

## From the Administrator's desk.....

It has been a whirlwind from the moment I returned to Toronto, after a week to be renewed and recharged, to face the bitter cold of winter. In that period of time, I learned that I would be leaving my current assignment as the associate priest at St. Patrick's parish in Markham and taking up a new assignment as your Administrator, here at St. Mary Star of the Sea. I had a week and a half to get myself ready for this new chapter in my priestly life.

In this period of time, there were many things on my mind, a checklist of things to do. Yet, I was reminded by a priest friend of mine: *Surrender to God and He will do all things for you.* It was at this moment that I had to let go of the checklist of things to do and to just be with God in prayer and carry that mentality into all my other activities. It was liberating. It brought peace of mind and peace into my heart.

This parish is also going into a new chapter of her life. Fr. Neil has been your pastor and spiritual father since 2002 and I am stepping in as your Administrator. In this period of change, I encourage you with the same words that were given to me by my priest friend: *Surrender to God and He will do all things for you.* May these words be a source of consolation and peace. Be assured of my prayers for you and for this parish community.

St. Mary Star of the Sea, guide us wanderers here on earth, guide us closer to your Son.

*Fr. Michael*

## **2018 TAX RECEIPTS**

Tax Receipts for your 2018 contributions to the parish are arranged in alphabetical order at the back of the Church. Please pick up your receipt today.

## **CWL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

CWL 2019 membership fees are now due (\$28 – Seniors \$25). You may use the blue envelopes in your Offertory box or a personal envelope and place it in the collection basket at any Mass, any weekend. Please ensure that your name is clearly written on the envelope along with "CWL Membership". If you aren't already a member of the CWL, please join us! Contact Evelyn Wickett, Organization Convener, for more information ([416-919-5351](tel:416-919-5351)).

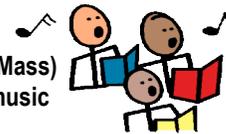


## **SSVP - TAX RECEIPTS**

If you donated to Saint Vincent de Paul in 2018, please pick up your tax receipts after Mass this weekend. We would like to thank you personally, and it will save us some money on stamps!

## **11:00 AM CHOIR**

St. Mary Star of the Sea Choir (11:00 am Mass) is undertaking a new and exciting music program for 2019.



Preparation for Holy Week and Easter is already underway. Success is possible only through the dedication and hard work of choir members. We invite new members for all voice parts to join us at this time (particularly Soprano 2 and Alto). You too could be an active participant in this ministry. Contact: Fergus Egan 905-270-4832.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

### **John Paul II Council # 11955**

February Brunch | Next Sunday Feb 17 at 12:00 pm

The Knights are pleased to bring you the monthly brunch next Sunday Feb 17.

The menu for February will include:

- Eggs, Bacon & Toast, Juice/Coffee/Tea
- Come out to enjoy a hot & delicious brunch with your fellow parishioners.  
Your support is very much appreciated.

### **KofC Lottery Tickets | NOW ON SALE**

The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual lottery, benefitting the Special Olympics of Ontario, The Arthritis Society & local charities.

Tickets are \$5 each. Generous participation is encouraged for fabulous prizes. Hope to see you on the winning side !!

## **2019 ENVELOPE BOXES**

are arranged in alphabetical order at the back of the Church. Please pick up your box. Envelope boxes that are not picked up will be reassigned.

If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please pick up an unassigned box of envelopes from the tables at the side exits of the Church, fill in the form and drop it in the Offertory basket at any weekend Mass and use the envelopes for your contributions to the Church.

## **NEW BEGINNINGS**

"Behold, I make all things new." Rev. 21:5

Separated, Divorced? If you are struggling... you don't have to do this alone. *New Beginnings*, is a ministry dedicated to assisting those who have suffered a loss through, separation and divorce. Together... we explore our *grief*, experience *healing* and renew our *faith*. St. Christopher's – Support Group. Start Date: February 26, 2019 7:00 to 9:00 pm. To register, call Arcangelo Limanni – Program Promoter (416) 921-1163 ext. 2225 [alimanni@cfstontario.com](mailto:alimanni@cfstontario.com)

## **BIRTHRIGHT CALLING!**

Do you have 3 hrs/wk. to dedicate to our unique service? Birthright is a local volunteer organization that works small miracles in the lives of women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. We work to reduce abortion through love and caring. With community assistance, we help ladies resolve their problems and make good informed choices. We are seeking new volunteers immediately. Training provided. Call 905-273-9409 11 am – 2 pm, or email [birthright.mississauga@hotmail.com](mailto:birthright.mississauga@hotmail.com)

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Every Friday. Doors open at 5 pm and dinner served at 6:45 pm.  
All are welcome.

