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Fr. Michael Hughes - Pastor
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STAFF

Mary Ann Mehes-Administrator
Lisa Baker-Admin. Asst.
Krystiana Garde-Lyn-Youth Minister
Lad Mehes - Custodian
Emy Lomibao-de Asis-Friday Asst.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9 am - 3:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
JULY & AUGUST
9 am - 12 noon
CLOSED MONDAYS

SUMMER SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 7:00 pm
Wed. Thurs. & Fri. - 8:30 am
Saturday - 9:00 am
Statutory Holidays - 9:00 am
Weekday Solemnities - 7:30 pm only

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
- 11:00 am

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Hour, Adoration &
Benediction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary
(Tues., Wed. & Thurs. before Mass)

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

(Tuesday Evening Mass)

Divine Mercy

(Before Friday 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. We encourage you to register using the Registration Forms available from the foyer.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND

Please call Parish Office.

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
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Eucharistic Ministers
Finance Committee
Funeral Luncheon Committee
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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!

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, September 27th @ 7:00 pm

- † Pat Hughes req. by Fr. Michael
- † Teresa Shaw req. by Elizabeth and Domenic Flagello
- † Jose Sousa Paulino and Anna Benevides Codeiro req. by Alda Paulino and Family
- Akhil Bijo req. by Parents

Wednesday, September 28th @ 8:30 am

- Mike and Fran Rozario req. by Anna Marie and Ossi Pierotti

Thursday, September 29th @ 8:30 am

- The Church in Toronto req. by Fr. Michael

Friday, September 30th @ 8:30 am

- † Fred Gaerlan req. by Jill McWhinnie

Saturday, October 1st @ 9:00 am

- Pope, Bishops, Priests, Hughes & McConville Families req. by Fr. Michael
- Our Parish req. by Fr. Michael
- Doris Bonelo and Family req. by Fr. Michael
- Thanksgiving req. by Jeannine Amyotte
- † Otto Erkinger req. by Erkinger Family
- † Armido Bresolin req. by Bresolin Family

@ 5:00 pm

- † Theresa and John Innamorato req. by Michael and Dina Simon

Sunday, October 2nd @ 9:00 am

- † Giuseppe and Concetta Cianflone req. by Quadrini Family

@ 11:00 am

- St. Mark Community req. by Fr. Michael

Pray For The Sick

Debbie Beauchamp, Modesta Manias, Clayton Parry



Catholic Corner

Most of us have some familiarity with the Rosary, but not everyone is aware of **Our Lady's PROMISES for those who pray the Rosary**. If we truly understood the inherent Power of the Rosary and how it can change our lives, the lives of our loved ones, and the world, we would surely make time to pray this beautiful prayer every day!

Some of the Promises of Mary to Those Who Regularly Pray the Rosary

When we pray the Rosary, God assists us in everyday life, with small and large decisions. Did you know that by praying the Rosary consistently Our Lady has promised us "Signal Graces"? Signal graces are God's subtle form of communication assisting us in our sanctification and helping us to make wise decisions. Also, those that pray the Rosary consistently will not perish, will not be conquered by misfortune, will receive all necessities, will not die without receiving the sacraments, will receive graces in life, will be rescued from purgatory, will be aided to grow in virtue and cause good works to flourish. WOW!!!

Perhaps it's time to consider being a Rosary prayer warrior

Spiritual Corner



Excerpt from:

St. Therese of Lisieux by those who knew her Testimonies from the process of beatification

Edited and translated by Christopher O'Mahony.
Published by Veritas Publications.

"One might say that our spiritual welfare was our parents' only concern. Mother would have liked all her daughters to be nuns, though she did not try to influence us. Asked if she would be a little more specific about this, she said: Mother made us raise our hearts to God often during the day, and brought us on visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

She brought us up rather strictly, and let nothing pass, especially anything that savoured of vanity, etc. Father was gentler, and particularly fond of his little Therese; mother used to say, 'You'll ruin her!'" – Testimony of Mother Agnes of Jesus (Therese's elder sister and future prioress of the Lisieux Carmel.)

Life Chain

Sunday, October 2nd, 2016



Join pro-lifers in your community and across Canada to stand together and pray for the end to Abortion.

