

## Mass Intentions

Monday, October 5th	12:10 p.m.	† Briant Duncan
Tuesday, October 6th	12:10 p.m.	† Otilia Petty
Wednesday, October 7th	10:30 a.m.	Grove Park, 234 Cook Street
	7:00 p.m.	† Van Nierkerk Family
Thursday, October 8th	9:00 a.m.	St. Mary's School at the school
	10:40 a.m.	Sr. Catherine Donnelly at the school
	12:10 p.m.	† Dean Ryan
Friday, October 9th	9:30 a.m.	The Good Shepherd at the school
	12:10 p.m.	† Margaret Kwasny
Saturday, October 10th	9:00 a.m.	† Loreto Porreta



**Life Chain Today! Gather at Cundles and Bayfield at 2:00 p.m. to express your solidarity with the unborn.**

### MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Saturday, October 24th, St. Mary's Church Hall. Cocktails 7 pm, Dinner 7:30 pm, Casino 8:30 pm. Dinner and casino, elimination draw, door prizes. Tickets \$50 each, whole tables will be given a slightly lower rate. Proceeds to Holy Spirit Parish Building Fund. Contact Bill French at 705-722-9635 or email [william.french@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.french@sympatico.ca).

### MINISTRY FAIR



A great big thank you to all who were involved in the ministry fair. Once again, it was a fine success and a great builder of spirit in the community. Thank you to all who attended and showed their interest and appreciation with our many ministries.

### CONFIRMATION



The deadline for enrolment for the November Confirmation is October 11th. Please be sure to be proactive in picking up the form and returning it. We want you involved in this special parish event.

### RELIEF FOR THE PHILIPPINES AND SAMOA

In the last week, there has been devastation in both the Philippines and Samoa. For those who want to give financial support to help the people rebuild you can do so through ShareLife. Use any envelope (*put tropical storm or tsunami on the outside*) as well as your name for tax purposes. For those writing cheques, please make the cheques payable to ShareLife, St. Mary's Parish, Tropical Storm or Tsunami.

### MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



"Book Launch" - Tuesday, October 6th, 2:00 p.m. in room 1. This celebrates the publication of the anthology of stories written by the participants of two groups of maturing adults.

### October Programmes

- The Dynamics of Personality in Later Life: 3 sessions; begins Thur. Oct. 15; 1 - 3:00 p.m.
  - Personal Prayer for Maturing Adults - For Men; 4 sessions; begins Wed., Oct. 14; 1 - 3:00 p.m.
- Brochures with registration forms are at the back of the church.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



This weekend you will receive a grocery bag for the food drive undertaken by the Knights of Columbus. Please bring your grocery bag in on thanksgiving weekend. The food will go to GAP, the grocery assistance program and to other agencies that assist the poor. Those wishing to make a financial donation should make cheques payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Mary's Parish.

### CWL CHRISTMAS TEA & BAZAAR



Mark your calendars - Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Plan on attending one of the city's best bazaars! For more information check your bulletins each week or call our Co-conveners: Ann Cavanaugh @ 728-0180, Pat Taurasi @ 792-1547.

### HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

Archbishop Collins has suggested that we show some caution as we proceed into the flu season. Our diocese has not put specific measures into place. If they do we will follow them. In the interim here are some suggestions.

- 1). If you are sick, do not come to mass. Do not come to mass even if you have every Sunday for the last sixty years. Do not bring sick children or infants to mass either.
- 2). Disinfectant is available in the back foyer and at the side door for those who wish to use it. With the next schedule, communion ministers will be asked to be conscious of this practice.
- 3). Invest in kleenex. One sneeze or wipe per sheet. Do not stand in church with your used kleenex balled up in your hand with that hand resting on the back of the pew in front of you.
- 4). Some may want to be circumspect at the sign of peace. People have suggested banning the sign of peace. What possible reason would there be for a husband or wife not greeting each other or their children with a physical gesture? For those uncomfortable with touching hands perhaps a greeting with no physical contact is reasonable. However, there are lots of people whose only physical contact each week is at the sign of peace. In our rush to protect ourselves from germs, let's not make our humanity the greatest victim. This is the important point! H1N1 will not be transmitted by eye contact and if we are opting not to touch our neighbour at church, they better receive eye contact which reflects the words which are being said to each other.
- 5). Since reception of the Blood of Christ at the 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. mass has always been optional for individual communicants we will continue the practice until further direction.
- 6). You may wish to be circumspect in the use of holy water.

Let us remember with number 4 through 6 the limitations relate to the immediate situation. I do not believe the church will be inviting caution in the reception of the living Blood of Christ, the use of holy water or for that matter the sign of peace, forever.

### BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM



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. Please call the parish office and a member of the bereavement committee will call you back with further details.

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



The diocese is offering a program here in Barrie at St. John Vianney Parish beginning October 19 - November 23rd for those who would like to experience a deeper sense of their call in ministry. This may include those who already fulfill ministries in the parish and see this as a way of enriching the call they have received. It may also include those who are searching for a deeper relationship with the church through service and action. Both groups will be well served by this undertaking. To register call the Catholic Office of Religious Education at 416-934-3400 or call Susan at the office and give her your name and number for the Catholic Office of Religious Education. We encourage you to act promptly as this process will begin in two weeks.

### PRAY AND SEW



*Receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4.*

*Thank you* to all those who have given generously of their time, talent and material resources to pray and sew. If you wish to see an inventory, please check the bulletin board.

### COMMUNION MINISTERS AT MASS

In spite of our Ministry Fair, we are in real need of Ministers of Communion at our Sunday masses. Anyone who can help with this ministry should call Susan in the office promptly early in the week as new schedules will be made. You will be given direction in how to fulfill this ministry. Thank you for your consideration.

### ST. JOAN OF ARC PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on **October 5th at 6:45 p.m.** in the library. All are welcome. For further information please call Laura Brown at 727-1885.

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Young Adult Ministry** at St. Mary's Parish is about inviting young adults to engage in opportunities that generate spiritual growth and community



building. For those attending college, university, and youth between the ages of 19 and 35, please attend the next meeting on Tuesday, October 6th at 7 p.m. in room 2 at St. Mary's Parish. For more info please call the parish office at 728-2985 or email Robin Parkes at [ym4smp@gmail.com](mailto:ym4smp@gmail.com).