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Mr. Dan Christante	Property Manager

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m 4:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m 5:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m 1:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:45 4:00 Sunday: 6:30

9:45 - 10:30 a.m. 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. 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:	9:00 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



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<u>Monday, February 6</u> ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Special Intention	8:00 am
<u>Tuesday, February 7</u> Mayotte & William Acco (Deceased) <i>Requested by the Acco family</i>	8:00 am
<u>Wednesday, February 8</u> Joseph Francis De Souza (Deceased) Requested by Mary Mother of Grace Jr. Legion	8:00 am
<u>Thursday, February 9</u> Joanna Hongjin Paeck Song (Deceased) <i>Requested by Shin family</i>	8:00 am
<u>Friday, February 10</u> ST. SCHOLASTIC, Virgin Frank Duff (Deceased) Requested by the Legion of Mary	8:00 am
<u>Saturday, February 11</u> OUR LADY OF LOURDES	9:00 am

Jim McCartan (Deceased) Requested by Tina McCartan



CWL Membership Fee for 2012 (\$30.00) is now You may leave an envelope with your due. name, etc. in the CWL mailbox at the church office. For information, please call Gisele Hall at 416-223-7826.

Blessed Trinity Altar Society Ministry

We are currently in need of more ladies to wash and iron the altar linens and altar servers' gowns on a weekly rotation basis. If you could spare a few hours on a Friday morning after the 8:00 am Mass to help in this Ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. For further information, please call Margaret Meehan at 416-512-2735.

The Theresians - The next monthly meeting will be held in the parish hall this Wednesday, February 8th. They will meet for lunch at 11:30, followed by the business meeting at noon.

New Beginnings – For those who have lost a loved one through death separation or divorce, come and join in on an informative evening on "Suffering and Our Image of God". The presentation takes place on Tuesday, February 7th from 8:00 - 9:30 pm at Saint Bonaventure's Church hall (1300 Leslie Street, Toronto). No registration is required. For more information, please call 416-921-1163, ext. 2227 or email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.



Knights of Columbus

Executive Meeting:

Monday, February 6th at 7:30 pm

Retreat for Knights: Saturday, February 18th

Full day retreat commencing at 9:00 am at Blessed Trinity. A special program is being designed by Msgr. Sheehy and Fr. Eric for this day. A light lunch will be served. Please confirm attendance by February 7th. For more details please contact Grand Knight Ron Forbes at 416-441-1406.

General Meeting: Wednesday, February 22nd, 7:30 pm

Note: The Membership Drive scheduled for February 5th has been cancelled.

14th Annual Parish School Free Throw Contest

Forty nine children from Blessed Trinity and St. Anthony (Thornhill) schools participated in the Annual Free Throw Contest this past December. Congratulations to all the participants and the following school champions who received handsome trophies compliments of the Council: Blessed Trinity – Shanugnnessy Bennett, Celine Suyat, Gilbert Cunanan, Scott DeSousa

St. Anthony - Fabrizio Dinino, Daniel MacKenzie, Laura Hanley, Olivia Stanwyck

Thank you to the principals of the schools, Bev Coles and Frank Savoia, for their cooperation and interest.

The Jewish Background to the Mass Part 2

"BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH; The Ancient Jewish Wedding"

Come join us for the second part in this exciting series where we examine the interesting and vital cultural and spiritual background to our beloved Mass. Mark and Sue Neugebauer will take us through a four-session series about the place the Ancient Jewish Wedding from the time of Jesus the Messiah has in the liturgy and faith of the Church.

Tuesdays 7:00 pm beginning February 28, 2012

Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Our Archdiocese supports a special recognition of the Sacrament of Marriage on the weekend of February 11/12, and married couples may consider enriching their spousal relationship by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information on English, Spanish or Korean Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends, please contact Mike or Cora Bryce at 905-896-2958 or cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca website www.wwme.org.

The next weekend is April 20 - 22

World Day of the Sick – Saturday, February 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (memorial of our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

<u>'Marriage Sunday' – February 12</u> – The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates Marriage Sunday next week-end. "The family arises from marriage, a gift that nurtures the faith experience in homes throughout the Archdiocese. Each day as you experience sacrifice, forgiveness, prayer and love, know that Jesus is beside you in your joys and struggles." (Archbishop Thomas Collins).

You are encouraged to visit <u>www.archtoronto.org/marriage</u> for more information on the sacrament of marriage, useful resources for couples looking to enrich this covenant, as well as helpful information for those considering this path in the near future.

Vocations – Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Hansoo 416-968-0997, email vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca.

MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

Assisted suicide as a medical treatment fails to respect patients' rights and dignity

(Part 11)

".....In the Netherlands, where euthanasia was formally legalized in 2002, citizens have seen fewer hospices, an increase in involuntary euthanasia, the euthanizing of disabled infants, and seniors who carry "do not euthanize" wallet cards. In a 2009 interview, Dr. Els Borst, the former health minister and deputy prime minister who guided the euthanasia law through the Dutch parliament, acknowledged that medical care for the terminally ill had declined since the law came into effect. The remarks were published in a book about the history of euthanasia by Dr. Anne-Marie The. Dr. The also contends that a number of Dutch seniors request euthanasia out of fear, because of an absence of adequate palliative care. And this only stands to reason: Where euthanasia is an accepted medical solution to patients' pain and suffering, there is less incentive to develop programs which provide modern, effective pain control for patients.

In Oregon and Washington, where assisted suicide is considered a medical treatment, patients have received letters from their health insurance providers refusing to cover the cost of life-saving medication but offering to cover a prescription for suicide. Certainly, not every desired treatment will be covered by insurance, but the insensitive offer to pay for assisted suicide is but one of the unforeseen consequences of establishing it as a right.

The effort to transform the practice of assisted suicide from a crime into a legitimate medical treatment is currently underway in both Vermont and Massachusetts. Vermont's governor has publically declared that the legalization of assisted suicide is a priority. Supporters have since raised a bill and have poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into promoting public acceptance of what they call "death with dignity."

In Massachusetts, supporters of assisted suicide have filed a petition to put a measure called the Massachusetts "Death With Dignity Act" on the 2012 ballot. The proposal mirrors the Oregon and Washington laws by the same name.

A HIGH PRICE TO PAY – Once legalized, assisted suicide may be offered as simply one more form of treatment, but there is one big difference: It is the least expensive option. Many nations are discussing the rising costs of health care, particularly the cost of treatment at the end of life. Under these circumstances, assisted suicide may quickly become the new standard of care.

Leaders in the movement to legalize prescribed death have been saying for years that economics, not the quest for broadened individual liberties, will drive assisted suicide to the plateau of acceptable practice. It is time for Americans to ask themselves whether they are prepared to let this happen...."

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