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PASTORAL TEAM

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

STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes - Administrator
Lisa Baker - Admin. Assistant
Ben Tabucan - Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Sylvia Usling - Pastoral Assistant
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
Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

RECONCILIATION

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

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary

(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

St. Therese of Lisieux

Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Holy Hour

(Thursday 9 - 10:00 am)

Divine Mercy

(Before Friday Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help

(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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Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
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223 Millard St.
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Serra House
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W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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!

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 14th @ 7:00 pm

- † Domenico Metauro req. by Anna Metauro & Family
- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio and Mary Benincasa
- † Teresa Ferrari and Matthew Benincasa req. by Lina and Dante Benincasa

Wednesday, November 15th @ 8:30 am

- † Dennis & Gertrude Toal req. by Maureen Morrison

Thursday, November 16th @ 8:30 am and Holy Hour from 9 am to 10 am

- † Antonio, Angelina & Stan Spedaliere req. by Mary DiPasqua

Friday, November 17th @ 7:00 pm

- † Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, November 18th @ 9:00 am

Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael

- † Emidia Veroni req. by Sons
- † Harold Genge req. by Kathy Clark

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, November 19th @ 9:00 am

- † Matthew Benincasa req. by Emilio and Mary Benincasa

@ 11:00 am

- † Dino Raponi req. by Tony and Onesima Raponi and Family

@ 12:30 pm

- † Mario Colosimo req. by Angela and Family

Thank You!

A special thank you to ...

- Penny Suikki and Pat Evelyn for their hard work recovering all of our hymnals.
- Vince and Louella Sequeira for the beautiful flowers along the walkway in front of the Church.

May God bless you!

Squires' Raffle Winner

The St. Mark's Squires would like to sincerely thank the Parish community for the tremendous support of their raffle. The winner of the Basket of Gift Cards is **Lily Raguseo**. Congratulations!

Project Rachel

Weekend Retreat: November 17 - 19

Let God show you his love.

Are you still hurting from an abortion experience?

We can help. Call 416-629-8264 or e-mail

ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 5,546

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.

"Almost all the nuns who have entered this convent since the Servant of God's death have done so because of her. The first to do so in these circumstances was Mother Marie-Ange of the Child Jesus. She took the Servant of God as her model and advanced very fervently along the way of spiritual childhood.

She was entirely devoted to her Cause, and when she was prioress she succeeded in having it officially introduced. She offered up her life for its success and, after proving herself a worthy imitator of Sister Therese of the Child Jesus during her seven and a half years in religion, she died at the age of 28 with the most admirable sentiments of trust in the love for God. All the others took up the same ideal of perfection, and just concentrated on following in the Servant of God's footsteps." Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus

(Prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Senior Men's High School Retreat Our Lady of the Airways Parish, Mississauga Saturday, November 25th 8:30 am to 5 pm

The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession.

Registration for the retreat is to be done online at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs)

For more information please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Lecture: Conscientious Objection for Health Care Professionals Tuesday, November 14 at Uoft

The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research invites you to attend a free public lecture.

"Conscience and conscientious objection for nurses and other health care professions: Advancing a way forward for education and practice" with guest speaker

Dr. Christina Lamb (RN, PhD)

Tuesday, November 14 (Doors open at 7 pm)

Carr Hall, 100 St. Joseph St., University of Toronto

To reserve your seat: bioethics@deveber.org

Prayers for Trinity Western University

On Sunday, November 26, will you pray for religious freedom in Canada?

The Facts:

- Trinity Western University was denied accreditation of its law school because the school requires students to sign a community covenant which includes a commitment to reserve sexual intimacy to the marriage of one man and one woman.
- This battle for accreditation has been played out across Canada with the Federation of the Law Societies of Canada affirming the accreditation, while three of its members dissented and said they would not accredit it.
- Legal challenges have ensued in three provinces. The courts ruled in favour of TWU in two of the three cases. Two decisions were appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, one for and one against TWU. Those two cases will be heard on November 30 and December 1 in Ottawa.

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Religious Christmas Cards

On Sale in the foyer after all Masses

The Knights of Columbus Council 10874 will be selling an assortment of beautiful, religious Christmas cards in the foyer after all Masses over the next few weekends.



3rd Annual Christmas Marketplace at St. Brendan Catholic School

Friday, November 17th from 5 pm to 9 pm

50+ Vendors! Including: Jewelry * Gifts * Holiday Décor * Health and Wellness * Skincare * Home Services * and many more.

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Santa will also be visiting that night for Santa Photos. Pre-order will be available.

For more information, email sbnfundraising@gmail.com

An initiative of St Brendan Catholic Elementary School Council

Shepherds' Trust

Collection on November 18th and 19th

The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity.

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us.

The Shepherds' Trust Collection will take place next weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

 **The Shepherds' Trust**
Caring for those who always cared for us

40 Hour Adoration at St. Mark's November 24th and 25th



We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with Our Lord during our 40 Hour Adoration on Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th.

Sign-up sheets are located in the foyer.

Missing Table

A little table was put out on the side of the road in front of the senior's residence on Elm Road. If anyone picked this item up, can they please contact the Church and we will contact the owner. Thank you.



Parish Movie Night

Saturday, November 25th



This month's movie:

Joan of Arc

She died at 19, and 500 years later her legend and legacy is stronger than ever. Joan of Arc, at seventeen, led one of the greatest military campaigns for freedom the world has ever witnessed. Born to a peasant French family, Joan hears the voices of saints calling out to her to unite her besieged nation. Gaining an audience with the young French king, Joan convinces him that God is calling her to command an army into battle to save France.

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

Movie to start at 6:30pm

The movie is free to attend.

Not Rated Running Time: 180 minutes

Invitation to All Children of St. Mark's to Participate in our 12th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

SUNDAY, December 3rd, 2017 at 3 pm



WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR MORE CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Lead roles are still available. Come and have fun acting and singing the story of Jesus's birth.

Join us in the Parish Hall for our

SECOND REHEARSAL

Sunday, November 12th, 2017 at 4 PM

For further details please contact

Eugenie Villanueva-Landry at 647-828-3884 or

email EugenieVLandry@rogers.com

We are also looking for Parent & High School Volunteers.

Church Cleaning Day

Tuesday, December 5th at 9 am

Advent Cleaning

Come pitch in and join us for a good old fashioned scrubbing of the Church on

Tuesday, December 5 at 9 am.

Bring gloves, a bucket and some rags.

Signup sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

For more information contact: Jodi Harker at

416-518-0338 or jodi@enigmaresearch.com.

Social and lunch to be served at noon.

Villanova College Open House

Nov 23rd and 24th

Please join us for a personal tour at one of our upcoming Open Houses: Nov. 23 - 7pm & Nov. 24 - 10am. As York Region's only independent, Catholic school, Villanova College offers an enriched academic program from Grades 4 to 12, focusing on the development of the whole child through the teachings of the Catholic Church and through extensive co-curricular programs. Please visit our website at www.villanovacollege.org to register for one of our upcoming Open Houses or call 905-833-1909 or

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