

Mass Intentions

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| Monday, December 21st | 12:10 p.m. | † James and Sheila Bostock |
| Tuesday, December 22nd | 12:10 p.m. | † Rosaria Manno |
| Wednesday, December 23rd | 7:00 p.m. | † Maria Alaimo |
| Thursday, December 24th | Christmas Eve | See Below - No noon mass |
| Friday, December 25th | Christmas Day | See Below |
| Saturday, December 26th | Boxing Day | See Below- No morning mass |
| Monday, December 28th | 12:10 p.m. | † Caterina Vavala |
| Tuesday, December 29th | 12:10 p.m. | † Harold and Rita Hill |
| Wednesday, December 30th | 7:00 p.m. | † Brian Griffin |
| Thursday, December 31st | 12:10 p.m. | † Marie Parkes |
| Friday, January 1st | Feast of Mary | See Below |
| Saturday, January 2nd | Feast of Mary | See Below |
| | 9:00 a.m. | † Theresa Prowse |



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and Midnight

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

We cannot all attend the 5:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve. We look forward to your co-operation in creating meaningful liturgies by spreading yourselves out between the many masses.

Boxing Day – Sat., Dec. 26th - 5:00 p.m.
(no 9:00 a.m. mass)

New Years Eve (Feast of Mary) - 5:00 p.m.

New Years Day (Feast of Mary) - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 23rd – 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.-7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24th – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon



DECORATING OUR CHURCH

Hanging Of



The Greens

Wednesday, December 23rd
1:30 p.m. Come out and help decorate our church. New helpers are always welcome. This is a big undertaking and you and your family can make the difference.

CHILDREN'S DECORATION

You can come by **Wednesday, December 23rd** after 2:00 p.m. or **Christmas Eve** in the morning to place your decorations on the trees in the church. Please only handmade decorations should be included.



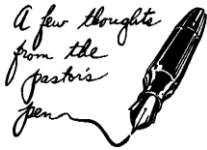
CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



We invite you to bring in poinsettias as an act of remembrance for those you will miss at Christmas. Please bring them to the parish hall this weekend or at the very latest, **Tuesday, December 22nd by 5:00 p.m.** We ask that you put the name of the deceased in the box provided.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2010

Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer or at the side door. Once you take them home, why not take a minute to write your name on the envelopes for the first couple of weeks in January? **Thank you for your continued support.**



Dear Parishioners,

We are on the very edge of the birthday of Jesus as you read this bulletin. Many of you have been to confession, the poor have been thought about with concern and you have responded to their needs.

The next great effort as a parish for Christmas is to come together in Eucharist. One of the great things about mass at Christmas is the number of people who feel compelled to come and mark the birth of Jesus. We as those who have a deeper commitment to the Eucharist have two choices when it comes time to welcome them. We can be gracious, generous and embrace the hopeful sign that they are with us on this holy day or we can be self righteous and silly and see their presence as an imposition on our Christmas devotions. Only one choice makes sense in the spirit of Christmas.

Needless to say, for many people, the rich experience of Christmas Eucharist is better celebrated when the crowds have died down a bit and so we remind you there are other masses besides 5 and 7 on Christmas Eve.

This is a great opportunity to welcome all who seek the good news of Christ. The shepherds were welcomed to the stable full of wonder and awe. Let us not discourage the wonder and awe of those who may come our way.

May each and every household in the parish have a blessed Christmas. May the busy moments be joyful and the quiet moments full of the rich hope of this season.

*Sincerely,
Fr. Frank.*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



The Adoration chapel will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's day. It will open from 1:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. New Year's Eve. If you wish to commit to the extended time please contact Mary Bond at 726-6641.

THANK YOU ERNIE!!!!



With the arrival of Christmas, Mr. Ernie Follis, principal of St. Marguerite D'Youville is retiring. He first arrived in Simcoe County teaching at Orillia when the present pastor of this parish was a young and callow curate. Ernie and his wife Carmel, who is also retiring, have both given magnificent service to the Catholic education in Simcoe over the past many years.

His cool, practical approach to leadership was undoubtedly fostered during his North Bay childhood where his family was well known for their shoe store on the main street.

So thank you Ernie, God's speed, and smooth sailing.

LAST CALL FOR 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!

SCHOOL TRUSTEE

St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto is presenting a series of six consecutive Saturday workshops, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for anyone in the province of Ontario who is considering running for the position of Catholic trustee, is a present trustee, or any other persons who are interested. The series will be held at St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1M 1M3.

A nominal fee of \$100.00 will be charged for the complete series and lunch will be served on each of the Saturday sessions. The fee must be paid by cash or cheque by Dec. 20. Cheques must be made out to St. Augustine's Seminary. Inquiries by email to: receptionist_sas@yahoo.ca or by telephone (416) 261-7202 ext. 221.

THE GIFT OF LIFE

One of our parishioners has a chronic kidney disease and is in desperate need of a kidney transplant. She is presently on dialysis everyday and is looking for a donor with any type B or O blood.

Do you know someone who may be inclined to help? Please see Fr. Frank for more information.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-authorized giving forms are at the back. We remind all new givers your new plan will begin with withdrawal on January 20th, 2010. We will send you the special collection envelopes. *Thank you for your support.*