# 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.

#### 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 **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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#### 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

#### **VOCATIONS TORONTO**

Serra House T: 416-968-0997 W: vocationstoronto.ca

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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!

# TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, October 6th @ 7:00 pm

Stouffville Family of Schools Catholic School Council Blessing Mass

Wednesday, October 7th @ 8:30 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Thursday, October 8th @ 8:30 am

**†** Francesco Mirenzi req. by Anonymous

Friday, October 9th @ 8:30 am

🕇 Virginia Nanouris req. by Fr. Michael

Saturday, October 10th @ 9:00 am

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

T Kyle Knox req. by Fr. Michael

T Dwight Potter req. by Larry Tumino

**†** Molly McManingwell req. by Sig and Teresa Kusatz

@ 5:00 pm

† Francisco Lomibao req. by Carlos and Emy de Asis

Sunday, October 11th @ 9:00 am

† Daniel Ciardullo req. by Lucy and Mario Ciardullo

@ 11:00 am

St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

# **Pray For The Sick**

Darrel Boddington, Debbie Beauchamp, and Margaret O'Boyle (Mother of Peter O'Boyle), Grace Bodogh

# **Pray For The Recently Deceased**

Leola Banks, Violando Pacelli, Carmel Ryder, Laura Fantini Molly McManingwell, Douglas Ciceri Sr., Antonio Monaco

### **Vocations**

Matrimony – a beautiful vocation misused today. Celibacy – a beautiful gift so misunderstood today. Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because he calls us. If you feel that God is calling you to a church vocation, call Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org



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# **Food for Thought**

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
If you're spiritually curious there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the Letters to the Editor column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals but, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

#### **Life Chain**

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 2 pm to 3 pm at the intersection of McCowan Rd. and Hwy 7

Life Chain is a simple and prayerful way to give public witness to the Truth that abortion is a violent destruction of human life. It takes only an hour and all you have to do is stand quietly with others, holding a sign with a simple message. And as you stand, you can quietly pray the Rosary for the conversion of our leaders.

# Stouffville Igoma Partnership 11th Annual Banquet and Silent Auction Friday, October 23rd at 6 pm Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club

The Stouffville Igoma Partnership is organizing a banquet and silent auction to raise money to provide aid and relief to needy people in Africa. The tickets cost \$50 and can be purchased via email at www.sipartnership.org.

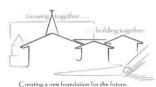
# Project Hope Special Emergency Appeal

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: <a href="https://www.archtoronto.org">www.archtoronto.org</a> or call 416-934-3411. You can also donate using the yellow humanitarian relief envelopes located in the foyer with a cheque made payable to

St. Mark's Church – Project Hope – Refugee Sponsorship.

# **OCTOBER 4, 2015**

#### **FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN**



Amount pledged to date: \$315,160

IT'S NOT IN THE MAIL!



There's an information package with your name on it but it's not in the mail!

We have an information package prepared for every member of our parish. Our ambassadors are just getting started on their visits. Over 100 families have already been visited! If you have not yet been contacted, don't worry: you will be!

Our ambassadors are excited about our upcoming expansion and will outline the vision for you.

These are kind folks who have volunteered their time in the service of our parish. Please welcome them!



If you've already been visited, please remember to send in your pledge card!

#### **Winter Schedule**

The Winter Mass Schedule will begin on the weekend after Thanksgiving – **Sunday, October 18, 2015** 

# **Praying the Rosary in October**

Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary <u>20 minutes</u> <u>before each weekend Mass in October.</u> If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

# **Art of Discernment**

# Saturday, October 17th from 9 am to 4:30 pm

A team of men and women religious and a married couple will be giving a workshop on the Art of Discernment at Loretto College, 70 St. Mary St., Toronto. The suggested donation is \$25 which includes lunch. To register or for more information, contact Sister Dorothy at dschweitzer@csj-to.ca

# **Thank You For Your Generosity**

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# **Confirmation Registration - Grade 8**

October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

- Confirmation Online Registration for Grade 8 students is now open.
- A mandatory Parent Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 7th, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.



# **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

October 10th & 11th

Donations for the Thanksgiving Food drive will be accepted at all the Masses on **October 10th and 11th**.

The following items are urgently needed by the food bank: Kraft dinner, canned fruit, applesauce, soda crackers, tins of ravioli, jam, tuna, peanut butter canned meats (no Spam or corn beef). Should a cash donation be made over \$10, a tax receipt will be given at the end of the year. Please put it in an envelope with your name, address and postal code.

Thank you for helping our neighbours in need.

# St. Mark's Healing Mass

Tuesday, October 13th at 7 pm

Everyone is invited to attend a healing Mass at St. Mark's on **October 13th**. The celebrant will be **Fr. Ben St. Croix**. For further information, please call the parish office.



# **Parish Movie Night**

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>



# This month's movie: Padre Pio, Miracle Man

Like Saint Francis of Assisi, Padre Pio had the stigmata: the wounds of Christ visible on his body. Throughout his life, he performed miracles, caring for both the physically sick as well as those with spiritual illnesses. This film follows Padre Pio's life from a young boy through his death.

This movie captures the humility, humour, and common sense of St. Pio, as well as showing the persecution he suffered from both satanic attacks and misguided Church officials who distrusted him.

Don't miss this movie!! It is absolutely superb and one of the greatest Italian Saint movies ever made!! For more information contact Sylvia at susling2000@yahoo.ca.

#### Pizza, drinks and snacks on sale at 6:00 pm Movie to start at 6:30pm The movie is free of charge.

Italian with English subtitles Running Time: 214 minutes

# **Congratulations Squires**

The St. Mark's Squire Circle received the Corps d'Elite Award. This award was given to the circle for completing activities under the four pillars, namely, Spiritual, Service, Circle and Membership, of the Columbian Squires Program. Special thanks to Kyle Medina, past Notary, for his work in completing and submitting all of the forms to State Office.

**Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.** 

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