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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Friday Office Closed.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Youth Mass

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (with Children's Liturgy JK, SK, Grade 1 & 2) & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please download the Baptism Information Kit and Registration Form from the parish website, www.stleothegreat.ca

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course. Please call the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All families attending St. Leo's are requested to register with the parish.

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church.

LOCAL HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY PASTORAL VISITATION

If you or someone in your family is in the Oshawa, Whitby or Port Perry Hospitals and would like to have a priest (for serious reasons) visit the person who is sick for Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession or Communion, please note that there is a full-time Catholic Priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether *Father Pius Alejo* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If Father Pius Alejo is not available and there is an emergency requiring a Catholic priest, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286 and when prompted, press "8" and leave your message. Fr. Charles will receive your message (if he is available) and return your call. If there is no emergency but you would like to speak to Fr. Charles, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 x 101.

EULOGY FOR A MOTHER

Margaret Mary Forget 1931 – 2020

(My mother's funeral took place this past Tuesday morning and my brother, David, gave the following Eulogy.)

Good morning. My name is David Forget and I'm Margaret's youngest son. I am honoured to be sharing her eulogy with you today. On behalf of my siblings: Jim, Jay, Marianne, Fr. Charles, Mark and last but certainly not least Paula, thank you for coming to surround my mother with prayer at this Mass as we commend her soul back to the God who made her.



As a family, we certainly came from good stock – parents who loved us and had a strong faith in God. In particular, my mother grew up in a large Irish family of nine children on a farm in Campbellford, Ontario. They were taught early on about their Catholic faith and the importance of hard work, discipline and being good people. Our Mom shared those same important principles with us.

Growing up, our Mom stayed at home with us. My Dad wasn't always around because he would be working long hours. So, she took on the role of mother, leader, teacher, moralist and disciplinarian to name but a few. Later in life, as a family, we would often talk about how our Mom managed it all. But somehow she did and raised us "rotten kids" as she would say, rather well too.

My mother was a people person and as noted in her obituary, she valued the underdog, the lonely, the alcoholic, the unborn, and the forgotten. My father, at the time of his death in 2014 was a 53-year-member of Alcoholics Anonymous. My mother was at his side at virtually every meeting he ever attended and although not an alcoholic herself, she helped many people over the years to achieve and maintain sobriety. She was vigilant and never gave up on people.

My mother was never one for fussy things. She didn't place a high value on fancy clothes, jewelry, fine china and other extravagances ... what some might consider the finer things in life. Although, she never left the house with a hair out of place or her lipstick. As she used to say, "you just never know who you're going to meet!" What was important to her was her family and those around her especially those who needed assistance. Her faith was her foundation.

As us rotten kids grew up and moved away from home, Mom began working for ParaMed Health Services, a job she truly enjoyed. She had endless patience and compassion for the elderly and those suffering from dementia. Her "three hour-a-day" job, as my Dad used to call it, would turn out to be much longer simply because my Mom had a hard time not helping out other residents, even when they weren't under her care even when it was past her time to go home. It's ironic in some

ways that she would be plagued with dementia herself, being diagnosed early in life in her late 60's.

Back in 2003, I was in a transition point in my life and asked my Dad if it would be OK if I could come and live back at home with him and Mom for a year. He said sure. That one year turned into five. Looking back now, I feel so honoured to have spent that time with my parents but in particular with my Mom who at the time was manifesting many of the telltale characteristics of early dementia which included repeating herself, asking the same questions over and over again, confusion, frustration, being upset. But through all of this, my Mom's tenacity and kindness always shone through. When I would leave for work, she would always insist in getting the door for me and say "TGIF!". Every day was Friday for her ... not a bad way to be in the end.

I heard this quote recently and it resonated with me ... "Do not seek death. Death will find you. But seek the road which makes death a fulfilment". My Mom always sought that road, a road that wasn't always popular or easy but in the end, she lived by her principles and was unwavering. She died peacefully surrounded by her family that loved her and rallied to ensure that her every need was met and that she wouldn't be alone. That was the legacy that she created and the legacy that we, her family will pass on.

We love you and we miss you terribly already. But, we are buoyed up knowing that you are with Jesus and Dad, the loves of your life. Rest in peace Mama.

