



Monday, January 18th
 Tuesday, January 19th
 Wednesday, January 20th
 Thursday, January 21st
 Friday, January 22nd
 Saturday, January 23rd

Mass Intentions

12:10 p.m. † Stella and Charlie Saso
 12:10 p.m. † Gerald Paterson
 7:00 p.m. † Raymond During
 12:10 p.m. † Brenda Corbett
 2:30 p.m. Woods Park, 110 Lillian Cres.
 12:10 p.m. † Deacon Michael Brown
 9:00 a.m. † Bertha Prior

LET'S HELP HAITI!



One of the things we do so well as a diocese is create a way for parishioners to help when disasters happen around the world. As we type the bulletin this Wednesday, information is slowly coming in about the massive tragedy that has taken place in Haiti. Anyone wishing to give financial support for these poor struggling people can do so through the parish. Use any envelope and write "Haiti" on the outside and put your money on the collection plate. If you are writing a cheque, make sure the cheque also includes the word "Haiti."

As some of you may know, two of Sister Mary Rose's fellow Sisters work in Haiti and as of Wednesday morning both have been accounted for.

NEW PARISHIONERS RECEPTION TODAY!



Come on out around 1:00 p.m. so the parish team and your fellow parishioners can welcome you to St. Mary's Parish. There will be refreshments and fellowship. New parishioners of all ages are invited to attend.

SOCIAL LIFE - POT LUCK MEETING



The parish is planning a Pot Luck for **Saturday, February 13th**. Planning for this event will be on Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be part of this special event, please contact Pat Fram at 726-3442.

NEW BEGINNINGS

A support group for separated, divorced and widowed persons. Join us **every 4th Tuesday** of each month. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, January 26th at 7:30 p.m.** in Room 1 from 7 - 9:00 p.m. For further information call Susan Wicks at 734-7639.

ALTAR SERVERS SKATING AND HOCKEY PARTY



Saturday, January 30th, from 7 to 8:00 p.m. at National Training Rinks (NTR) on Big Bay Point Road. Pizza and pop to follow. All family members also invited to skate. One parent should attend. If any child is coming without a parent, please let Rita Cyr know that. Please sign up in the sacristy and indicate the number for each family attending. Call Rita Cyr if you have any questions at 721-5151.

FIRST COMMUNION LETTERS



Letters regarding First Communion have been sent home through the school with the students in grade two, three and four this past week. If you attend a Catholic school outside St. Mary's Parish or a public/private school and attend the religion program on Saturday, speak to a parish team member to receive the letter as well as form to enroll for First Communion.

SCHEDULES-EMAIL

We wish to try an alternative to printing all schedules and issuing them at mass. For those who are so inclined, we would like to with the next schedule begin to email them to ministers. This will include a receipt to verify that you have received them. The schedules for adults, not for children, will be available on the parish website. Those who do not indicate they wish to receive their schedule by email will continue to pick them up at mass. If you wish to switch, email Susan in the parish office. This offer extends to all ministries and money counters.

SUNDAY MORNING OFFICE HOURS



We remind everyone that there is now someone in the office to serve you between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please feel free to call into the office during these hours to address your needs.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ST. VALENTINE'S DANCE – FEBRUARY 6TH



Holy Spirit Parish is having their 6th annual St. Valentine's Dinner and Dance on **Saturday, February 6th** here at St. Mary's in our parish hall. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 with a tax receipt. To reserve your tickets please call Maggie Lukan at 733-0673 or Esther Drobot at 733-0254. Tickets will also be on sale here after all masses the weekend of January 23rd and 24th. Last year's dance sold out very fast so get your tickets early! **Thank you for your support!**

THANK YOU JEAN



As I am sure you all recognize, leadership is one of those things in parish ministries that must be passed on regularly; for the sake of the person holding the position, and simply to allow for new blood to bring its own energy and insights to the fore.

Sometimes the leader provides steady and what appears to be effortless service and the temptations is to say, "Let them remain there, they are doing a great job and are a great team worker". This has been the case with Jean Klein who has had charge of the library for many years.

She has quietly, on occasion, indicated that a change was needed but her nature is not to be persistent or vociferous and so she has maintained her position for several years.

She deserves the thanks of the whole parish for her marvelous service and great leadership.

We thank Kathy Taylor who has stepped into the post at the beginning of January and look forward to her enthusiasm and thoughtful insights.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



Winter Lunch Programme: Thursday, January 21st after the 12:10 p.m. mass (cost \$3.00 each). To reserve a place, please call Pat Fram at 726-3442 or Ann Holmes at 721-0005.

Life Story Writing Programme: This program does not require special writing skills. Nor does it imply that your life has been unusual or extraordinary. Past participants have found this programme very worthwhile. We invite you to consider being part of this year's programme.

Brochures with further information and a registration form are available at the back of the church. The first session is **Wednesday, January 28th.**

PRAY AND SEW



Come and join us for "Pray and Sew" on **Wednesday, January 20th** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sewers sew grocery bags, baby blankets and children's clothes from donated material. The items are blessed and then transported to Dr. Andrew Simone in Toronto. Each week, Dr. Simone ships a 20 or 40 ft. sea-going container of desperately needed essentials to an overall total of 170 mission centers in 23 countries. If you would like to be part of this worthwhile adventure please call Colleen Evans at 728-2985 or email her at the parish email address.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Northern Region CWL. Please join us as we celebrate this milestone at the Northern Region **Winter Social on Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** at Holy Martyrs of Japan in Bradford. To carpool or for further information please call Anita at 737-1663.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

The Retrouvaille movement has been part of the life of the church for some thirty years. It assists married couples who have met a crisis in their relationship. The weekends take the form of a retreat. The structure is centered around couples who have met the challenges of working through conflict. The next Toronto Retrouvaille weekend is on **Friday, January 29th-31st.** For further info. visit www.torontoretrouvaille.org.

KENYA TRIP

School

This May, 22 senior students and 7 staff

members of **St. Joseph's High School** will be traveling to Kenya to build a school.

In support of this trip, students are hosting coffee Sunday, with St. Joe's Parent Council, next weekend. Following all masses next weekend, students will be selling Canadian/Kenya pins for \$5.00 each as a fund raiser.

One of our students is an accomplished artist and will be selling tickets for one of her paintings. This painting will be displayed in the church foyer this weekend and after all masses, as well as next weekend when tickets will be sold for \$10.00 each.

Thank you for your support for this amazing endeavour.