

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7th	10:00 a.m.	Sister Catherine Donnelly School at the church
	12:10 p.m.	† Yvonne Olynyk
Tuesday, December 8th	12:10 p.m.	† Steven Tracey
	7:00 p.m.	The Good Shepherd School at the church
Wednesday, December 9th	11:15 a.m.	Barrie Manor, 340 Blake Street
	7:00 p.m.	† Norm McKinney
Thursday, December 10th	12:10 p.m.	† Eta and Frank Tiborc
	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's School at the church
Friday, December 11th	12:10 p.m.	† Osborne & McKinnon Families
Saturday, December 12th	9:00 a.m.	† Patrick Brennan



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Children's Christmas Party will be held in our parish hall next **Sunday, December 13th from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.** There will be

crafts, music, food and a visit from Santa! Children of all ages from the parish are invited to attend. For information please contact Richard Lalonde at 720-2907 after 6 p.m.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



Winter Lunch Program: The next opportunity to participate will be **Thursday, December 10th** in room 3 after the 12:10 p.m. mass. All maturing adults are welcome with a special invitation to persons who tend to eat alone. Lunch will consist of homemade soup and a sandwich at a cost of \$3.00 per session. If you wish to attend, please make a reservation by calling Pat Fram at 726-3442 or Ann Holmes at 721-0005.

SOLIDARITY SHOPPING

Christmas Cheer: toys for young children and gifts certificates for teenagers.

Out of the Cold: socks, long johns, mitts, hats and backpacks. Please no other clothes.

Please do not wrap anything as they will be unwrapped before they are distributed. All gifts can go in the parish hall. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY - CINEMA DIVINA

Youth are invited to discover a Christmas tale your parents never told you. Join us on **Sunday, Dec. 13th from 1 to 4:00 p.m.** in room 3 as we watch, discuss, and reflect on the 2006 release of a "The Nativity Story". Come to know the harsh journey endured by Mary and Joseph before the historic-defining event of Jesus' birth. This event is free, light refreshments and snacks are provided. For more information contact the youth minister.

L'ARCHE



For youth and adults with developmental challenges, their family and friends. The Simcoe Sojourners Group (L'Arche) welcomes everyone to their *Building Community Christmas Family Dance* on **Friday, December 11th** from 7 to 10:00 p.m. here in our parish hall. Refreshments, door prizes. For further info. please contact Frank Kewin at 720-2492 or email eithne@mac.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



We are hosting our annual Christmas Social on **Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** All ladies are warmly welcomed.

Join us for presentation of Years of Service Awards, singing, praying, laughing, games and much more! If anyone needs a ride please don't hesitate to contact Ann at 721-0005. We look forward to seeing you!

CHRISTMAS TREES



The Knights of Columbus are again selling Christmas Trees with all proceeds to charity. Three locations open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Knight of Columbus Hall, 93 Berczy St., and Wal-Mart North and South Garden Centres. Please help us support our charities!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

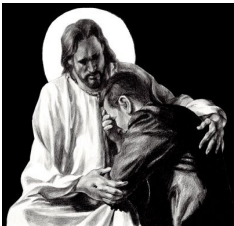
Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. & midnight
Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m.



CONFESSION SERVICE

A number of priests will be available for confession on **Monday, December 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m.** We encourage you to take this opportunity for the sacrament before Christmas and to lighten the load on the two priests of the parish in the days before Christmas.

ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR RECONCILIATION FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS



Every Wednesday
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Every Saturday
11:00 - 12:00 (noon)
Thursday, December 24th
(Christmas Eve)
10:00 a.m.-12:00 pm

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



St. James, Colgan is again hosting the St. Mike's Alumni Choir School Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 13th at 7pm. Tickets are available at 905-729-3851 (Marie) & 905-936-5529 (Cheryl) & 905-936-2805 (Joan). All monies raised support local charities for the 2009 Christmas season.

ST. JOAN OF ARC PARENT COUNCIL MEETING



The next meeting is on **Monday, December 7th at 6:45 p.m.** in the library. All are welcome. For further information please call Laura Brown at 727-1885.

2010 SUNDAY MISSAL FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS

There has been some interest in children's missals for mass. This missal is for children aged 7 and up. You may purchase through Novalis at a cost of just under \$10.00 each. Please call 1-800-387-7164, or email books@novalis.ca or visit their website at www.novalis.ca

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2010

Offertory envelopes are available for pick up **next weekend** at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support. We encourage all parishioners to take their responsibility to support

the parish seriously.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Based on the Proclamation of John the Baptist: Luke 3: 1-6. What hinders our journey to Christ and as a witness of Christ to others?



Make his paths straight: Do we have a place for God in our life? Are we prayerful? Do we easily get distracted from time to pray? Do we read scripture and other books that will help us to deepen our faith in Christ? Do we make our marriage a place to meet God? Do we waste the material good that life offers (food, energy, water)? Do we use our talents and opportunities well? Are we generous with our resources to charity and those in need?

Every valley shall be filled: Do we fill our life with work or play to the detriment of our relationships with God and others? On the other hand, are we lazy? Do we fill our life with food or drink? How important is gossip to us? Do we have petty dependencies on t.v., the computer, the daily paper, or endless newscasts.

Every mountain and hill shall be made low: Are we an obstacle to good relations in our home, family or workplace? Do we seek out reasons to miss mass on Sunday? Do we hold onto old resentments or hurts or sins as a reason for not living our lives fully in Christ?

The crooked shall be made straight: Are we honest in all of our dealings? Are we greedy or selfish? Do we take advantage of others? Do we tell the truth? Do we avoid exaggeration or the need to put ourselves at the center of every story?

Rough ways made smooth: Do we use foul language? Do we tell crude stories? Do we have a strong attraction to pornography? Do we set a bad example for others? Are we intemperant in our demeanor at home or at work?



Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because of Thy just punishment; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, tosin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.