

From the Pastor's desk.....

Along with October, the month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. This weekend when we recognize and celebrate motherhood, we look to Mary, Mother of God and mother of all God's children to help us in our necessity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Jesus is Mary's only Son, but her spiritual motherhood extends to all men whom indeed he came to save: the Son whom she brought forth is he whom God placed as the first-born among many brethren, that is, the faithful in whose generation and formation she co-operates with a mother's love."

With Mary as Our Mother, she can form in us the image of her Son. Through her intercession and the grace of Her son, we can be transformed into other Christ's: "Mary shepherds each new grace into our lives; caring for us and feeding us as a mother." It is a food that allows the divine life to grow in us, and as that life continues to grow, we become a mirror for Jesus - we become a reflection of Jesus to the world.

Trusting in the Lord's promises of love and mercy to his people, we are encouraged to entrust ourselves to Our Lady's maternal love and care and renew our devotion to her. Using the words that Pope St John Paul II used, may it also be our motto: "Mary I am totally yours! You, who are the Mother of God and our Mother, form us into images of your Divine Son."

Fr. Michael

A CELEBRATION FOR FR. ED 60 YEARS ORDAINED!

Please join fellow parishioners for cake and coffee on May 12 in the hall after the 11:00 Mass to offer our congratulations to Fr. Ed for his beautiful service to Our Lord and to the Church.

CWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday May 21st at 6:30 pm – CWL members will celebrate Our Lady with the Rosary and the Crowning of Mary in the Church. All parishioners are welcome. The celebration will be followed by our General Meeting in the Church Hall to which all ladies of the parish (members/non-members) are welcome to attend.



SPRING GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

The CWL is holding a Spring Garage and Bake Sale. We need donations of lightly used household items, books, toys, sports equipment, etc. Please, no clothes, furniture or electronics. Place items in bags and boxes labelled CWL, and leave in the east side basement hallway. Stay tuned for more information about the Bake Sale.



SSVP

During the month of April, our members made 23 home visits. We distributed \$2141.92 of food and store vouchers, and made 4 furniture deliveries. Thank you for your generosity to our poor box and to the poor in our community.

Right to Life Association of Mississauga and Area AGM Sat. May 25 Merciful Redeemer Church (2775 Erin Centre Blvd). Following the 9 a.m. Mass **Special Guest speaker: The Sisters of Life! Breakfast Refreshments Served. All are invited.

THANK YOU, FR. NEIL

RECEPTION MAY 25/26

Fr. Neil has served us well and faithfully for 17 years. We continue to remember him in our thoughts and prayers as he awaits hip surgery. He will celebrate Mass and preach at the 5:00 pm Mass on May 25 and the 11:00 am Mass on May 26 at St. Mary's. After each of those Masses, there will be a reception in the hall, to allow parishioners to say thank you to Fr. Neil and to offer best wishes.

Some parishioners may wish to give a gift. As Fr. Neil does not have a permanent residence at this time, he wishes to "travel lightly" and does not need material gifts. He would, however, be grateful for any monetary gifts.

Thank You

We would like to recognize the generous spirit of Palma Pasta and Cousin's Marketplace for helping to make the St. Mary Star of the Sea Volunteer Luncheon so successful!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Annual Mother's Day Roses
THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES

Knights of Columbus will have Roses available following all Mother's Day weekend Masses. Multiple colours, single stem in water, \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Pick up some roses for all the special ladies in your life. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SOAP, SOAP, BARS OF SOAP

May 25th/26th and June 1st/2nd weekends

Please help us collect Bars of Soap for Canadian Food for Children...Dr. Simone. Soap prevents diarrhea, Ebola, skin infections, cholera and respiratory infections. Please bring your bars of soap donation and put it in one of the collection boxes located at each door of the church. God Bless you for your generosity. Sponsored by the CWL.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- 1 – First Holy Communion Classes from 12:15 - 1:40 pm, in the St. Joseph Room on May 12 and in the hall on June 2.
- 2 – Second Interview: If you have not already done so, please email st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca or call 905-278-2058 to set up an appointment with Fr. Michael.

