

## From the Pastor's desk.....

In the Second Vatican Council document *Gaudium et Spes*, "Joy and Hope", the council fathers touched on a variety of issues as the Church encountered the modern world. At the time when it was written, global politics was a delicate situation after 2 world wars, the Korean war and the Vietnam war. In the midst of this turmoil, the council fathers go to the heart of the matter as they write, "Peace is not merely the absence of war; nor can it be reduced solely to the maintenance of a balance of power between enemies; nor is it brought about by dictatorship. Instead, it is rightly and appropriately called an enterprise of justice." The catechism of the Catholic Church states that "Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion." Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good."

With this understanding of justice, we can understand why Our Lord after the resurrection appeared to the apostles and says to them, "Peace be with you." He, in the self offering on the cross, paid the price for our sins and made things right with the Father for the reconciliation of mankind to God. The council fathers go on to write, "By thus restoring all men to the unity of one people and one body, He slew hatred in His own flesh; and, after being lifted on high by His resurrection, He poured forth the spirit of love into the hearts of men."

So, peace begins with being in right relationship with God and peace in the world by being instruments of selfless - *agape* love. The council fathers write, "Hence peace is likewise the fruit of love, which goes beyond what justice can provide." When we work for justice, the common good, it first begins by what God has done for us. It is our response to that divine love, that love shown forth on the cross and through the resurrection, which is perpetuated through the sacrifice of the Mass, that enables us to work for peace. It is fitting then that we say at the end of Mass, "Go in peace".

*Fr. Michael*

## **CWL SPRING GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>**



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.

## **SOAP, SOAP, BARS OF SOAP**

*May 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## **FR. NEIL'S FAREWELL TO ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA**

My heart is overwhelmed with the deepest emotions and feelings of gratitude for the many blessings I have received. For the past 17 years, I have had the privilege and joy of being your Pastor. I have been the recipient of your very great affection, your undying support and prayerful intercessions, especially for my full recovery. In a few days, on May 30, I shall undergo surgery for hip replacement, so please keep up your prayers for me.

I look forward to doing some priestly ministry in the future. I may no longer be a Pastor, but I am still a Priest. A Priest forever, they say, a servant of the Lord and always ready to say "Here am I, Lord. Send me."

To you Fr. Michael, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and fruitful ministry. Fr. Michael, you bring lots of youthful energy and priestly devotion, as well as, I imagine, lots of new ideas about what you would like to test and implement here. I wish you every success.

To you the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea, I offer you my most sincere gratitude for all your support, friendship and kindness over many years. My deepest desire, and all I ask of you now is that you love Fr. Michael as much as you have loved me.

God bless you, God love you always!

**Fr. Neil**

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**



First Holy Communion Class from 12:15 - 1:40 pm, on June 2 in the parish hall.

Second Interview: If you have not already done so, please email [st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca](mailto:st.marystarofthesea@bellnet.ca) or call 905-278-2058 to set up an appointment with Fr. Michael.

## **CONFIRMATION**

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Confirmation Rehearsal:  
7 pm on June 6 (Church/Hall).  
Sponsors are required to attend.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL #11955**

**SUMMER BBQ SEASON – STARTING SOON !!**  
Sun Jun 16 at 12:00 pm

Plan to stay after Mass and enjoy a delicious BBQ with your fellow parishioners. The menu will include:

- Hamburger or Sausage
- Water, Pop or Juice
- Popsicle or Potato Chips

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to serving you!



## SL ShareLife

### Living the Gospel by Supporting Isolated Seniors

In the span of three months, Debbie felt she had lost everything. Her partner of 33 years died, her leg was amputated, and she could no longer care for her beloved pets. She turned to the Society of Sharing, a ShareLife-funded agency, who partnered her with a volunteer named Geoff. Not only did Geoff provide friendship, he used his teaching background to help Debbie fulfill a lifelong goal: Learning how to properly read. Though it will be impossible for Debbie to regain all she has lost, her life is feeling full again.

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.

#### NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2 IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

Our goal this year is \$136,500

Together, we have raised \$58,166.40 (42%)

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### SSVP - MARYGROVE CAMP: SPECIAL COLLECTION JUNE 9



Marygrove Camp is a project of SSVP, and a special opportunity for over 1,000 girls from disadvantaged situations to experience the joy of summer camp each year. Envelopes will be in the bulletin June 2. Thank you for your support.

## RCIA

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.

### LINKS TO FAITH - MAY 26, 2019

#### WEEK 21 - MARY SAVES - CATHOLIC ANSWERS MAGAZINE

"But with Mary we see a unique calling among all of the people of God. Whereas all other members of the body of Christ are called to cooperate with God's grace in the saving of the souls of friends, loved ones, people with whom they come into contact with, etc., Mary alone was called to bring the *entire Christ to the entire world.*"

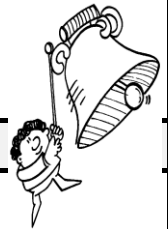
To read this article by Tim Staples from Catholic Answers Magazine, click on Links to Faith at the bottom of the parish homepage: [www.stmarystarofthesea.ca](http://www.stmarystarofthesea.ca) and select [Week 21 - Mary Saves - Catholic Answers Magazine](#)

### BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

*Aid to Women*, a Christian charity offers pro-life options, counseling, material, emotional, spiritual and financial support to pregnant women in crisis.. Representatives from *Aid to Women* will be at the back of the church after each mass the weekend of JUNE 1/2, handing out baby bottles which must be returned with your donation the weekend of JUNE 22/23. 100% of the donations go to *Aid to Women's* life affirming work.

Marian Mass at St. Christopher's Parish, Friday, May 31 @ 8 pm. Followed by candlelight procession outdoors around the church carrying the statue of our Blessed Mother while praying the Rosary, followed by the crowning of our lady.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S



### SATURDAY 25TH

10:00 am Mass - †Douglas Picard  
Requested by Shirley Picard  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - †Mariano L. Tan  
Requested by Wilson H. Tan and family  
Followed by Reception for Fr. Neil McMillan (Hall)

### SUNDAY 26TH

9:00 am Mass - For the People  
11:00 am Mass - †Elisa De Sante  
Requested by her family  
Followed by Reception for Fr. Neil McMillan (Hall)  
12:00 pm Bible Study (SJR)

### MONDAY 27TH

9:00 am Mass - †Onorato Zilio  
Requested by Ettore Binotto and family  
7:00 pm Baptism Class (Church)  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Hall)

### TUESDAY 28TH

NO MASS  
7:00 pm Choir practice (Church)

### WEDNESDAY 29TH

10:00 am Craft Group Meeting (SJR)  
7:00 pm Mass - Special intention of Moya Coley & family  
Requested by the family  
7:45 pm Legion of Mary Meeting (SJR)

### THURSDAY 30TH

9:00 am Mass - Special intention of Fr. Neil McMillan  
Requested by Vivian MacNeil  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Hall)

### FRIDAY 31ST

9:00 am Mass - †Onorato Zilio  
Requested by Murielle Flannery

### SATURDAY 1ST

10:00 am Mass - †Cecilia Capillo  
Requested by Melinda Capillo  
Followed by Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
10:30 am Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - †Dorothy Galea  
Requested by the family

### SUNDAY 2ND

9:00 am Mass - For the People  
11:00 am Mass - In Thanksgiving for St. Anthony of Padua  
Requested by Wilson H. Tan and family  
12:15 pm First Holy Communion Class (Hall)  
1:30 pm Baptisms (Church)