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 Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
 Rev. Mr. John Schwarzbauer
 Deacon
 Rev. Mr. Wayne McCulloch
 Deacon
 Mary Ann Mehes - Secretary
 Lad Mehes - Caretaker

OFFICE HOURS
 Tuesday — Friday
 9:00 am — 3:30 pm
 Closed for lunch 12 — 1 pm
 CLOSED MONDAYS

WINTER SCHEDULE
WEEKDAY MASSES
 Mon. Wed. Thurs. — 8:30 am
 Tuesday & Friday — 7:00 pm
 (except First Fridays-see below)
 Saturday — 9:00 am
 Statutory Holidays — 9:00 am

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
 Saturday — 5:00 pm
 Sunday — 9:00 am
 (with Children's Liturgy)
 Sunday — 11:00 am
 Sunday — 12:30 pm

FIRST FRIDAY
 Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction
 7:00 pm — 8:00 pm
 Mass — 8:00 pm
 (except Statutory Holidays
 9:00 am Mass Only)

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday 4:00 pm — 4:45 pm
 (or by appointment)

DEVOTIONS
Recitation of the Rosary
 (Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs.
 before Mass)
Mother of Perpetual Help
Novena
 (Tuesday Evening Mass)
Divine Mercy
 (Before Friday pm Mass)
St. Therese of Lisieux Novena
 (Saturday Morning Mass)

BAPTISM
 Please pick up a Baptismal Package from the foyer of the Church. Upon submission of the "Request for Baptism" form, please allow for up to 3 months for an anticipated Baptismal date given only after the parents attend the Preparation Class. This time delay is because of the very large number of baptisms and because we limit the number attending the bi-monthly classes and celebrations to six families, to preserve the dignity of the celebration.

MARRIAGE
 Couples must contact the parish **one year in advance**. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage no date may be set until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND
 Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK
 Please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL MASS POLICY
 Please see website for policy explanation.

PARISH MINISTRIES
 Altar Servers
 Altar Society
 Children's Liturgy
 Counter's Ministry
 Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers
 Finance Committee
 Funeral Luncheon Committee
 Knights of Columbus
 Lectors
 Ministry of Hospitality
 Parish Council
 Parish Music Ministry
 R.C.I.A.
 Sacramental Preparation
 Social Committee
 Squires
 St. Vincent de Paul Society

NEW PARISHIONERS
 Welcome to all new parishioners. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
 St. Mark's School
 333 Glad Park Ave.
 T: 905-640-2915

St. Brendan's School
 751 Hoover Park Dr.
 T: 905-642-6728

St. Brigid's School
 223 Millard St.
 T: 905-642-5100

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 Serra House
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 W: vocationstoronto.ca

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 T: 416-934-0606
 W: archtoronto.org

PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTERS FOR SCHOOL
 As evidence of living one's faith the person requesting a reference must be registered for at least 12 months and genuinely trying to attend Mass every Sunday, as well as supporting the Church, its charities and mission work. Must also have recently volunteered as a Parish Catechist!



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Community of St. Marks was generous with a donation of \$ 3,691.75 which will help others in need over the year.

Once again the 3 schools, St. Mark's, St. Brendan's and St. Bridget's have made so many families happy with the generous baskets they filled for the families we follow.

Teachers, parents and staff of these schools are so willing to make sure all these families have a wonderful Christmas and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

The group homes in our parish were given gifts that put smiles on their faces and a big thanks goes out to the Dryvit staff for their generosity.

Members of St. Vincent de Paul thank everyone who is responsible for the help this Christmas. Many blessings for 2014 to everyone. - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2014

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE:

Come and join us in prayer with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Puzak, Anglican Bishop Mark Macdonald and other city-wide religious leaders on :

JANUARY 26th, 2014 at 3.00 p.m.

At St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street

(1 block East of Queen and Parliament Streets.)

**Homilist: Anglican Bishop Right Rev. Mark Macdonald
(Canada's first National Indigenous bishop)**

Parking is available, refreshments to follow in parish hall. For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext 527 or vwok@archtoronto.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 14th @ 7.00 pm

Margaret Paglialunga+ req. by Anonymous
Caterina Troiani_ req. by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, January 15th @ 8.30 am

Domenico Metauro+ req. by Anna Metauro

Thursday, January 16th @ 8.30 am

Olive D'Silva req. by Francis D' Souza

Friday, January 17th @ 7.00 pm

Matthew Benincasa+ by Emilio & Mary Benincasa

Dino Raponi+ req. by Tony & Onesima Raponi

Saturday, January 18th at 9.00 am

Pope, Bishops & Priests

Hughes & McConville Families

My School Teachers req. by Fr. Michael

Romano Stipceovich+ req. by Milka Stipceovich

Saturday, January 18th @ 5.00 pm

Jozef & Stefania Mehes+ req. by Mehes Family

Sunday, January 19th @ 9:00 am

Matthew Benincasa+ req. by Joe & Nelle Lombardo

Sunday, January 19th @ 11.00 am

St. Mark's Community

Sunday, January 19th @ 12.30 pm

Jerry Talampas+ req. by Marcelina Talampas

The Baptism of the Lord

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, or religious. If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997**

email vocations@vocations.ca

www.vocationstoronto.ca



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The Ministry of Hospitality: Called to Serve

Ushers, greeters and hospitality ministers have a particular opportunity to welcome those who come to the parish as they would welcome Christ himself. They are called to nurture their baptismal call to holiness and live as examples of Christian love to others, to be leaven in the world. This workshop provides an opportunity for reflection, discussion and ongoing formation for this liturgical ministry.