MARGARET MARY (MAHONEY) FORGET

Margaret's heart, by the providence and will of God, began to beat while in her mother's womb 32,485 days ago; a heart that had learned of love and gave love to her parents, Gordon Mahoney and Rose (Collins). It endeared her to 8 brothers and sisters; Edward, Charles, Betty, Don, Mary and Gordie who have gone to the Lord and is survived by – Helen (d. Owen) Jennings and Pat (d. Lorraine). It led her to fall in love with her late husband of 62 years – John Maurice Forget – and the fruit of their marriage gave birth to 8 children: Jim (Pauline), Jay (Heather), Marianne (Robert) Malloy, Rev. Fr. Charles, Mark (Sharon), Michael (d. 1962), David and Paula (Paul) Podesta. She loved and was loved by her 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 2 GG grandchildren and so many relatives and friends in the span of her life. Principled, kind and having a plethora of wise sayings, Margaret gave away far more than she ever received and that beating heart had a soft spot for the underdog, the alcoholic, the unborn, the forgotten and the lonely and she possessed a great sense of humour in all things. Above all, she had a restless heart for God in Christ and in this earthly life made her home in Him. Over the last 22 + years Dementia robbed her of her memory but she has always known that the God who loved her would never forget her. That loving, serving heart of a disciple stopped beating on Thursday, February 6 and is now whole in the promise of Eternal Life with Jesus Christ. Our family has been blessed by the tremendous

love and care afforded our late mother and predeceased father by the staff at Fairview Lodge Nursing Home in Whitby.

A Poem for Margaret

Crossed arms that held me when I was small
Wording lips that taught me about all
Of this worlds mystery and meaning
And God's call and voice to be heard
In strains of faith and silence.

Working, marrying, raising and tired
The years so quickly passed along
Your children married, moved on and made
Lives for themselves, and you proud.

The Master said of Simon become Peter
That someday he'd be belted and led
Where his own feet would not want to go
All the while indicating the death he would die.

You, too, with fading mind and body that followed
Were led from memory of all that was and is
To a chair and bed of long, patient waiting
So oft alone in your own Calvary of time.

Faith has held you, hope has carried you
And love now bathes you in warmth
God blesses what you take with you
And the fruit that you've left behind.

Crossed hands now empty across your breast
That once nursed children and heaved in love
Rests, the body that housed the Spirit of life
Where Christ invited, made His home.

Wait no longer, suffer no more
This exile from Loves Pure Light
For you go now to the home you've wanted;
to your God, your Friend, your Life.



SNACKS ON SNACKS:

The NET Team needs snacks for their impact youth night on Tuesday's and Edge Youth night on Thursday's. Please consider supporting the NET

Team through donating snacks. Thank you!!

Calling All Youth Grades 6-12:

The NET Team has open office, which is a time to hangout with the NET Team, play games, eat snacks and enjoy some good company! We have our open offices on Wednesday's 3-5pm, Friday's 3-5pm, and Saturday's 1:30pm-4pm, 5pm-6:30pm. We would love to see you there!

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS 50+

St Bernadette Parish , Ajax (Harwood and Bayly)
Guest Speaker: Fr Peter Marr, Director of Pastoral Formation, St Augustine Seminary
Topic: "The Spiritual Preparation for a Good Death"
When : Tuesday February 18 @ 10:00 – 12:00 lunch



Tuesday, February 18th

8:30 a.m. † Mary Fox

Wednesday, February 19th

7:00 p.m. † John Michael White

† Marie & Frank O'Donnell

Thursday, February 20th

8:30 a.m. † Shirley Humphrey

Friday, February 21st

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 22nd

4:30 p.m. † Ann Margaret Bunker

Sunday, February 23rd

9:00 a.m. † Laura Kraemer

11:00 a.m. † Kathleen Power

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
John Michael White
Week of February 14 - 20

VOCATION SEEDS

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS HERE IN DURHAM!

Yes, it's true. You are invited to attend an evening with our guest speakers from Victim Services - Durham Region. They will give you information on Human Trafficking in Durham; what it looks like; as a parent what should I be looking for; what can I do. Please join us on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John the Evangelist Parish Centre. All are welcome, light refreshments. Admission is free, however a good-will offering is appreciated to help defray costs.

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH

The *re:gen* mission of the Archdiocese of Toronto is currently hiring young adults to become chastity or campus missionaries for 15 months starting in June 2020 until August 2021. If you or someone you know would be interested in this great opportunity, please contact Genicia Dabu at regen@ocytoronto.org

You can count on our prayers as you discern joining our team!

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