# St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

#### **STAFF**

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator Lisa Baker-Admin. Asst. Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst. Lad Mehes - Custodian

#### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm Closed for lunch 12-1pm **JULY & AUGUST** 9 am - 12 noon **CLOSED MONDAYS** 

# SUMMERR SCHEDULE

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

- 7:00 pm Tuesday Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 8:30 am Saturday - 9:00 am Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

### **SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

Saturday - 5:00 pm Sunday - 9:00 am -11:00 am

## **FIRST FRIDAY**

Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### RECONCILIATION

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

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Recitation of the Rosary

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 fover 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 to all new (Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

## **COMMUNION FOR THE** SICK AND HOUSE-**BOUND**

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

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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 **Eucharistic Ministers** Finance Committee Funeral Luncheon Committee Knights of Columbus Lectors Ministry of Hospitality Parish Council Parish Music Ministry **Prayer Group** Sacramental Preparation Squires

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

#### **VOCATIONS TORONTO**

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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!

# **PENTECOST**



# Mass Intentions For The Week

# Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

Oratorians req. by Fr. Michael

- **†** Bill Crawford req. by Mary and Wayne Raybould
- **†** Michael Vanderklugt req. by St. Mark School Staff

# Wednesday, May 27th @ 8:30 am Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, May 28th @ 8:30 am

**T** Kathleen Fitzgerald req. by Fr. Michael and the Fitzgerald Family

## Friday, May 29th @ 8:30 am

Marty and Carol McGinnis req. by Anonymous

## Saturday, May 30th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes &

McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

- **†** Roberto Santos req. by Don and Susan Dizon and Family
- 🕇 Giuseppe Tassone req. by Maria Tassone
- Ponnuthurai N. Mickl req. by Robert
- **T** Beverley Semon req. by Michael Semon **@ 5:00 pm**

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

# Sunday, May 31st @ 9:00 am

Quadrini Family req. by Antonietta and Gerardo Quadrini

@ 11:00 am

**†** Lucia Lombardo req. by Joe and Nelle Lombardo

# **Pray For The Sick**

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, Douglas Ciceri Sr. and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle)

# **Pray For The Recently Deceased**

Benvenuto Nobile, Natalie Ware, Matthew Geremiah

## Vocations

The confused and fear-filled apostles were totally changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. In today's Church, God calls priests, religious and deacons to serve Him and to serve others especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

# **Church Expansion Notices**

We will be updating our website on a regular basis with our progress for the Church Expansion. For more information, please go to www.stmarkstouffville.ca and choose the Church Expansion Heading.

## **ShareLife**



Working wonders for those in our neighbourhood...

"What an ambassador for Mary Centre he was, and Gord was really tickled to be chosen for this role as co-speaker." said Dominic Conforti, retiring Director at Mary Centre. Gord, who is intellectually challenged, shared his story at the 2014 ShareLife Golf tournament about how he and his two brothers came to be part of Mary Centre. He spoke about Christina who helps them during the day involving them in activities in the community and teaching them to do things for themselves. Then there was James who is with them on the weekends and helped them grow a veggie garden every spring and summer and the pride they feel when they pick their vegetables. Last year, over 2,300 people with special needs received the compassion and care they needed to enjoy their life and be productive in their homes and communities. Thank You for Your Generosity. Together we can work wonders!

# **Stouffville Community Prayer**May 24<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall Council Chambers

Members of Christian Parishes in Stouffville meet on the fourth Sunday of each month from 7 pm to 8:30 pm to pray for our community. The next prayer meeting will take place on Sunday, May 24th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Sisters of Life

Two Upcoming Events – May 30<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? Hope and healing are possible and God's mercy endures forever. The Sisters of Life will be hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for Women in Toronto on Saturday, May 30, 2015. For confidential registration, please email the Sisters of Life at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org or call 845-357-0258. Visit: http://www.sistersoflife.org/daysof-prayer-healing-testimonies-faqs

The Sisters of Life will have a special Mass for those Grieving the Loss of a Loved One through abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or tragedy on Sunday, May 31, 2015. 2 pm Holy Hour (confessions available), 3 pm Mass for Trinity Sunday, St. Peter's Church, 830 Bathurst Street (Bathurst Subway). For more information email or call: toronto@sistersoflife.org or 416-463-2772

# Rose of Sharon Red Carpet Gala Saturday, June 6th at The Manor

Rose of Sharon is excited to announce that 2015 marks their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They will be celebrating this incredible milestone at The Manor at 16750 Weston Rd., Kettleby on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Cocktails at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm. There will also be dancing, raffles and live entertainment. For tickets, call 905-853-5514 or visit www.therose.ca/whatsnew

# Come and See Weekend Retreat June 12th – 14th at St. Augustine's Seminary

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call. This will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years and older to spend a weekend with time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

# **Upcoming Parish Council Nominations**

There will be upcoming nominations and elections this June for 2 openings for member at large positions on the Parish Council. These positions are for a 3 year term. The draw for the positions will take place mid-June. Nomination Forms are now available in the fover and on the website – see last page of Parish Constitution. Please consider if you would be interested in serving our Parish Community in this capacity.

