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Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
Rev. Mr. John Schwarzbauer
Deacon
Rev. Mr. Wayne McCulloch
Deacon
Mary Ann Mehes - Secretary
Lad Mehes - Caretaker

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday — Friday
9:00 am — 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12 — 1 pm
CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. Wed. Thurs. — 8:30 am
Tuesday & Friday — 7:00 pm
(except First Fridays-see below)
Saturday — 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays — 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm — 4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS

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

**Mother of Perpetual Help
Novena**

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy

(Before Friday pm 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.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE-

BOUND

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY

Please see website for policy explanation.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Ministry of Hospitality
Parish Council
Parish Music Ministry
R.C.I.A.
Sacramental Preparation
Social Committee
Squires
St. Vincent de Paul Society

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Mark's School
333 Glad Park Ave.
T: 905-640-2915

St. Brendan's School
751 Hoover Park Dr.
T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School
223 Millard St.
T: 905-642-5100

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W: vocationstoronto.ca

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

T: 416-934-0606
W: archtoronto.org

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!

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

STEUBENVILLE PARISH UPDATE

****REGISTRATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED****

The Parish is hoping to take a group of 24 young people: 12 young men and 12 young women. Registration will be on a first come first served basis. We hope many of our youth will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

Archdiocesan YOUTH CONFERENCE – 2014 Steubenville, Toronto on July 4 – 6, 2014 Mattamy Athletic Centre, Toronto (Formerly Maple Leaf Gardens)

Who can attend: Youth entering Grade 9 in September 2014 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2014.

Cost: \$275 per person (includes: entrance to the conference, 6 meals, hotel)

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$50 per registration slot must be paid when submitting the Registration Form to the Church office.



Together we are continuing to work wonders...

“Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart...I love doing it because this is what the Lord has taught me. But you too must help us and help each other always. And thus in helping each other we will do good for each other.” —Pope Francis

Our Holy Father reminds us of the importance of caring for each other. Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable, marginalized and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. This demonstrates our commitment to Catholic charity in a meaningful way. Please consider supporting ShareLife, the annual appeal of our Archdiocese, during this Lenten season.

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

First ShareLife Sunday – March 30, 2014

Please give generously. You can work wonders!



**Every Friday evening
at 7pm followed by
Mass at 7:30 pm
(except on First Friday, normal schedule)**

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Mass at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

March 22 – March 25, 2014

Facilitated by

Fr. Paul Burchet of Madonna House

Starting with Sunday Masses—March 22/23 weekend and continuing Monday, March 24 at 7:30 pm and will conclude with the Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord on Tuesday, March 25 with mass and homily at

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 11th @ 7.00 pm

Bob Busto+ req. by Donna & Family

Wednesday, March 12th @ 8.30 am

Christopher Brown+ req. by Coreen Doucett Brown

Thursday, March 13th @ 8.30 am

Domenico Metauro+ req. by Anna Metauro

Friday, March 14th

@ 7.00 pm – Stations of the Cross

@ 7.30 pm Pat Hughes+ and Alain Tohme
req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, March 15th at 9.00 am

Pope, Bishops & Priests

Hughes & McConville Families

Anthony Daly+ req. by Fr. Michael

Souls of Purgatory+ req. by Joseph Lobo

Saturday, March 15th @ 5.00 pm

Anthony MacKinnon+ req. by Rory & Lori MacKinnon

Sunday, March 16th @ 9:00 am

Mario & Renato Colosimo+ req. by Angela & Family

Sunday, March 16th @ 11.00 am

St. Mark's Community

Sunday, March 16th @ 12.30 pm

Anna De Pinto+ and Rocco Lozito+
req. by Domenica Lozito

COINS FOR LIFE LENTEN PROJECT CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION ENABLED BY ST. MARK'S SQUIRES

Perhaps never at any time in history has mankind lived in such a culture of death society as that of today. Over four million babies have been aborted in Canada since the law protecting life was struck down over 30 years ago. To our shame we still have no law to defend the baby in the womb. Part of the pro life work that Campaign Life Coalition does every year is the well known March for Life in Ottawa-where in front of Parliament thousands stand calling out for a law for life. Last year 25,000 came and 70% were youth. They were there with our Cardinal, Bishops, priests, families and the more mature among us who walked the entire route with their canes!

We cannot do this alone however and would like to ask your help for the March and other pro life work by taking home with you today a small **Coins for Life box**, which will be handed out as you leave the church. Perhaps this Lent using the phrase 'deny yourself and give to life' you can toss your coinage into the small box. The boxes should be returned to the parish after Easter.

Cardinal Thomas Collins said that, "**The Coins for Life project is a most appropriate way to support the important pro-life efforts of Campaign Life Coalition.**"

You may not be able to come to the marches or to many events but this is something that can be done right in your own homes, offices, schools-you can with each coin you put in that little box, defend and save lives. Let us work together to make the Culture of Life grow-Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother surely want this! If not us- who? If not today-when?

MOVING ???
Please inform the Parish Office.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

TUES. March 11 @ 7.30 pm—Hall

Knights of Columbus Meeting

FRI. March 14 @ 8.00 pm

Youth Group Meeting

PRAYER BOX

OUR PARISH PRAYER GROUP WILL PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

Please write out your prayer requests and place them in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Mark.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the Recently Deceased

Linda Butler

Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Prayer group is moving to Tuesday night!

Every second Tuesday (next meeting March 4) the evening will begin with Mass at 7pm, then the group will join the currently scheduled Faith Development session and end the evening with their Prayer Meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend all or part of the evening's activities.

St. Mark's *Recollection for Women*

Mon. March 17th, 2014 7:30–9:30pm
Confessions start at 7 pm

The recollection includes 2 meditations by a priest of Opus Dei, a talk on living the Christian life in the middle of the world, an examination of conscience and an opportunity for sacramental confession.



ST. MARK'S PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, March 22nd at 7:30pm

After the wonderful success of our first Parish Movie Night, we would like to continue with a second movie about the life of one of the Saints.

This month's movie will be the story of St. Joseph of Cupertino, "The Flying Friar". It is a heartwarming and humorous film for all ages about a humble Franciscan friar, who against all odds and by a series of miraculous incidents, is ordained a priest and rises to sainthood.

Once again, there will be no charge to attend the show but goodwill offerings towards our parish's youth activities are gratefully accepted. Snacks and drinks will be sold for a small fee.

Movie Title: The Reluctant Saint

Running time: Approx. 104 minutes



VENIAL SIN: Venial sin constitutes a moral disorder that is reparable by charity. (CCC 1875)

Sins are rightly evaluated according to their gravity, the distinction between mortal and venial sin, already evident in Scripture, became part of the tradition of the Church. It is corroborated by human experience. (CCC 1854)

MORTAL SIN: Mortal sin destroys in us the charity without which eternal beatitude is impossible. (CCC 1874) Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him. (CCC 1855)

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997 email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca**

RETROUVAILLE:

Help for Troubled Marriages

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of married couples experiencing disillusionment or misery in their marriage relationships rediscover each other and experience their lives together in a new and positive way. Retrouvaille is a program consisting of a live-in weekend followed by a number of post-weekend sessions. For confidential information or to register, call 416-281-6007 or visit the web site at: www.torontoretrovaille.com



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Feature CD of the week: **For Love and Marriage**

Johnnette Benkovic shares her conversion back to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church and the struggles that came when her husband didn't share her faith. She explains how the Lord blessed her in unexpected ways and, through the promptings of the Holy Spirit, showed her how she could better love her spouse through it all.

✠ PRAY FOR THE SICK ✠


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