Location: Our Lady Queen of the World Parish,
10411 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill

Date: Saturday, January 25th, 2014 from 10:00 am to 12 noon

To Register, call the Office of Formation for Discipleship
at 416-934-3400 ext. 523

On-Line Form: www.archtoronto.org/discipleship

Fax: 416-934-3431 Email: formation@archtoronto.org

St. Padre Pio Church

&
Catholic Family Services of Toronto

New Beginnings Program

invite all who have lost a loved one
through death, separation or divorce to a

Mass of Comfort & Light

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

7 p.m.

at

St. Padre Pio Church

5500 Major Mackenzie Drive, Kleinburg, Ontario

For further information contact St. Padre Pio Church at 905-893-7870
or Catholic Family Services of Toronto at 416-821-1163

MOVING ???

Please inform the Parish Office.

This will help us keep parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

TUES. January 14 - 7.30 P.M.

Knights of Columbus Meeting—Parish Hall

SAT. January 18 - 10 A.M.

First Communion Class (Group B)

ST. AUGUSTINE'S LAY SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM PRESENTS...

BIOETHICS 101

BY DR. PATRICIA MURPHY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MORAL THEOLOGY, ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Saturday, January 25, 2014
9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY
3985 MIDWESTON ROAD
SCARBOROUGH
ONTARIO, M1W 1J4
Cost: \$40 including lunch

THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

Session One: 9:40 A.M.

BIOETHICS IN THE HEADLINES: BEGINNING OF LIFE ISSUES
What does the Church teach about recent developments in some of the new reproductive technologies?

11:30 A.M. Mass followed by lunch

BIOETHICS IN THE HEADLINES: END OF LIFE ISSUES
How should Catholics respond to the call for physician assisted suicide today? What does Holy Communion and Eucharist "feed of life" have to do with it?

Session Two: 1:00 P.M.

PLEASE REGISTER BY E-MAILING
ioftsas@rogers.com
OR BY CALLING (416) 261-7207 ext. 235

Mass for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, January 19th, 2014—3 P.M.

St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power Street, Toronto.

Did you know that 160 parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto are involved in sponsoring refugees to resettle in Canada? Join us for a Mass to celebrate the many individuals and families who have escaped turmoil to resettle in Canada and to pray for those still seeking to leave areas of war and strife. Bishop McGrattan will preside. Mass is hosted by the Mission of the Vietnamese Martyrs. A special invitation is extended to those who have been involved in refugee sponsorship across the archdiocese. For more information, visit www.archtoronto.org. All are welcome.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS REGISTERING FOR JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014 7.15—8.30 p.m.

St. Joan of Arc High School, Library, 1st Floor
1 Joan of Arc Avenue, Maple
OR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014 - 7.15—8.30 p.m.

York Catholic District School Board
320 Bloomington Road West
Catholic Education Centre, Room 100, Aurora

✠ PRAY FOR THE SICK ✠

Beverly Semon, Roybn MacPherson, Debbie Beauchamp,
Paula Tully, Lou Kennedy, Patrick Mariani and James Villanueva

2014 Offertory Donation Boxes

The boxes have been removed from the lobby until the New Year. If you wish to pick up your box, you may do so from the Office during regular office hours until such time as the Christmas decorations have been removed and the lobby has more space.

Kindergarten registration begins January 6, 2014 in all York Catholic schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, check the parish bulletin board or visit our website at www.ycdsb.ca and click on the **Admissions** icon.

THREE DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO

**DIVINE MERCY SHRINE IN STOCKBRIDGE, MA.
FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 26—28 2014**

Visit : St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine,

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Cost: \$ 245 pp based on double occupancy.

Deposit of \$ 100 by Jan 27th. Balance due by Mar 17, 2014.

Included: Hotel Accommodation, luxury air conditioned coach, two continental breakfasts (Gratuities—not included)

Documents needed for travelling: Valid Canadian Passport. For more information, please call Amelia @ 905-591-1570 or email ameliachongling@yahoo.com

MASS CHANGES IN THE NEW YEAR

Please take note that beginning in January 2014, there will no longer be a Monday morning mass. Both the church and office will be closed Mondays.

Archdiocesan YOUTH CONFERENCE—2014

Steubenville, Toronto on July 4—6, 2014

Mattamy Athletic Centre, Toronto
(Formerly Maple Leaf Gardens)

Who can attend: Youth entering Grade 9 in September 2014 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2014.

Cost : \$ 275 per person (includes: entrance to the conference, 6 meals, hotel)

Registration will be done online at www.steubenvilletoronto.com in mid-January 2014.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$50 per registration slot must be paid when booking the spots in January.

Rooms : Youth 4 per room

STEUBENVILLE PARISH UPDATE


The Parish is hoping to take a group of 20 young people: 10 young men and 10 young women.

Registration will be on a first come first served basis. Preference will be given to the members of the Parish

Youth Group. **STILL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS.**

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