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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAINT PETER, THE FIRST POPE

Everything that happened during those Paschal days involves each of the apostles - and Peter in particular - in the building of the new era begun on Easter morning. As witnesses of the Risen One, they remain the foundation stones of His Church. The faith of the first community of believers is based on the witness of concrete men known to the Christians and for the most part still living among them. Peter and the Twelve are the primary "witnesses to His Resurrection", but they are not the only ones - Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion and also of James and of all the apostles.

When Christ instituted the Twelve, "He constituted [them] in the form of a college or permanent assembly, at the head of which He placed Peter, chosen from among them." Just as "by the Lord's institution, St. Peter and the rest of the apostles constitute a single apostolic college, so in like fashion the Roman Pontiff, Peter's successor, and the bishops, the successors of the apostles, are related with and united to one another."

The Lord made Simon alone, whom He named Peter, the "rock" of His Church. He gave him the keys of His Church and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock. "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head." This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church's very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope.

The *Pope*, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, "is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful." "For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 642, 880-882

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT On Sat. May 1st, at 6:15 p.m., our parish Youth Group will be showing the movie: *The Song of Bernadette*, in our parish hall. This movie recounts the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in Lourdes, France, to the sickly 14 year old Bernadette Soubirous and the miraculous origins of the spring of healing waters that continues to flow there to this day. Pizza, popcorn, homemade goodies, and drinks will be available for purchase before, and during, the showing of the movie. St. Bernadette's body is one of the most impressive of the incorrupt saints. Even though she died in 1879 her body is still incorrupt. Fr. Steven will lead a discussion after the movie. The cost is \$5 and all proceeds will go towards enabling our youth to go to World Youth Day.

PRAYER FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI

Almighty and Everlasting God, have mercy on Your servant, Pope Benedict XVI, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Your loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation, that with Your help he may ever desire that which is pleasing to You and accomplish it with all his strength. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus, shelter our Holy Father the Pope under the protection of Your Sacred Heart. Be his light, his strength and his consolation. Amen.

VOCATIONS SEEDS How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call 416-968-0997.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

- April 25 @ 12:30 p.m. – St. Charles Garnier
- April 25 @ 4:30 p.m. – St. Anne
- May 2 @ 12:30 p.m. – Fr. Henri Nouwen
- May 2 @ 4:30 p.m. – Fr. Henri Nouwen
- May 9 @ 4:30 p.m. – Public, Private Schools
- May 16 @ 12:30 p.m. – Other Catholic Schools
- May 16 @ 4:30 p.m. – Corpus Christi
- May 30 @ 12:30 p.m. – St. Mary Immaculate
- May 30 @ 4:30 p.m. – St. Mary Immaculate

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

- Monday, May 10 @ 7 p.m. – St. Mary Immaculate
- Friday, May 14 @ 7 p.m. – Fr. Henri Nouwen
- Wednesday, May 19 @ 7 p.m. – Corpus Christi (Please note that there is **NO** Mass in Italian today.)
- Thursday, May 27 – St. Anne & St. Charles Garnier

SHARELIFE A Gift of Kindness, Twice as Nice. A generous donor has pledged to match all new and increased gifts to the 2010 ShareLife campaign, up to a total of \$500,000. Help us to maximize the impact of your gift to ShareLife this year. For information, please visit www.sharelife.org. Our second ShareLife collection is this weekend. Please give generously.

WELCOME to our new Finance Council Members, Louise Wilson and Peter Ranieri. They join Peter Binelli and Ross Bruno who have been assisting for the past year.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY meeting will be held on Wed., April 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. Anyone interested in the work of the society is welcome to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be giving away Tootsie Rolls in exchange for any amount of donation to the Special Olympics (developmentally challenged athletes) after Holy Mass on April 24/25 weekend.

CWL NEWS Ongoing membership drive this month until April 26th. Please put your dues of \$25.00 in an envelope marked CWL with your name, address, email & phone number in the Sunday collection or at the church office.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2010 is on Sat., April 24th from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Bldg. For tickets or information, please go to www.lift-Jesus-higher-rally.org or call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510.

PRO-LIFE BENEFIT CONCERT on Sat., May 8th from 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. in our church hall. Everyone is welcome. Come out and enjoy a musical concert featuring various youth, as well as Susan Hookong-Taylor and Ana Da Costa. Cost: Free Will Offering. All proceeds go to Campaign Life Coalition. For information, please contact Sarah (905) 508-2685 or Liam (905) 985-4205.

SEEDS OF HOPE A reflection series based on the spiritual writings of Henri Nouwen on Sat., May 15th at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call 905-884-0025

SPREAD THE FAITH RETREAT for girls ages 15-23 on May 21-24 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener, ON. Learn how to defend the Catholic Faith, Mass, Adoration, guest speakers, music, fun outings and more. 40 spaces available. Cost:\$100.

