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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.
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

Altar Servers
Altar Society
Children's Liturgy
Counter's Ministry
Edge
Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
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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!

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, November 1st @ 7:00 pm All Saints Day

For our Parish Conversion req. by Fr. Michael

† All Souls req. by MaryLou and Romano Acciaccaferri

† Romano Stipceovich req. by Milka Stipceovich

Wednesday, November 2nd @ 8:30 am & 7:30 pm All Souls Day

† Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, November 3rd @ 8:30 am

† Marg Sunnucks req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, November 4th Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm & Mass @ 8:00 pm

† Holy Souls req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, November 5th @ 9:00 am

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

† Gennaro Bruno req. by Stefanie Bruno

† Raffaele Presta req. by Angela DiBernardo and Family

† Lorenzo and Ignacia req. by Samuel and Adelina Devera

† Loreta Delos Reyes req. by Samuel and Adelina Devera

† Sam DeMuzio, All Souls & Thanksgiving to Our Father req. by Maria Morra

@ 5:00 pm

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Sunday, November 6th @ 9:00 am

† Lorenzo DeFilippis req. by Michael & Dina Simon

† Salvatore Battaglia req. by Dorothy Battaglia and Family

@ 12:30 pm

† Anne Coady req. by Crawford Family

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry

Pray For The Recently Deceased

Denise Kennedy

2017 Offertory Boxes

For new parishioners and current parishioners who do not use offertory boxes but wish to do so, please be advised that - Offertory Boxes will not be issued for the remainder of 2016. For 2017 Offertory Boxes, please fill out a request form which can be found in the lobby and submit it to the office. You can pick up your 2017 box during the general distribution which should take place the end of October. Please do not use the 2017 boxes until January. You can use the pink visitor envelopes until the end of the year.

World Mission Sunday

Thank you very much for your generous support for World Mission Sunday last week.

Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve.

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 made her first holy communion at the Benedictine Abbey on 8 May, 1884. I was already in Carmel at the time, and it was chiefly Marie who prepared her for this. Three months before her first communion, I gave her a little notebook in which she was to write down every evening her sacrifices and little acts of love for Jesus. Her total for the three months was: 818 sacrifices and 2,773 acts of love or aspirations.” – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's elder sister and future prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

New Postal Codes Needed

Canada Post is updating rural postal codes and will phase out those ending in “7X3”, “7X4” and “7X5”.

Some residents of Newmarket will also receive new postal codes as well as being redesignated as Whitchurch-Stouffville. For anyone in this situation, we ask that you please submit your new address information to the church office as soon as possible.

Please note that 2016 Tax Receipts for parishioners without correct postal codes will not be mailed out in the New Year. They will have to be picked up at the office.

Development and Peace

Inspired by Laudato Si, last year parishes and schools in our Archdiocese sent over 25,000 postcards to Ottawa asking for support to those most affected by Climate Change – the poor! Ahead of the Paris Climate Talks, the government responded with funding of **2.65 billion** by 2020! This fall we now present our vision in our Fall Action for how those funds can best be used to benefit the poor and our planet. Next weekend you will have an opportunity to express your support. Please take a moment to read the attached pamphlet on this critical issue.

Many thanks - Development and Peace - Caritas Canada

Haiti – Humanitarian Relief

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online at www.archtoronto.org
- By calling the Development Office at 416-934-3411
- By using the envelopes in the Church foyer

Make cheques payable to: St. Mark's Church – Haiti Emergency

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Our parishioners now have the option to give their offertory via the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. With PAG, your offering is deducted automatically by direct debit from your bank account

Enrollment will be on an ongoing basis and forms are available in the church foyer. If you are ready to sign up for the program, simply fill in the form, attach a void cheque and submit it to the parish office or place it in an envelope in the collection basket.

OCTOBER 30, 2016

Volunteer Position: Parish Council Acting Recording Secretary

The Parish Council Acting Recording Secretary is responsible for taking clear, concise and accurate record of minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meetings.

