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Ms. Sheila Malloch, B.A., B. Ed Pastoral Associate (ext. 222)

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Mr. Larry O'Grady Pastoral Council Chair

### **CELEBRATIONS OF** THE EUCHARIST Monday - Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

Mass at Loyola Arrupe 1st Fridays at 10:30 AM with Anointing of the Sick

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers Br. John Hildreth **Eucharistic Ministers** Lordi Borges Lectors: Maryanne Chard 10:00AM Choir Susan McElcheran Rehearsal: Thursday 7:00 PM 12:00 Noon Choir Gregory Furmanczyk Rehearsal: Sunday 10:30 AM Ushers: Ellen Hlebik

To contact a coordinator by e-mail, type the name of the ministry, organization or activity followed by @ioanofarc.ca

### **CELEBRATION OF** RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM or by appointment.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please call Ms. Sheila Malloch. ext. 222, for more information.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Please call Fr. Dan at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

### Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit Call the office ext. 221

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Wednesday mornings closed.

9:30 am to 1:00 pm Sunday:

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please call Fr. Dan Callahan. ext. 226, for more information.

#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League

4th Monday, 7:30 PM

Children's Liturgy

10:00 AM Mass

**Development & Peace** 

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(3rd Tuesday of the month 7:00 PM)

**Meditation Group** 

Mondays, 7:15 PM

Merry Makers

3rd Tuesday, 12:15 PM

Parish Council

2nd Monday, 7:30 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

1st Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Sunday School (ages 3-6)

During 10:00 AM Mass

Stewardship

Six week schedule

10 - 4



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15
James 1:1-11 Psalm 119
Mark 8:11-13
No Mass

Tuesday, February 16
1James 1:12-18 Psalm 94
Mark 8:14-21
5:30 pm Erwin Johnson

#### Ash Wednesday, February 17

Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51 2 Corin 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18 12:00noon Deceased Friars 5:30 pm Patrick Browne+ 7:00 pm Parish Community

Thursday, February 18
Deut. 30:15-20 Psalm 1
Luke 9:22-25
5:30 pm Consolacion Lagdamen +

Friday, February 19
Isaiah 58:1-9 Psalm 51
Matthew 9:14-15
5:30 pm Rosamunde Ficker +

Saturday, February 20
Isaiah 58:9-14 Psalm 86
Luke 5:27-32
5:30 pm Int. of Fr. Pat (birthday)

Sunday, February 20
Deut 26:4-10 Psalm 91
Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13
8:30 am Agnes Douglas +
10:00 am Jan Pabian+
12:00 noon The Parish Community
7:00 pm Rosamund Ficker +

Offertory	2009	2010
Envelopes	\$16,976	\$18,831
Loose	\$5,931	\$5,011
PAG*	\$6,687	\$8,205
Total	\$29,594	\$32,047

\*PAG: Pre Authorized Giving



#### THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Ash Wednesday this week will begin our parish journey through the 40 days of Lent. This time of retreat for the Church remembers the time when Jesus was led into the desert and was tempted by Satan who he rebuked with the words of Scripture that recalled: "it is not by bread alone that men and women live but by every word that comes from the mouth of God, and that God alone is the Lord to be worshiped."

This time also recalls the time after the Exodus that Moses led Israel through the desert to the promise land. In those years of wandering, the people of God came to know who they were, as the Chosen People. It was a time of trial where they came to know God's special providence. Not only were they given water from the rock, they were fed with "Bread from heaven", manna and quail to sustain them on the journey. It was in this experience that they were given the 10 commandments and where they discovered the consequences of disobedience to God as well as God's great mercy. This was a defining period for the people Israel, where they discovered the fidelity of God and grew to be God's faithful people.

For us lent is a time to step back and examine our lives so that we too can grow in faith and love. Together we practice the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to help us grow closer to God and to one another as a faith community.

These three disciplines work in harmony. By fasting we experience our hunger for God and our dependency on God's providence as did the Chosen people of Israel. This moves us to pray for God's help and guidance, for without this we can do nothing. As we deny ourselves of things we are given the opportunity to economize and save so that we can have something to give to those who have less than us. In this way prayer, fasting and almsgiving work together to help us to grow our awareness of our connectedness to God and to other people.

