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Email: secretary@stmarysbarrie.com Website: www.stmarysba.archtoronto.org Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MASSES:

Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Sun.: 8:00, 10:00, 12:00 & 4:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 12:10 p.m. (except Wed.) Wednesday & 1st Friday......7:00 p.m. Saturday & Holidays.....9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Wed. 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. or Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS (2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS): Please pick up a Baptism Package from the parish office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: 1ST Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish priest one year prior to the anticipated date of marriage. Couples are reminded not to book a banquet hall before meeting with the Pastor.

CONFIRMATION & 1st COMMUNION: Contact the parish for information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish Office

R.C.I.A. - For adults wishing to become Catholic.
R.C.I.C. - For the baptism of older children(aged 7-14).
Public/Private School Program - for school aged children not attending Catholic Schools.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday to Friday: 1:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. All welcome.

Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641 Altar Servers: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Bereavement Committee: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Birthright: 109 Bayfield Street - 705-737-3550 Catholic Family Services: 705-726-2503

Catholic Women's League: Anne Marie Martyniuk-728-0109

Cenacle: Audrey Belcourt - 705-792-0489

Children's Liturgy: Phil Deschenes -705-730-7946

Development & Peace: Becky Johnson - 705-325-4614

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion - 705-728-2985

Finance Committee: Parish Office - 705-728-2985

Knights of Columbus: Paul Gamble - 728-1641 (Hall)

Simcoe Sojourners: Frank Kewin - 705-720-2492

Lectors: Parish Office - 705-728-2985 **Library:** Leola Chiasson - 705-728-1451

Marriage Encounter: John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694

PARISH STAFF:

SCHOOLS:

St. Mary's School - 705-726-1843 St. Monica's School - 705-726-8221 Monsignor Clair School - 705-737-2812 St. Marguerite d'Youville School - 705-726-5849 The Good Shepherd School - 705-728-2302 Sister Catherine Donnelly - 705-726-1221 St. Joseph's High School - 705-728-3120 Board Office - 705-722-3555

MINISTRIES TO THE HOSPITALIZED & SHUT-INS: If people are in the hospital or are unable to come to mass because of age or other limitations, contact the parish so that they may receive communion regularly.

Marriage Preparation Registration: 705-728-2985
Maturing Adults: Mary Perry White - 705-728-2985
Ministry Affirmation: (Screening):Parish Office - 705-728-2985

New Beginnings: Mary Golds - 705-737-0368 Out of the Cold: Carol Forget - 705-726-1036 Parish Council: Barry Martyniuk - 705-728-2985

Property Committee: Michael Lukachko - 705-487-5005 Refugee Committee: Christine Ignas - 705-770-9199 Religious Articles Store: Pat Dunn - 705-720-2483 Retrouvaille: (for troubled marriages) - 416-281-6007 Rosary Apostolate - Anné Gariepy - 705-737-5263 Share Life Committee: Tom Bolland 705-321-7803

Social Life: Parish Office - 705-728-2985 Stay 'n Play: Mickie Oakes - 705-728-2985 St. Mary's Cemetery: - 705-726-3931 St. Vincent de Paul: - 705-722-0753

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register with the parish before seeking any sacraments or any other services. Registration forms are available in the church foyer, on our parish website, and in our parish office. † Jan and Nelly Nelissen

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 5	12:10 p.m.	† Carmelo Galle
Tuesday, December 6	12:10 p.m.	† Anne Graham
Wednesday, December 7	10:30 a.m.	Grove Park, 234 Cook Street
-	7:00 p.m.	† Paolo Perri and Frank Rinaldi
Thursday, December 8	12:10 p.m.	† Eugenio Tolfo
Friday, December 9	12:10 p.m.	† Steven Tracey
Saturday, December 10	9:00 a.m.	† Fred Harper; † Gerd Meisler
		† Gary Calvert; † Helen Valkovskis





Please remember to pray for those who are sick especially *Frank Milani*, *Jennifer*

O'Toole, Mike Fountain, Audre Claire, Sandra Mortley, Craig Binsfield, Betty Brassard, Diane and Murray Mason, Greg O'Neil and Evelyn Guscott.



Please remember to pray for those who have died especially **Tony Delost, Helen Rivers**,

Anna Porretta, Paquette Gilbert and Kazia Pitrowski.



Join us for Coffee after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. A big thanks to this

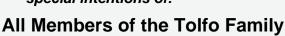
week's host, St. Joseph's High School.

MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

December 3 to December 10

Our sanctuary lamp is lit -

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Requested by: Antonia Tolfo ADORATION CHAPEL

ow is the time to commit to spending an hour with Our Lord in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. We need help with the following hours: *Monday 5:00-6:00 p.m., Tuesday 4:00-5:00 p.m.* and *Friday 2:00-3:00 p.m.* Please call the parish office at 705-728-2985 or Mary Bond at 705-726-6641.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The Knights of Columbus are again selling Christmas Trees with all proceeds to charity. Three locations open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Berczy St., and Wal-Mart North. *Please help us support our charities!*

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 (midnight)

(No 9:00 a.m. Mass or Confessions)

Christmas Day - Dec. 25

10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon (No 4:00 p.m. Mass)

<u>Boxing Day – Dec. 26</u> 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Vigil of the Feast of Mary -Dec. 31 5:00 p.m.

(No 9:00 a.m. Mass or Confessions)

New Year's Day
Feast of Mary Mother of God-Jan. 1
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
(No 4:00 p.m. Mass)

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSION

"Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. And is He waiting to beat me? No, he



waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us." – Pope Francis.

Confessions at our parish will be available on Wednesday, December 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Resources are available at the back of the church or by visiting http://www.archtoronto.org/confession/.

CHRISTMAS CHEER



Christmas Cheers is in full swing. Please consider helping by purchasing canned foods, packaged foods (please no glass containers),

new unwrapped toys, new books and any knitted items (hats, scarves, and mittens). Most needed items are for boys and girls aged 8-10 years old, toddler sized diapers, pull-ups and baby items. Cash donations are welcome along with Canadian Tire money. You may leave these with the parish office. Please drop off your donations at the back doors of Flags Unlimited on St. Vincent Street located at the bottom of the overpass. If donations are brought here, you may leave them in the parish hall. We will call them for pick up. *The deadline to drop off donations is Monday, December 19th. Thank you!*

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Activities

Youth Ministry is alive and well at St. Mary's. A

strong core of adults and youth leaders have kicked off both Edge and M.E.R.C.Y in style. Survivor and an All Saints Party had approximately 120 youth from Grade one to twelve hanging out at the church singing and praying and having an all round great time. This past Friday over 95 youth from Edge and M.E.R.C.Y. came together to learn about the corporal works of mercy. They are putting this knowledge to action by filling Christmas stockings for Out of the Cold and sending Christmas cards and letters to the incarcerated. To learn more and follow our youth, give us a follow:

Twitter: @Edge_at_StMarys;
Instagram: stmarysyouthministry or
Facebook: StMarys Barrie YouthMinistry.

Our next gathering for M.E.R.C.Y. is on Friday, December 16. Come join us! For further info. or questions, please contact Shannon Barks at 705-229-7426.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



<u>Christmas Social</u>: <u>Tuesday, December</u> **20th.** It is an evening for all ladies of the parish (members and non-members) to gather in prayer, meet new friends and enjoy a social evening filled with laughter. Please join us in the church hall at 7:00

p.m. We will also be presenting Year of Service Pins. If you believe you are eligible for a pin and have not received a phone call, please call Anne Marie Martyniuk at 705-728-0109.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



Ministry with Maturing Adults is hosting an Advent Retreat Day of preparation "Living in Expectant Hope."

Men and women (50 +) are invited to attend this time of preparation and reflection at St. Mary's Parish on Wednesday, December 7th at 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The retreat director Mary Bastedo is a member of L'ARCHE Daybreak. Mary holds a Masters in Divinity and a Diploma in Scriptural Direction from Regis College, Toronto. She also led workshops with the Henri Nouwen Society. Bring a bag lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. All maturing adults are welcome no registration required. There will be a free will offering. For more information please contact Mary Perry White at 705-728-2985 ext. 104 or email: maturingadults@stmarysbarrie.com.

Writing Circle Alumni Group will meet on Thursday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m. in room 1. This gathering is for those who have completed the Life Writing Program.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2017



PARISH SUPPORT

The **2017 Offertory envelopes** will be available for pick up in the fover or at the side door on

December 10th and 11th (next weekend). If you have a printed address label, please use these on your first couple of envelopes to ensure your name and address is easily read. We suggest that if you regularly contribute using a yellow pew envelope, please pick up a box of collection envelopes to ensure your 2017 donations are accurately credited to you. For those Pre-Authorized Giving participants, the 2017 Special Collection Envelopes have been mailed directly to your home. DO NOT pick-up a regular box of envelopes. We invite all parishioners to consider PAG as an option of parish support for the coming year. New Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) supporters will become active in January with the monthly withdrawals taken on the 20th of the month. Forms are available in the fover or parish office.

Thank you for your continued support.

NEW BEGINNINGS



A support group for separated, divorced and widowed persons. For the month of December we will meet on **Tuesday**, **December**

13th from 6:30– 9:00 p.m. in room 1 for a potluck! For further info. call Mary Golds at 737-0368. *This is instead of the regularly scheduled meeting on Dec.* 27^{th} .

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