need to call ahead. Just come and bring your rakes. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. If you can't come for 8:00 a.m., come when you are available.

ST. MARY'S BIBLE CAMP

The camp will run on the mornings of July 6th - 10th for children aged 5-11 yrs. old. Cost is \$40.00/child or \$60.00/family. **Registration deadline is Friday, May 8th**. The forms are yellow and are at the back of the church or in the parish office. Please return completed forms with registration fee to the parish office. If you have any questions, call Theresa at 728-9142.

NEW BEGINNINGS

A support group for separated, divorced and widowed persons. The next meeting is on **Tues. April 28th from 7 - 9:00 p.m. in room 1**. For further information call Susan Wicks at 734-7639.

EASTER EGG SALES

MANY THANKS! We sent Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre a cheque in the amount of \$1,042.55! We sold 800 eggs. *Thank you to those who supported this worthy cause.*

DIAPER DRIVE



At all masses on Mothers' Day Weekend May 9/10th. Disposable diapers only. (Please no cloth diapers.) Bring your contribution to the church hall. There is a greater need for toddler sizes, but all sizes are gratefully accepted.

YOUTH DINNER NIGHT



Youth Council will be hosting a **Mexican Dinner Night** on Friday May 8th from 5:30 to 9:00pm in the Parish hall and kitchen. This is a learning and collaborative cooking

event where high school, post secondary, and working youth are welcome to join in on the preparation of traditional and creative Mexican meals. You are welcome to bring friends. Please contact Robin if you are interested in attending: email at ym4smp@gmail.com or call 728-2985.

COFFEE

Fair Trade coffee will be on sale **next weekend** in the hall.



THANK YOU

Many thanks to the parishioners of St. Mary's for your generous donations and concern in the recent Food Drive from The Grocery Assistance Program and the shelters of the city.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



Pathway to Wisdom: A 5 session programme on Thursdays, beginning May 7th. This programme identifies and explores issues which arise in our consciousness during the second half of life. Brochures with registration forms are available at the back of the church.

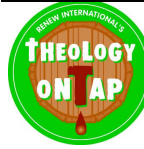
Celebration of Talents: Pick up a brochure at the back of the church and plan to be part of this celebration on May 27th.

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 May 15-17 in Peterborough and October 23-25 in Toronto. For further information please call John and Karen Hawkins at 487-2958.

THEOLOGY ON TAP



Who is Managing God's Gifts During These Hard Times? Young Adult Ministry of St. Mary's Parish is hosting the next Theology on Tap at Robert Simpson Brewing Co., located at 107

Dunlop Street East, Barrie, on **Monday April 27th** starting at **7:00 p.m.** Dr. Frank Folz, National Director of 'Save the Children', will be giving a talk on the current unbalancing between Theology and Science - where the environment will ultimately suffer. There is a cash bar and no cover charge for this event. For more information please call St. Mary's Parish office at 728-2985 or email Robin Parkes at ym4smp@gmail.com

HOSPICE WALK



Each year Hike for Hospice takes place in Centennial Park to raise funds for this vital project here in our city. The new hospice building is almost completed out at hwy 93 at the edge of town. Hospice will provide a quiet homelike environment for those that are terminal and their families. We as a Catholic community need to be unequivocal in our support of this effort on the part of our societies most vulnerable.

A note from the Pastor: Last year Fr. Frank went on the hike for hospice with the generous donations of many parishioners. There is a little conflict this year with the hike in that it falls on the same day as the second ShareLife collection. If you wish to sponsor Fr. Frank use the form below and submit it in a plain envelope. At the same time, let us remember our shared responsibility to ShareLife as well.

HIKE FOR HOSPICE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Amount: _____

**Receipts will be issued by Hospice.
 Please provide a complete address.**