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Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Deacon John Schwarzbauer
Deacon Wayne McCulloch

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
Lisa Baker-Admin. Asst.
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 pm
(except First Fridays-see below)
Wednesday & Thursday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am
Weekly Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
(with Children's Liturgy)
- 11:00 am
- 12:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Mass - 8:00 pm
(except Statutory Holidays
9:00 am Mass Only)

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena
(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy
(Before Friday Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
(Saturday Morning Mass)

BAPTISM

Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, please allow for up to 3 months for an anticipated Baptismal date given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class. This time delay is because of the very large number of baptisms and because we limit the number attending the bi-monthly classes and celebrations to six families, to preserve the dignity of the celebration.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the parish **one year in advance**. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage no date may be set until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Please see website for policy explanation.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTERS FOR SCHOOL

As evidence of living one's faith the person requesting a reference must be registered for at least 12 months and genuinely trying to attend Mass every Sunday, as well as supporting the Church, its charities and mission work. Must also have recently volunteered as a Parish Catechist!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 10th @ 7:00 pm

- † Mary Hanratty req. by Fr. Michael
- Dr. John Laffey and Family req. by Fr. Michael
- † Federico Cimone req. by MaryLou and Romano Acciaccaferri

Wednesday, January 11th @ 8:30 am

- † Antonio, Angelina and Costanzo Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

Thursday, January 12th @ 8:30 am

- † Jim Brady req. by Jim Ryder

Friday, January 13th @ 7:00 pm

- † Lawrence McHenry req. by Jim Ryder

Saturday, January 14th @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- † Celestina Angotti req. by Maria Cassano

@ 5:00 pm

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio and Mary Benincasa

Sunday, January 15th @ 9:00 am

- † Clarita Gaerlan req. by Elena Medina

- @ 11:00 am**
- † Edward Novak req. by Bev and Family

- @ 12:30 pm**
- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Patricia Petura, Paola Malandrino, Filomena Di Santo

Is God Calling You?

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org**



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May 12th and 13th, 2017

Watch for further information in upcoming bulletins.

Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her
Testimonies from the process of beatification

Edited and translated by Christopher O’Mahony.
Published by Veritas Publications.

“She let the novices say whatever they liked against her. The fact that she was not really novice-mistress and that she was younger than many of them gave her greater freedom to do this of course. I met her one day after a novice had come and spoken to her in a particularly humiliating way. Since she was looking a bit flushed, I asked if there was anything the matter with her or if she was tired. ‘I am very happy,’ she said, ‘because God has just provided me with an opportunity to remind myself that I am a very, very ordinary person, and not at all virtuous. I thought of Semei cursing David and said to myself: Yes, indeed, it was the Lord who ordered Sister X to say such things. What makes me still more certain that that is what happened is that this morning I really desired to be humiliated.’” – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese’s sister and prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Band of Christian Brothers Men’s Conference

Saturday, February 18th from 9 am to 4:30 pm

On **February 18th** join **Fr. Larry Richards** and **Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine** for Serviam Ministries’ 2nd annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men’s Conference** at Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr, Toronto. The theme is “Step Up”. The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place. Special Father/Son rates available.

All info and tickets:

www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/,
info@ServiamMinistries.com or
1-888-522-2070.

St. Mark Library Reading Contest

Don't forget our library reading contest!

Draw to take place in February.

Ask Bookstall staff for prize details.

Suggested children's book for this month:

I, Juan de Pareja

Suggested adult book for this month:

The Incorruptibles

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group

Tuesday Afternoons

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group meets **every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. Prayers and the Rosary are said to blind satan and save souls (those who do not know the love of God yet).

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Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, January 9th at 7:30 pm

Our Prayer Group meets every second Monday in the St. Anne's Room. The evening will begin with Mass at 7 pm.

First Communion Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th from 7 pm to 9 pm



There will be a First Communion Parent Catechetical Session in the church on January 11th beginning at 7pm. For those parents who have volunteered to help teach the children, a training session will take place at 7 pm in the Parish Hall on this same evening.



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, January 21st



This month's movie:

Therese

Therese recounts the life of Therese of Lisieux, the most popular saint in modern times. Through the rigours of monastic life, she made the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love- a spiritual path she called her "Little Way". Therese presents the true story of an ordinary girl with an extraordinary soul.

Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free of charge.

Rated: PG Running Time: 96 minutes



Alpha Registration

Now Open

Alpha is starting January 31, 2017!

The online registration form can be accessed from the home page of our parish website at www.stmarkstouffville.ca or directly at the following link

<http://tinyurl.com/StMarkALPHA2017-WS>

There are also paper copies of the registration form in the foyer at the bookstall.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration

for all Stouffville Catholic Elementary schools begins on Monday, January 9, 2017.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, check the parish bulletin board, visit the Board's website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions or contact your local school for further information.

French Immersion Registration

Parents of current SK students attending at St. Mark or St. Brigid schools who are considering registering their children for grade 1 French Immersion, will need to apply online at www.ycdsb.ca by **Thursday, January 26, 2017.** Further information can be gained by visiting our school website at smk.ycdsb.ca

St. Mark School

Lunchtime Supervisors needed

St. Mark CES is attempting to expand their emergency list for kindergarten lunchtime supervisors. Please contact Mr. FitzPatrick at the school, if interested.

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.

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