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May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 2	9:00 a.m.	† Respect for Life at all Stages
Tuesday, January 3	12:10 p.m.	† Trevor McClendon
Wednesday, January 4	7:00 p.m.	† Eugene Noga
Thursday, January 5	12:10 p.m.	† The Matys & Camilleri Families
Friday, January 6	12:10 p.m.	† Kazimiera Pitrowski
	7:00 p.m.	† Anne Graham
Saturday, January 7	9:00 a.m.	† Brunina Galle
Intentions of Lionel Jessome		



With best wishes for the coming year



In Loving
Remembrance

Please remember to pray for
those who have died especially
† **Paula Strasser.**

MEMORIAL LAMP & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

December 31 to January 7

Our sanctuary lamp is lit –

In loving memory of:

† **Elizabeth Stein**
who is forever in our thoughts and prayers.

Requested by: George and Sophie Wick



COMMUNION MINISTERS TO SHUTINS



Can you imagine taking on the commitment and privilege of bringing the Sacrament to a certain number of people on a weekly basis? We are looking for new communion ministers to visit and take communion to those who are shut-in and reside in care homes connected with the parish. If you think this is something you can do, please call Deacon Ron in the parish office at extension 115.

LIBRARY



Do you have a good book to read on those quiet days that come after Christmas? Maybe a visit to our parish library will give you an opportunity to reflect on our faith in a new and particular way.

Also, if you find that your book shelf is getting crowded, if you have books that you wish to pass on to the parish library, drop them off at the office. Any that are fairly new that are not already in the holdings will be put in the library. The same goes for DVDs and CDs.

ENTERING A NEW YEAR AS A MARRIED COUPLE



The parish Social Life Committee will be hosting a **Marriage Renewal Mass** and reception on **Friday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m.** here at St. Mary's. We invite all married couples to come out to celebrate the gift of their vocation. As part of the Mass there will be a blessing for all couples attending. Afterwards you are invited for a time of fellowship in the hall. Feel free to invite any couples who in fact may not be associated with our parish but could find encouragement in this special event.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Membership Drive-next Sunday, January 8. You will find a membership envelope for January 8th in with your envelopes. We did change our Membership Sunday to October from here on, which will be reflected in the envelopes next year. Please use this blue envelope if you have not submitted your 2017 membership or save until October for your 2018 membership.

For ninety years, the Catholic Women's League has been part of parish life at St. Mary's. The league, as its motto states, is committed to animating the life of the community to a greater connection to God and country

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH

With the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas Season officially ends.

Monday, January 9th after the noon Mass we will take down our decorations in the church. Anyone who can help is encouraged to assist.



With sincere thanks.... *We have so much to be thankful for in St. Mary's Parish as we look back on the Christmas Season.*

To the parish schools, Principals and teachers for the joyful celebrations of Mass in the schools; to our music ministry who enriched our liturgies and to our lectors, communion ministers, altar servers and ushers, a heartfelt thank you. To the members of our garden committee who decorated the front entrance of the parish so beautifully and to Yvonne Hargreaves, who generously gave of her time and talent to decorate the church at Christmas. Thank you to all who shared their good cheer with kind words and for the many gifts and cards brought to the parish office. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Let us look to this New Year with its great promise and hope. Msgr. Marco, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Gustave, Deacon Ron, Deacon Del and Parish Staff.



COFFEE SUNDAY



A **big thank you** to the following who were hosts for coffee Sunday during the last part of the parochial year.

The Johnston/Ismail Family	Sept. 11
Social Life-New Parishioner's Reception	Sept. 18
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Sept. 25
Knights of Columbus	Oct. 2
The Johnston/Ismail Family	Oct. 9
Catholic Women's League	Oct. 16
Out of the Cold	Oct. 23
Bereavement Committee	Oct. 30
Knights of Columbus	Nov. 6
Catholic Women's League	Nov. 13
The Good Shepherd School	Nov. 27
St. Joseph's High School	Dec. 4

STAY 'N PLAY



The Stay 'n Play program will resume **Wednesday, January 11th from 10-11:30 a.m.** We look forward to seeing you for a time of

fellowship as your baby/young child has the opportunity for socializing through playtime, story time, snacks, and prayer. For information, please call Mickie Oakes in the parish office at ext. 110.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a

vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@vocations.ca.



MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



Lunch & Learn is an ongoing DVD Lecture series on the Great World Religions, and will resume on **Monday, January 9th** following the 12:10 p.m. Mass. The program is held in room 3, bring your lunch if you wish and coffee is provided. **Christian Mediation:** Tuesday, January 10th in room 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Writing Circle Alumni Group: Thursday, January 12th at 1:00 p.m. in room 1. This gathering is for those folks who have completed the Life Writing Program.

For further information please contact Mary Perry White at 705-728-2985 ext. 104 or email maturingadults@stmarysbarrie.com.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2017. The Theme for this coming year is **"Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us."** (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20). They should read the aforementioned Scripture passage and respond to the following statement in their essay:

As the Christian world reflects on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517-2017) and after reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, discuss the main obstacles to Christian reconciliation and ways to overcome them based on your own experiences. You could win... an iPad Air 2, 64 GB or a Kobo Aura H2O, and many other prizes!

Essays due before Jan. 13, 2017. Email to: editor@catholicregister.org or Fax to 416-934-3409. Include your name, address, telephone number and school on the front page. Questions? Call 416-934-3400 ext. 344.

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