Further to ensure that minutes are available in a timely manner and provide accurate records to the parish.

Summary of Experience and Responsibilities:

- Prior experience with taking minutes
- Ability to take minutes using Microsoft Word
- Attend PC meetings and take accurate notes
- Within one week of each meeting, issue minutes to the Chair and Pastor for review prior to distribution.
- Keep an accurate record of the agenda and minutes, including election results and membership.
- Maintain confidentiality, when required

The Parish Council meets every six weeks for 2 hrs.

Forms can be picked up in the Church foyer or the office.

EDGE

We welcome **youth in grades 6, 7, and 8** to join us on **Friday, November 4 from 7 – 9 PM** in the Parish Hall. Register Online at: www.tinyurl.com/EDGE20162017

St. Mark Parish Mission

November 19th to 22nd

Everyone is invited to our St. Mark's Parish Mission, in preparation for Advent, given by Fr. Peter Marsalek.

Fr. Marsalek will give the homily at the masses on November 19th and 20th as well as at the weekday evening masses on the 21st and 22nd.

40 Hour Adoration at St. Mark's

November 25th and 26th



We invite parishioners to come and spend some quiet time of worship and prayer with Our Lord during our 40 Hour

Adoration on the evening of November 25th and all day on November 26th. Sign-up sheets will be located in the foyer beginning the first weekend in November.

Invitation to All Children of Our Parish!

11th ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CONCERT

SUNDAY, December 4th, 2016 at 3 pm

Come and Have Fun singing, acting and telling the story of Jesus' birth. We're looking for **you** to be Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Soldiers, Innkeepers and many more!



FIRST REHEARSAL & ROLE ASSIGNMENT

Sunday November 6th, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.

We are also looking for Parent & High School Volunteers.

For further details please contact

Eugenie Villanueva-Landry at 647-828-3884 or email

StMarksPageant2016@eugeniev.com

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER.



Catholic Corner

ALL SOULS DAY

Have you lost someone you loved?

Do you wonder what more you can do for them?

Our loved ones may be gone from sight, but not from our hearts. This is the reason the Catholic Church has set aside All Souls Day on November 2nd to remember them.

How Can We Help Our Departed Loved Ones? Many departed souls who are saved need to first be purified in Purgatory so that they may achieve the holiness necessary to enter heaven.

The Souls in Purgatory can intercede for us here on earth, but they cannot pray for themselves. These souls rely on those of us who are still pilgrims on earth to help them lessen their time in purgatory and enter the gates of Heaven by offering up our prayers, masses, rosaries, acts of charity, self-denial and fasting on their behalf.

November 2nd Mass and Envelopes

We have a wonderful opportunity to attend a special mass on November 2nd at 8:30 am or 7:30 pm on All Souls Day, **where these souls will be remembered, as well as on Friday evening masses during November.**

If you want your loved ones to be remembered in our Masses, please write down their names on the ALL SOULS envelopes available in the foyer.

For the entire month of November, there will be a glass vase in front of the altar where you can place your ALL SOULS envelope.

Squires Awards

Our St. Mark Squires Circle has been honoured with the **Corp d'Elite Award and the Brother Barnabas Award** for the good work they did at the Totus Tuus Summer Camp. **Congratulations Squires!!!**

Altar Server Awards

On October 22nd, eight altar servers from our parish received the "Bishop's Altar Server Award for Service" from the Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to: **Jonah Barclay, Akhil Bijo, Emma Boswick, Kiana Landry, Royston Louis, Carl Reina, Arjun Rodrigo and Adrian Victorkumar.**

Thank You!!!

- ❖ We would like to thank **Jodi Harker** for organizing the wonderful Altar Server Social last Saturday for the children!
- ❖ Thank you also to our Altar Society for all their hard work throughout the year: **Rose Cabrelli, Cellie Canaan, Nella Cassano, Navis Cruzada, Carolina Dicillo, Dot Gourley, Anna Marie Pierotti and Mike Semon.**

Thank You For Your Generosity


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