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** **- "SHARE THE JOURNEY"**



"Facing the challenges of contemporary movements of migration, the only reasonable response is one of solidarity and mercy." (Pope Francis, Mass for migrants July 6, 2018.)

We have now sent 306 signed action cards to the Prime Minister over the last two weekends. Thanks to all parishioners who participated. If you were not able to sign or if you know of anyone who did not have the opportunity to sign, blank cards can be found on the tables at all exit doors of the church. Action cards can be placed in mailboxes, with no postage required. Also, at <https://www.devp.org/en/education/fall2018/materials>, cards can be signed online with no mailing required. Please keep migrants and their families in your prayers.

## **LINKS TO FAITH** **FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

### **WEEK 6 - WHAT IS THE POINT OF** **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - FR BARTUNEK**

"Fr. John Bartunek and Dan Burke talk about adoration, what it is, and why it is important." Watch this video for a very good explanation of Eucharistic Adoration.

To watch the youtube video of Fr John Bartunek being interviewed by Dan Burke, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: [www.stmarystarofthesea.ca](http://www.stmarystarofthesea.ca) and select [Week 6 - What is the Point of Eucharistic Adoration - Fr Bartunek](#)

## **FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST** **WIN GREAT PRIZES!**

Students aged 14 to 18 are invited to write a 500-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2019. The theme for 2019 is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20). Students should read the below scripture passage and respond to the following statement in the essay:

Christians sometimes commit to prayer and worship, but neglect the poor. Sometimes we pray in church, but act unkindly to others or exploit the environment. Refer to Deuteronomy 16:18-20 and answer: How can Catholics and Christians of all denominations unite to create a more just society and be examples of Christ's healing grace in a broken world?

First Prize: HP Pavilion x360 laptop, Second Prize: iPad 6<sup>th</sup> gen. (32 GB), Third Prize : Google Home 2 speaker.

Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is February 18, 2019. E-mail your essay to [editor@catholicregister.org](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org) or fax it to 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 403 or 1-855-441-4077.

## **AN EVENING AT THE SEMINARY**

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY - FEB. 11, 2019**

Have you ever thought about being a priest? Get a glimpse of priestly formation with a seminary tour, Holy Mass and dinner. Register online [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) or call 416-968-0997, [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## **THIS WEEK AT** **ST. MARY'S**

### **SATURDAY 9TH**

10:00 am Mass - Special intention of Emily Lobo  
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 10TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Antonio & Irene Schiavinato  
Requested by Luigi Barbisan and family  
11:00 am Mass - †Andre & Teresa Nykamp  
Requested by Clelia Trinca  
1:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

### **MONDAY 11TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Joseph, Teresa and Clinton Vaz Corera  
Requested by Malcolm Vaz  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (Hall)

### **TUESDAY 12TH**

NO MASS  
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

### **WEDNESDAY 13TH**

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)  
7:00 pm Mass - †Mrs. Mathri Paul Thannikottu  
Requested by the Kannampuzha family  
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

### **THURSDAY 14TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Ricardo & Mary Barbisan  
Requested by Leo & Mary Barbisan

### **FRIDAY 15TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Eunice Irwin  
Requested by Brenda & Fred Lawlor  
5:00 pm Community Meal (Hall)

### **SATURDAY 16TH**

10:00 am Mass - †Ricky Cassolato  
Requested by Mom & Dad  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - †Pio Bizzotto  
Requested by the family

### **SUNDAY 17TH**

9:00 am Mass - †Alan del Puerto Jr.  
Requested by the family  
11:00 am Mass - †Martha Buckley  
Requested by Angela Nugent  
2:00 pm Bible Study (SJR)  
Knights of Columbus Brunch after the 11:00 am Mass