Throughout these 40 days our catechumens and those walking with us in the RCIA program will prepare to receive the Easter Sacraments. Together we will celebrate the rites during Sunday liturgies so we can grow in appreciation of the events we will recall in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord that we will celebrate in Holy Week and Easter.

Lent is indeed a time of retreat for the whole Church to be purified in our recollection of God's great love for us in Jesus. He walked with us in our human struggles so that we might realize the great destiny that he mapped out for us in his life, death and resurrection. Let us pray especially this week for the members of our RCIA program as we support them by our example and prayers.

There will be special prayer events occurring throughout the Lenten period, including Stations of the cross and a Taize evening of prayer, please look for these in the bulletin. Many people make it a practice to attend daily mass during lent and it is always encouraging to see this effort made as a visible witness to this holy time of preparation for Easter.

May God bless us with special graces during this time so that we may know more fully that we are God's holy people, set apart to know, love and serve the Lord and oneanother.

In the Love and Peace of Christ,

Fr. Dan

#### Please Pray for:

The Sick: John Ryan, Brenda Wilson, John Schlatau, Ray Stavish,

Chris Osmanski, Rita Norton, Madeline Pecchia *The Deceased:* Maria Carreno, Fr. Henry Mair, Sa

#### **Wedding Banns**

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#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

There will be a family night Feb. 16 for all Yr. 2 First Eucharist students and their families.

#### **LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

February 17 is Ash Wednesday. Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 were asked to observe it as a day of fast and abstinence, as a way of marking the beginning of our Lenten journey towards Holy Week and Easter. The other day of fast and abstinence is near the end of our journey, on Good Friday. The guidelines for fasting say that we may eat one full meal, and two smaller meals which, together, do not equal the main meal. We are asked to refrain from eating between meals and not to eat meat.

#### **Winter Welcome Appeal**

Donations of coats for the Winter Welcome Table will be accepted at the church until beginning of March. Coats and jackets will be donated to those less fortunate and those that are in need of one. We thank you in advance for your generosity in this endeavoured.

#### ShareLife Haiti Earthquake Relief

We have been instructed to have our money to the Archdiocese this week. If you haven't made a donation and wish to do so, please do it now. We will forward the money on Tuesday. *Don't forget that the government matches these funds*.

### **Theology on Tap** Monday Feb. 22 at 7:00 pm

Young adults 19-39 are invited to a social evening of thought-provoking discussion on "Catholicism & Homosexuality: "A Journey of Discernment" with guests Dr. Moira McQueen (Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute) and Denis Costello(Catholic Family Services) Munchies will be provided. Cash bar, come and bring a friend. At the Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave.

<u>Catholic Family Services</u> February 23 10 am to 12 noon (10 Sessions) The Second group for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics will take place at the North Office at 5799 Yonge St., Suite 300. For more information contact Mario Esposito at 416 222-0048.

#### On the Way to Easter

With the Sunday Readings, prepare for the Risen One through being enriched by discussion and experience of various pray forms. Thursdays: starting February 18. With Sr. Elizabeth Losinski, nds at 15 Oakmount Rd. For more details call 416 769-8805

#### THIS WEEK

#### Monday, February 15

Holiday No meetings Family Day, Enjoy!

#### Tuesday, February 16

6:30 pm RE Family night 7:00 pm Perinatal Bereavement 8:00 pm D & P

#### Wednesday, February 17

Staff meeting 7:30 pm RCIA

#### Thursday, February 18

7:00 pm Marriage Prep Class

#### Saturday, February 20

12 noon Confirmation Retreat

#### Did you know?

Fifty to eighty percent of developing countries' population live in rural areas, and about 1.5 billion people depend on small scale agriculture. "Those who produce their own food never go hungry." Haitian proverb.

#### **Art Programme**

A reminder to anyone interested in participating in the Art programme. During the construction here at the parish, the class has moved to Swansea Town Hall at 95 Lavinia Ave., on the Seniors level. Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.



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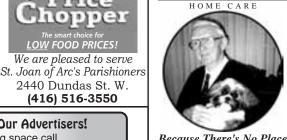
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