St. Mark's Parishioners to meet at the corner of McCowan & Hwy 7 on Oct. 2nd from 2 to 3 pm

YCDSB Fall Programs

The York Catholic District School Board offers a variety of Educational Programs throughout the school year for Elementary and Secondary students as well as for Adults in York Region. For program information, please go to www.ycdsb.ca and click on the Continuing Education tab.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Beginning October 15th, our parish will offer the option to give your offertory through the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. PAG allows parishioners to make their regular Sunday offering using the "direct debit" system. It is a giving option that is made available to provide convenience and ease of use for our parishioners.

When you opt for PAG, your regular Sunday offering is only withdrawn from your account once a month and deposited into the parish account. PAG is widely used in other parishes, and we want to make PAG available to those who would like to take advantage of it.

Enrollment forms are available in the church foyer.

For more information, please call the parish office.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Weekly Offering \$ 6,100

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Women's Ministry Meeting

Monday, September 26th at 7:30 pm



Women of the Church

The Women's Ministry will resume its monthly meetings on Monday, September, 26, 2016 at 7:30PM. Please join us for a welcome back social! Our meetings take place on the last Monday evening of every month, and it's always a wonderful night devoted to faith and fellowship. So come out, bring a friend and make some new ones. The dates for this year's meeting are below. We'd love to see you! For more information, please contact Sara Seaward, at sabil3@rogers.com.

Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:30pm

Saturday, November 26 at 10:00am-2:00pm (Advent wreaths)

Monday, January 30, 2017 at 7:30pm

Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:30pm (Pizza Night)

Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:30pm

Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:30pm

Monday, May 29, 2017 at 7:30pm

Youth Ministry Kick-Off Nights

EDGE

We welcome youth in grades 6, 7, and 8 to join us on **Friday October 7 from 7 – 9 PM** in the Parish Hall
Register Online at: www.tinyurl.com/EDGE20162017

YOUTH

We welcome youth in high school to join us on **Friday October 28 from 7 – 10 PM** in the Parish Hall



Confirmation Registration

- Confirmation Online Registration for Grade 7 students begins **Monday, October 3rd at 9 am** and is on a first-come first-serve basis.
- A mandatory **Parent Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, October 12th, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church.**



Thanksgiving Food Drive October 8th and 9th

Donations for the Thanksgiving Food drive will be accepted at all the Masses on **October 8th and 9th.**

The following items are **urgently needed** by the food bank: canned fruit, tins of ravioli, tins of spaghetti, gravy, jam and Jello. Please make sure the items are not expired.

Should a cash donation be made over \$10, a tax receipt will be given at the end of the year. Please put it in an envelope with your name, address and postal code.

Thank you for helping our neighbours in need.

Library Reading Contest

Don't forget our library reading contest!

Draw to take place in February.
Reading list posted on the library in the foyer.
Ask Bookstall staff for prize details.

Suggested children's book for this month:

St. Thomas Aquinas

Suggested adult book for this month:

Glimpses of the Early Church Fathers

Winter Mass Schedule

The Winter Mass Schedule will begin on

Sunday, October 16, 2016.

However, First Friday

Mass on October 7 will be at 8:00 pm not 8:30 am.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, September 26th at 7 pm

Please join us on Monday, September 26th for our Charismatic Prayer Meeting.

Our Prayer Group meets every second Monday in the St. Anne's Room. Everyone is welcome.

Saint Vincent de Paul – Bundle Up

October 1st and 2nd

What an opportunity!

Clean out your closets and drawers because a Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the Church parking lot on October 1st and 2nd. Your donation of gently used clothing and household goods will be given or sold to benefit those in need. Thanks for your support.

Special Collection for Parish Youth

October 1st and 2nd

A special collection will be taken up at the weekend masses on October 1st and 2nd to support the ministry activities of our two youth ministries – our EDGE youth ministry for youth in Grade 6, 7, and 8, and our high school youth ministry for youth in high school.

We thank you for your generosity which helps us to create opportunities for youth to encounter God and grow in their relationship with Christ.

May He bless you for your faithfulness and generosity!

Moving??? Please inform the Parish Office.

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

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