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**MARCH 23**

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

You might be interested in learning that last Sunday's collection was (\$6772.00) from envelopes, (\$817.00) non-envelope users and (\$1865.00) from our PAG.

**Share...Life!**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 23, 2014**

Working wonders in our community... Last year Mary Centre received a call to assist Robert, a client, when they learned that his sister Theresa, who lived with him, had collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. Due to a previous connection with Robert and Theresa, the agency was able to respond quickly. Mary Centre's respite facility at St. Bernard's is often fully booked a few months in advance but other families were supportive and changed their plans to accommodate this situation. Robert stayed at Mary Centre for 3 weeks until Theresa was able to return home and take care of him. He continues to come to St. Bernard's at least once a month where he has felt welcome and has made friends. Robert and Theresa take comfort in knowing that Mary Centre was there for them. Theresa shared, "To know Mary Centre is to know people who are kind, considerate and thoughtful; thank you for all you've have done for my brother and me." Last year, over 1,800 people with special needs received assistance from ShareLife-supported agencies.

**Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday – March 30, 2014  
Please give generously. you can work wonders**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO  
ARE SICK**

Julie Lee, Mary Falco, Nestor Torres, Glen Chung-Yan and Robert Maloney

**WE REMEMBER OUR DEAD**

Barbara Allen and Irene D'Souza

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Students preparing to receive First Holy Communion this year are reminded of the Family Gathering on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 from 10 am to Noon in the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring with you the banners your child created in the bag provided for you. Thank you!



**Monday, March 24  
8:00 a.m. + Helmut Schindler req. Johanna Vankempen**

**Tuesday, March 25  
12:00 a.m. + Romulo Abogado req. Austriaco Family**

**Wednesday, March 26  
7:00 p.m. Mass**

**Thursday, March 27  
8:00 a.m. Mass**

**Friday, March 28  
7:00 p.m. + Efren Canivel req. Maria Gabriel**

**Saturday, March 29  
9:30 a.m. Mass  
5:00 p.m. + Emilio Degli Angeli req. Teresa Degli Angeli**

**Sunday, March 30  
9:00 a.m. + Minu George req. Anu George  
10:45 a.m. Missa Pro Popolo  
12:30 p.m. Mass**

**LENTEN RETREATS ~ WEDNESDAYS:  
MARCH 26, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> AND APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>  
7:30 TO 9:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL  
TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD: DISCOVERING  
OUR TRUE SELF IN CHRIST**

Jesus taught his disciples that the kingdom of heaven was like a "treasure hidden in a field." His invitation to all of us, especially during this holy season of Lent, is to discover this treasure through prayer, fasting and letting go of all that is not of God in our lives. Come and join your fellow parishioners in this journey of discovery as we explore the meaning of this treasure as our "true self in Christ" through three Lenten mini-retreats. The retreats will be led by Dr. Michael Hryniuk, Director of Spiritual Care and are open to all .

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

All students preparing for Confirmation this June and registered in our preparation program are reminded of the Retreat for students only from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.  
Group 1: Tuesday, March 25  
Group 2: Tuesday, April 1

**Stations of the Cross**

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. each Friday evening followed by Mass

## **BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MINISTRY**

Learn and live with Jesus during this Lenten Season. Come to the Bible Study and Prayer Group for prayers, praises, and reflections on the following Sunday's Readings every Tuesday night from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Parish Hall.

## **CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**



Pope Francis reminds us that "the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing...healing the soul, healing the heart...because of something that [we] did to make it unwell... every time we go to confession, God embraces us."

During the Lenten Season, Confession will be heard during the following times:

- After 9:30 AM Saturday Mass
- During Holy Hour on First Friday, April 4th
- On the Archdiocesan Day of Confession: April 9th
  - 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM
  - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
  - After 7:00 PM Mass
- During Holy Week:
  - After 8:00 AM Mass on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - after 7:00 PM Mass on Wed., April 16<sup>th</sup>

## **YOUNG AT HEART: SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE: PART 2** **WITH SR. MARY ROSE MARRIN CSJ** **IMPORTANT: REVISED SCHEDULE**

Due to inclement weather last Wednesday, the third session of this series had to be cancelled. We have combined the third session with the fourth session on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and, as a result, we have lengthened Wednesday's session as follows:

12:00 Noon: Lunch, compliments of the Young at Heart.

Thank You!

12:30 to 3:30 Sessions 3 and 4 Combined: The Challenge of Forgiveness and Gratitude and Celebration

## **MILK BAGS FOR HAITI ~ LIVING OUT OUR LENTEN MISSION**

A huge THANK YOU to all those who came out to flatten and cut the milkbags into weaving strips last weekend. We had so much fun, that many decided to continue and now all the bags have been joined together into weaving chains! What a blessing to see so many of all ages come together for such a good cause. Please join in the fun, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> when we will weave those chains into sleeping mats, thanks to the Gr. 9 students at Jean Vanier highschool who are constructing the weaving looms!

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

In the narthex you will notice a poster with beautiful photos of couples who are planning to be married in our parish this year. This weekend and next, they will be participating in Marriage Preparation sessions, facilitated by volunteers from our Parish. Please pray for these couples:

**Vivien Kim and Danny Cunha, Melissa Palermo and Joshua Partland, Rosemary Formosa and Bradley Sinclair, Renee Chong and Bruce England, Nilla Mancino and Johnny Pavacic, Amanda Albuquerque and Sean Renz, Angela Florio and Andrea Provenzano, Adriana Formosa and Michael Manni, Kathleen Teixeira and Michael Virtu and for their facilitators: Edd and Zeny Manapul, John and Arlene Klein, Joel and Linda Eman.**

## **OLQW PRESENTS...STAYING ALIVE**

### **Boogie with the Beats of the 70's**

Join the fun Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30 to 11:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20/person and include finger foods, non-alcoholic beverages, coffee and dessert. Wine and beer will also be available for purchase. Tickets will be on sale after all masses on the weekends of March 22, and 29.

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Where: In Church meeting room - Tuesday or Friday a.m.

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## **RCIA**

We continue to walk with those journeying in the RCIA process and preparing for initiation and reception into the Church at Easter. This Sunday we celebrate the First Scrutiny with the elect at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. During this rite, the community will be asked to pray in silence and to ask that the elect be given a spirit of repentance and the true freedom of the children of God. On this day, the elect are also presented with a copy of the Apostle's Creed. The Church lovingly entrusts this prayer to them, expressing the heart of its faith and prayer. The Creed, as it recalls the wonderful deeds of God for the salvation of the human race, fills the vision of the elect with the sure light of faith. Let us pray that God may touch the hearts of our elect and candidates with the power of the Holy Spirit, and that they may come to know the Father in true faith, which expresses itself in love.



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