## First Communion Ceremonies

Beginning May 10 and for most Sundays in May and June, the children of our parish who are participating in the First Communion preparation program will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion. We ask our Church community to remember these special children in your prayers as they encounter Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Thank you.

# **Women's Ministry Meeting**

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the Parish Hall

The St. Mark's Women's Ministry presents:

"The Happy Catholic" - An Evening with Dorothy Pilarski Everybody wants to be happy. Pursuing happiness can be a life-long adventure, or it can be as simple as making a decision. This thought provoking talk will surprise you. Learn three secrets to becoming happy! Join the women of St. Mark's as Dorothy shares her signature talk. She comes with a treasure chest full of things that will leave you inspired, laughing and thinking about your life in a whole new way.

Dorothy Pilarski is a high spirited Catholic with an entrepreneurial flair, founder of Dynamic Women of Faith, author of Motherhood Matters, Monica Loves Dresses & I Love You more than Pizza Pie. As a professional speaker, facilitator, author and coach, she has appeared on Salt Light TV.



## Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 pm

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



# **Parish Movie Night**

Saturday, May 30th



An epic feature film on the famous "Apostle of Rome". St. Philip Neri was widely known for his great charity, deep prayer life, and tremendous humour. Hoping to join St. Ignatius of Loyola's new order of Jesuits and be a missionary to India, Philip was instead guided by Providence to seek out the poor and abandoned youth of Rome to catechize them in the faith and help them find a better life. He became the founder of the religious congregation, the Oratory that worked with the youth and also laboured to re-evangelize a decadent Rome.

Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm Proceeds from snack bar and donations to go towards the purchase of more movies!

Movie to start at 6:30 pm

There will be no charge to attend the show. **Italian with English subtitles Not Rated** 

Running Time: 205 minutes (Break after Part 1 for tea & cookies)

# **Marylake Shrine Upcoming Events**

Saturday, May 30th and Sunday, May 31st

The Augustinians would like to invite everyone to join them at the Marylake Shrine at 13760 Keele St., King City. May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm - Latin Mass in the Extraordinatry Form May 31<sup>st</sup> – Rosary Sunday beginning with Confession from 10 am to 11 am, Mass at 11 am, Procession, Outdoor Living Rosary at 12:45 pm. For more information, call 905-833-5368

# **EDGE Youth Night (Grade 6-8)**

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9 pm

The next EDGE Youth Night will be held at St. Marks Church in the Parish Hall on June 5. If you have any questions, email Ben and Krystiana at stmarksyouthministry@outlook.com

# Pilgrimage to Shrines in Quebec

Saturday, August 29th to Monday, August 31st

A three day pilgrimage is being organized to the beautiful shrines of Quebec this summer. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board or contact Amelia at 647-977-6991 or email ameliachongling@yahoo.com

## **Parishioner Email Addresses**

In order to facilitate communications with our Parishioners. we ask that you please provide us with your email address. This can be done by completing the yellow slips in the pews, by writing your email address on the back of your envelope or by emailing stmarksbulletin@bellnet.ca. Thank you.

# **High School Youth Ministry Mother's Day Fundraiser**

Thank you to all of you who bought our handmade paper flowers and raffle tickets to help support our fundraising efforts in sending our high schoolers to the Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference this summer.

Congratulations to **Lily Raguseo** who won "The Ultimate Mother's Day Gift Card Bouquet" raffle.

Through our Mother's Day Fundraiser, we were able to raise just under \$800, which means we have been able to meet 40% of our fundraising goal so far. We could not do it without your help, your support, and your constant prayers. If you would like to sponsor a youth who would not otherwise be able to attend this faith-based conference, please contact the parish office! - Fellowship of the King

# **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment, help us to realize our baptismal call to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of courage, guide us as we embrace our confirmation decision to live as a Christian. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, make me a faithful follower of Jesus, and a help to my neighbor. Give me the grace to keep the commandments and to receive the sacraments worthily. Spirit of God, help us to offer our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Grant me also, O Holy Spirit, Giver of all good gifts, the special favor for which I ask {name special petition}, if it be for Your honor and glory and for my well being. Amen.

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