CONFIRMATION

- 1 – Second Interview: If you have not already done so, please email st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca or call 905-278-2058 to set up an appointment with Fr. Michael.
- 2 – Confirmation Rehearsal: 7 pm on June 6 (Church/Hall).

RCIA Christian Formation Process

Do you know someone who would like to become a Catholic or to be received into full communion in the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic who has missed the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Or are you a Catholic who would like to become more informed about your faith? Well we have a program here at St. Mary Star of the Sea that can help you to get started. It is called Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). For more information call Fr. Michael Simoes at 905-278-2058.

SL ShareLife

Living the Gospel with Justice and Love

"ShareLife represents a reliable signpost on the course mapped out by our Pastoral Plan – namely, its core direction of 'Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.' The work of our agencies, and your generosity towards them, serve as a pathway through which acts of justice and love are realized, and the witness of the Catholic faith is strengthened." – *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

We thank all who have so generously donated and encourage others, who have not yet donated to this very important campaign that funds Catholic charities, to please do so over the next several weeks.

June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday
Our goal this year is \$136,500
Together, we have raised \$56,251.40 (41%)
Thank you for your generosity.

LINKS TO FAITH – MAY 12, 2019

WEEK 19 – UNPLANNED (EXCERPT)

– ABBY JOHNSON – TYNEDALE PUBLISHING

Every year, I post this link to the first chapter of Unplanned by Abby Johnson. This week, the March for Life took place. Years after reading this, I can still feel the deep emotional affect it had on me.

To read an excerpt from Unplanned by Abby Johnson, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: www.stmarystarofthesea.ca and select [Week 19 – Unplanned \(Excerpt\) – Abby Johnson – Tynedale Publishing](#)

EASTER CANDLE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIVING MEMBERS OF THE LEON-PELEGRINO FAMILY

Requested by Carolyn Leon

EASTER FLOWERS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†Karishma Iyer (loving grand daughter)

Requested by Shantie Toolsie

† The deceased members of the Tonic and Baratto families

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†The deceased members of the Tedesco and Baratto families

Requested by Enes Tedesco

†Emon, Castilla, John & Trevor Oliver

Requested by Flavia & Alicia Forgenie

†Madaline, Jack & Marilyn Noonan

Requested by the family

†For my Parents

Requested by Izabella Policht

†Linsey, Dennis & Manuel DeSouza, Joan De Souza, Artur, Maria and Margaret Casimiro and all deceased members of the Cabral and Pacheco families and all souls.

Requested by Rose Casimiro

FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED

Requested by Maria & James Wan



ATTENTION TEACHER CANDIDATES

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board requires all teacher applicants to submit a pastoral portfolio/reference when applying for a teaching position. It is the responsibility of the candidate to attend Sunday liturgy, be involved in Parish life and contact the parish priest well in advance. Teacher candidates who are attending school out of the local area are also responsible to give the pastor advance notice. The pastor cannot complete the form if he does not know the applicant.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

SATURDAY 11TH

10:00 am Mass – †Pietro Ferraro
Requested by the family
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am Confessions
5:00 pm Mass – For the People

SUNDAY 12TH

9:00 am Mass – †Irene Schiavinato
Requested by Luigi Barbisan and family
11:00 am Mass – †Antonietta Valentino
Requested by Alfredo Valentino and family
12:15 pm First Holy Communion Class (SJRI)
1:30 pm Baptisms (Church)
2:00 pm Bible Study (SJR)

MONDAY 13TH

9:00 am Mass – †Katherine Ann McKenna
Requested by the Lawlor family
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (SJR)

TUESDAY 14TH

NO MASS
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

WEDNESDAY 15TH

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)
7:00 pm Mass – For the cause of Beatification of Edel Quinn
Requested by the Legion of Mary
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

THURSDAY 16TH

9:00 am Mass – †Jose Reis
Requested by his wife Albertina Reis

FRIDAY 17TH

9:00 am Mass – †Iole D'Ovidio
Requested by the CWL

SATURDAY 18TH

10:00 am Mass – †Bill Henry
Requested by Michelle Ryan
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:30 am Confessions
5:00 pm Mass – †Antonio Furtado
Requested by the family

SUNDAY 19TH

9:00 am Mass – †Alan del Puerto Jr.
Requested by the family
11:00 am Mass – Pro Populo