COME AND SEE WEEK on May 29-June 5 for young women ages 18-30 at the Formation House, Glen Morris, ON. A one week live-in experience for young women who wish to test their call to the Religious Life. If you are unable to attend this week, please call the sisters at 519-653-6752 to arrange another time to visit. No cost. Please check our website www.solisisters.ca

CONCERTO DI PRIMAVERA presented by Corale San Marco on Saturday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Immaculate Church. Cost: \$20. This is a Fundraising concert for our repair and Maintenance fund. Tickets are available at the Church Office.

SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MONASTERY, EWTN PILGRIMAGE on June 16th to 20th (5 days/4 nights) with Fr. Andrea Biaggi. Cost: \$385/pilgrim. \$50 deposit due upon registration. Deadline to register: April 15, 2010. For info, please contact Boots at 416-832-1608.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH, a Maltese-Canadian Parish, Toronto, is calling all children and young people especially those of Maltese origin for a special meeting with the Archbishop of Malta on Saturday, May 8th at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

3^a di Pasqua - 18 aprile 2010

“Il Salvatore non dice a Pietro ‘Digiuna’ o ‘Vigila per me’, ma, cosa che è più degna e utile alla comunità, gli affida la cura pastorale delle anime. Io – dice – non ho bisogno di nulla. Pasci il mio gregge e ripagami l’amore con cui ti ho amato; e in tal modo mi ripagherai la grazia che mi è dovuta, perché la tua sollecitudine verso quelli io la prenderò come riservata alla mia persona (Teodoro di Mopsuestia, *Commento a Giovanni 7.10*).”

“Senza la confessione di questo più grande amore, il buon Pastore che dà la sua vita per le pecore non potrebbe affidargli (*a Pietro ndr*) nessun gregge da pascolare. Poiché il ministero di Gesù ricevuto dal Padre è identico alla dedizione della sua vita per amore a favore delle sue pecore. E affinché questa unità di ministero e di amore, assolutamente richiesta dalla consegna del ministero da parte di Gesù, sia definitivamente sigillata, viene predetta a Pietro la crocifissione, dono della perfetta imitazione. Da allora la croce rimarrà congiunta con il papato, anche se ci saranno papi indegni; ma quanto più seriamente uno prende il suo ministero, tanto più pesante sentirà sulle sue spalle le croce (H. U. von Balthasar, *Luce della parola p. 295*).”

Preghiera a San Michele Arcangelo: “San Michele Arcangelo, difendici nella battaglia; sii nostro aiuto contro la malvagità e le insidie del diavolo. Che Dio eserciti su di lui il suo dominio, preghiamo supplichevoli: e tu, o Principe della milizia celeste, col divino potere ricaccia nell'inferno Satana e gli altri spiriti maligni che si aggirano per il mondo per perdere le anime. Amen.”

AVVISI

1. Si programmano i seguenti pellegrinaggi: - 30 maggio, Midland; - 26 giugno: Fatima; - 24-27 luglio: Sant’Anna; - settembre: 5 nazioni; - 25-26 settembre: Santi Medici; - ottobre, Terra Santa; - 12 settembre: Teopoli. Per ulteriori informazioni, chiamate Ezia (905-884-3896) o Antonietta Miniaci (905-737-3210).
2. Vi si invita a cominciare le preparazioni per la vendita di dolci per la Festa della Mamma il 9 maggio.
3. Sabato, 5 giugno, alle 7.30pm, il Coro San Marco terrà un concerto in chiesa in aiuto del fondo per i ripari alla nostra chiesa; biglietti \$ 20.

MASS INTENTIONS**April 18 – 24**

- SUN. 9:30 a.m.** †Virginia D'Intino
†Adelina Grossi
†Sabatino di Giulio
†Gabriel Magnotta
†Berardo & Maria Zuccarini
†Incoronata & Francesco Toffi
& deceased fam. member
†Bruno Sposato
†Angelo Mignardi
†Antonio Flagiello
Spec. Int. Of Nino & Rosa Ciatola
†Ferdinando Paniccia
- MON. 8:00 a.m.** In Thanksgiving (Caldeira Family)
- TUE. 8:00 a.m.** †Angelo Pacitti
- WED. 8:00 a.m.** †Michaelangelo Montano
7:00 p.m. In Honour of St. Joseph
†Vito Venutolo
†Gabriel Magnotta
†Heinz Franke
†Carolina Mastromattei
†defunti Fiorentino & Zuccaro families
†Alberto Perricciolo
†Filippa Galle
†Holy Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of our Holy Father
Intentions of SMI priests
- THURS. 8:00 a.m.** †Christopher Morawiecki
- FRI. 8:00 a.m.** †Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. In honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
†Holy Souls in Purgatory
†John Cook
†dec. Members of the Paxton Family
†Stan Prince
†Fr. Modeste Gasigna
Special Intention
Intentions of SMI priests
Intentions of our Holy Father
- SAT. 9:00 a.m.** In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
†Libera Mastro
Holy Souls in Purgatory
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