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Mr. Dan Christante	Property Manager

OFFICE HOURS

Mon Thu.	9:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
Friday:	9:00 a.m 4:30 p.m.
Saturday:	3:00 p.m 5:30 p.m.
Sunday:	9:00 a.m 1:30 p.m.
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays at 2:00 p.m. by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory one Year in advance of desired date.

WEEKEND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil	Mass:	4:30 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
	12:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday:	8:00 a.m.
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT First Friday of the month

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

NOVENA - ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

VOCATIONS Fr. Hansoo Park, Director Vocations 416-968-0997 www.serrahouse.ca www.vocations.ca

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools

Blessed Trinity School	416-393-5289
St. Agnes School	416-393-5345

Secondary Schools

St. Joseph's Morrow Park	416-393-5516
Brebeuf College School	416-393-5508



Monday, January 14 Special Intention	8:00 am
<u>Tuesday, January 15</u> Lawrence Wong (Deceased) Requested by Janice Lee	8:00 am
<u>Wednesday, January 16</u> Dora D'Souza (Deceased)	8:00 am
<u>Thursday, January 17</u> ST. ANTHONY, Abbot Deceased Members of F.O.S.S. <i>Requested by Teresa Lam</i>	8:00 am
<u>Friday, January 18</u> Maurice Michael (Deceased) Requested by Charmaine Michael	8:00 am
<u>Saturday, January 19</u> Boguslaw Furmanek (Deceased) Requested by the Furmanek family	9:00 am

Parent Meetings Blessed Trinity Church - Parish Hall

First Reconciliation/First Communion

For parents of registered students to receive the Sacrament of First Communion at Blessed Trinity Church this year from Blessed Trinity School, St. Agnes School, private schools and Saturday classes.

Meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 7:00 pm

Confirmation

For parents of registered students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Blessed Trinity Church this year from Blessed Trinity School, St. Agnes School, private schools and Saturday classes.

Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 7:00 pm

CALLING ALL YOUTH

Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you interested in performing for an audience? Are you between the ages of 8-16?

If so, you are invited to audition for the **First Annual Blessed Trinity Parish Talent Night**. The Talent Night will take place on *Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 7:00 pm*.

Auditions will be held the afternoon of Sunday, February 10, 2013. Sign up and further information will be available after all liturgies in the parish office. This will be an exciting evening to showcase our parish's talented youth!



Catholic Women's League

Annual Dinner Dance - 'Winter Gala' Saturday, January 26, 2013

You are cordially invited to come and join your fellow parishioners and friends for a fun evening of socializing and dancing to a fabulous mix of music by Nth Degree Group. The evening will include a delicious catered *prime rib dinner* and many door and raffle prizes. *Tickets are \$50 per person, and will be sold after the Masses the weekends of January 12/13 and 19/20.* If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Arlene Steger at 905-889-6959. For tickets, you may also contact Velma Letterio at 416-226-0590.

Membership Fee for 2013 – (\$30.00) is now due. Thank you to all members who used the blue envelope in their weekly envelopes to renew. If you have not renewed yet, you may do so after the Masses on the coming weekends, or leave it at the office. For further information, please contact Gisele Hall at 416-223-7826.



Knights of Columbus

Executive Meeting:

Monday, January 14, 7:30 pm, Trinity Room **General Meeting**:

Monday, January 21, 7:30 pm, Trinity Room.



The Fellowship of St Joseph (Assoc. of Hebrew Catholics) presents another series this year beginning on *Tuesday January 22 in the parish hall, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.* The topic will be the Catholic Church and Israel and will answer the following questions: What is the current relationship between the

Jewish people and the Catholic Church in the light of recent papal visits to synagogues in Europe and the U.S., and to the State of Israel? What is the historical background to this new understanding? How can this impact our connection to the Jewish people in our midst?

<u>Upcoming</u> <u>events</u>: Lenten/Easter Series---Tuesday February 19: Fr. Eric Rodrigues; Tuesday March 19 and Tuesday April 16: Messianic Prophesy Parts 3 and 4: The Suffering Servant Songs of Isaiah.

Guided Tours of St. Michael's Cathedral

When was the last time you were at the Cathedral? Have you ever taken a guided tour with one of their volunteers to learn more about the Cathedral's history and architecture? Join them on **Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm**, after the noon Mass, for 30 minutes (maximum 20 people per tour). School groups and other parish-related groups are invited to call and book a time for a tour during the week.

For more information or to book a tour, contact Larkin Timney at 416-364-0234, ext. 221 or cathedral@st-mc.com

North York Retirees Club (serving North York for over 20 years) – The winter series of bi-weekly meetings begins on *Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 2:00 pm* in the Blessed Trinity parish hall. Refreshments will follow at 3:00 pm. Presentations by our upcoming speakers will cover a wide range of interesting topics, continuing through to the end of April. A luncheon is scheduled for May 7, 2013, with the next full season starting up in September 2013. Half-season memberships are available for \$20 per person. All seniors are welcome – why not make it a great day and join them! For more information, call Gerry Fourchalk at 905-709-0937 or Fred West at 416-221-1876.

<u>Why Use Envelopes</u> – Do you use envelopes for your weekly offertory? Please consider starting this year! For a free box, please contact the parish office. By using envelopes, you lead by example, helping our parish with regular giving – and you benefit from income tax savings!

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call.

> February 1st – 3rd, 2013 St. Augustine's Seminary

This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

Society of Sharing – is a non-profit organization and a ShareLife member agency dedicated to serving seniors and adults with disabilities. They are looking for medical and shopping escorts to accompany seniors to and from medical appointments, or to take them grocery shopping. Their clients are socially isolated seniors living alone in their own homes suffering from medical conditions, physical disability and loneliness. You can make a difference in their lives! For more information, contact Dexter at 416-413-0380, ext. 224 or dexter@societyofsharing.org or visit www.societyofsharing.org

Serra Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

"O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind. Grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in the fulfilling the ministry that have received." Amen

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina: "If the soul longs for nothing else than to love its God, then don't worry and be quite sure that this soul possesses everything, that is possesses God himself."

Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.



Baptism of the Lord

Jesus did not need to be baptized since He had no sins to repent. The whole significance of Jesus' baptism comes from the fact that it is "an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity, and the voice that calls out

'This is my beloved Son' over the baptismal waters is an anticipatory reference to the Resurrection.[...] " $\!\!\!$

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation. (Gen 1:2) Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. 'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners.' (J Ratzinger, Jesus of Nazareth, Bloomsbury 2007, p18)

" Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received though not in its fullness - a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power forever and ever. Amen." Saint Gregory of Nazianzen

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Prayer

"Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever." Amen.

