St. Mary's Church

65 Amelia Street, Barrie, Ontario L4M 1M7 Telephone: 705-728-2985 Fax: 705-728-2989 Email: stmarysba@archtoronto.org Website: www.stmarysba.archtoronto.org Parish Office Hours Monday to Thursday 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 a.m.,10:00 a.m. (livestreamed), 12:00 p.m., 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.

CHURCH HOURS - OPENING/CLOSING

WEEKEND - Open 20 minutes prior to each Mass and closed directly after each Mass. WEEKDAY - Open at 11:00 a.m. - Closed at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday's - Open at 4:00 p.m. - Closed at 8:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Wed. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. or Sat. 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

BAPTISM INFORMATION: Contact a priest or Catherine Ecker, Parish Catechist after Mass on Sunday.

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

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: 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.

Adoration Chapel: Mary Bond - 705-726-6641 Altar Servers: Parish Office - 705-728-2985 Bereavement Committee: Parish Office - 705-728-2985 Catholic Family Services: 705-726-2503 Catholic Women's League: Dianne Hunter - 705-725-9007 Cenacle: Audrey Belcourt - 705-792-0489 Children's Liturgy: Parish Office - 705-728-2985 Development & Peace: Becky Johnson - 705-327-9609 Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion: 705-728-2985 Interfaith Refugee Committee: Sheila Lewis-Watts 705-737-1880

Knights of Columbus: Dean Beaudry - 728-1641 (Hall) Lectors: Parish Office - 705-728-2985 Library: Arlene LeBlanc - 705-728-0736

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor - ext. 104 Rev. Neyomal Liyanage Silva, Associate Pastor - ext. 107 Deacon Del Allan - ext. 125 Susan Scarff, Administrative Assistant - ext. 101 Catherine Ecker, Coordinator of Ministry with Maturing Adults and Parish Catechist - ext.115 Shannon Barks, Music/Youth Minister - ext. 116 or 705-229-7426 Clint Tyler, MSW Counsellor - ext. 101 Pat Borho, Finance - ext. 102 Cathy O'Connor-Horgan,Custodian of Records - ext113 Dennis Cormier, Building Manager

PARISH 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHURCH PROPER

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday After the 12:10 p.m. Mass to 3:00 p.m. All welcome

Marriage Encounter: John & Daphne Jeffery-705-721-1694 Marriage Preparation Registration: 705-728-2985 Maturing Adults: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115 Ministry Affirmation: (Screening):Parish Office - 705-728-2985 New Beginnings: Mary Golds - 705-737-0368 Religious Articles Store: Pat Dunn - 705-718-1853 Retrouvaille: (for troubled marriages) - 416-281-6007 Rosary Apostolate - Anné Gariepy - 705-305-0911 Sacramental Preparation: Catherine Ecker - ext. 115 Simcoe Sojourners: Jacinta Kewin - 705-720-2492 Social Life: Parish Office - 705-728-2985 St. Mary's Cemetery: Larry Meyer 705-726-3931 St. Vincent de Paul: 705-722-0753 Youth Ministry: Shannon Barks - 705-229-7426

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week 10:00 a.m. Intentions Carmen and Frank Grech Monday, May 3 Tuesday, May 4 10:00 a.m. **†** Rosario Pinto Wednesday, May 5 10:00 a.m. **†** Scott Forrester Thursday, May 6 10:00 a.m. **†** John Shaughnessy Friday, May 7 10:00 a.m. † Joan Brophy **†** Lucy and Paul Sciberras 10:00 a.m. † Anna Salomone, † Jane Grasman Saturday, May 8 **† Peter Baldo**



Please pray for those who are sick including: Judy Turnbull, Tom

Walsh, Jeff Beairsto, Esther Drobot, Ernie Allard, Ruth Johnson, Greg Keevaney, Denise LaPorte, Joanne Leroux, Kathleen O'Donnell, Jerry Elias, Will Dwyer, Brian Orieux, Wendy Brophy and Ruth Aughton.



Please remember those who have died including: Sandra Hickey and Ruth Hansen.

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter you are asked to pray in an intentional way for families preparing for Baptism, for our young people waiting to be confirmed and for all families preparing their children to begin to share in Holy Communion.

Gracious God.

I pray for the families waiting to celebrate

a sacrament during the Easter Season. I ask for your blessing upon them. Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for our families.

YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH RETREAT – Save the **REVISED Date!** We are excited to announce that prolific Catholic speaker, Paul J. Kim who currently resides in Texas, is joining virtually on Saturday,

May 15th for a retreat for our young people. It will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For further details or to register for the retreat, please email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call (705) 229-7426.

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION **OR FIRST SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION**



All preparation meetings and celebrations have been suspended. Please check your emails regularly for updates and consult the parish website and



bulletin. All questions about preparation and celebration of the sacraments may be directed to Catherine Ecker at cecker@archtoronto.org.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



CWL is asking fellow parishioners to contribute to our drive for the Women's and Children's Shelter of Barrie on Mothers' Day, next

weekend, May 8 and 9. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the shelter had to build two additional washrooms to accommodate all of their clientele. As can be expected with the stress people are undergoing due to the pandemic, the shelter is full at this time and would be most grateful for your donations of cash or cheques. (Please make cheques payable to: The Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie).

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Please enclose your donation in an envelope for your support! clearly marked CWL WOMEN AND

CHILDREN'S SHELTER DRIVE. You may leave cash or a cheque at the parish office drop box or mail your donation to St. Mary's Church, ATTENTION CWL, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie, ON L4M 1M7. Please add your name and address so that the shelter can issue you a tax receipt. Thank you for any support you can give to this most important drive.

You are Invited to Join Us for Faith Nourishment Tuesday May 4th at 7:30 p.m. Topic: The Holy Spirit

The Church calls all people to continue to grow in understanding and knowledge of our faith. To assist all members of the parish we are offering a monthly session of prayer, catechesis (teaching) and discussion. During the time of lockdown we shall meet on line. Our next session will be held on Tuesday, May 4th and the topic is the Holy Spirit. Please email Catherine

(<u>cecker@archtoronto.org</u>) to get the link. All are welcome to join Father Larry and Catherine for a time of faith nourishment!

WE ARE CALLED TO PRAY!

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During this stage of the pandemic many people are suffering, our hospitals are over capacity and our front-line workers in the hospital, long term care facilities and nursing homes are exhausted. During the month of May, Monday through Friday you are invited to come together in prayer virtually at 3:00 p.m. to pray the rosary for those affected by Covid and all health care professionals. You may join us online via Zoom. If you prefer not to use Zoom you are invited to pray at 3:00 p.m. knowing you will be in

union with those who are online praying. For those joining online the Zoom link will open at 2:50 p.m. and no one will be admitted after 3:00 p.m. as the leaders will be praying. For more information or to receive the link please email Catherine Ecker at <u>cecker@archtoronto.org</u> or call 705 728 2985 ext. 115 and leave a message.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our local Red Cross office are able to provide seniors with free transportation to their vaccine appointment. Call 705 721 3313. For a minimal fee they can provide transportation to medical appointments. You are encouraged to book early.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS



Christian Meditation meets weekly, online. The next session is on Tuesday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m. Christian Meditation is one form of

prayer and is a discipline that requires practice, concentration and commitment. This ancient form of Christian contemplative prayer invites us into a time of sacred silence. All are welcome. No prior experience is needed. If you have any questions or to receive the link to the meeting please email Catherine Ecker at <u>cecker@archtoronto.org.</u>

The **Next Chapter Network** is a faith-based support network for women who are widowed. The network encourages and empowers widows to move forward into a positive future. *This group is not a bereavement support group and is not intended to replace the Bereavement Support Group at St. Mary's Church.* The next meeting will be online on **Monday, May 3rd from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** To get the link or more information please contact Catherine Ecker at <u>cecker@archtoronto.org</u>.

Ministry with Maturing Adults Free Webinar! The Office of Formation for Discipleship is offering a webinar on Saturday, June 5th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP, on, *"Prescription for COVID: A Daily Dose of Faith, Hope and Love."* These unprecedented times have been upsetting, unfair and challenging for maturing adults. We need our daily dose of faith, hope and love to fight off the fear, gloom and dread. As we reflect on what helped us through this past year, we discover that it was – and continues to be – the strength of the Gospel, which provides us with answers to the trauma and fears of the pandemic.

All men and women in the second half of life (50+), including volunteers, parish leaders, parish staff and priests are welcome to join this webinar.

To register, please visit: <u>http://bit.ly/MAW-RegisterJune2021</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or formation@archtoronto.org.

