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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Daily Mass Intentions

Monday December 29

8.30 am Julianna Near

Tuesday December 30

8.30 am In Thanksgiving from Lena & Max DSouza

Friday January 2

8.30 am Donna Falzon

Saturday January 3

9 am James Doherty

5 pm Victor Gonsalves

Sunday January 4

4.30 pm Brian Atkinson

Please remember the sick in your prayers

Christopher Coburn, Howie MacDonald, Leticia Aragon, Nick Aragon, Sandra Fairweather, Jenny Selzer, Zoltan de Nemethy, Orly Salvador, Paula Lagdameo-Ward, Archie O'Neill, Terry Pinkney, Lisa Cruz, Luz Partolan, Teresa Breen, Tom Joyce, Erin Pennell, Joe Geraci, Tracy Kelly, Peter Mazereeuw, Mary Cabaron, Christopher Davis, Sara Ali, Euclides Guerrero, Carmelo Addorisio, Antonio Mattacchione, Benedict Ortiz, Candelaria Martin, Pilar Isip, Thelma Moore, Nancy Picciolo, Sandra Garzon, Angelita Cadiz, Godfrey Kitt, Scott Fraser, Josephine Makdessi, Emma Rose Grenon, Andrew Saundres, Allison Vickery, Jo-Ann Rowely, David Graham, Asuncion Policarpio, Winsome Gayle, Ramon Mojica, Kevin Watts, Lisa Coe, Mary Leong, Jean Cole, Lucy Faranda, Elizabeth Cooper, Nicolas Macpagal, Rita Lomagno, Ika Mrkic, Josie Morra, Colleen Patterson, James McLaughlin, Sachin Patel, Patricia Williams, Lita Hernandez, Emanuel DiPietro, Esther Candreva, Jacob Gabayni, Sean Shim, Mario Orbegozo, Nora Banks, Ahyeemin Ah-Teck, Ruth de Leon, Anthony Pileggi.

Baptisms

This Sunday, the following children are being baptized into the Catholic community. Each of us at this parish has an important role to play in these young children's lives: to support them and their families, to pray for them, to welcome them and to lead them by our example. Join us in welcoming:

Sophia Nordal, Joshua Rodricks, Adam Lundy.

SUPPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

2009 DONATION ENVELOPES

Are on the stage in the large hall.
Please pick up your box as soon as you can.

Thanks for your cooperation.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

is in immediate need of some specific household items for a family that is relocating. If you are able to provide any of the items listed below, either new or gently used and in working condition, please contact Dawn Hayes 905-472-8114 or email dawn.hayes@sympatico.ca.

- bed linens including sheets, pillowcases, blankets and pillows
- towels and facecloths
- curtains
- pots & pans
- dresser
- couch or arm chairs
- small appliances (microwave kettle, coffer maker, clock, etc.)

SACRAMENTS & WORSHIP

NEW YEAR'S 2008/09

MASS SCHEDULE

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, Dec. 27

5 pm mass

Sunday, Dec. 28

Masses 8.45, 10.30 am, 12.15, 4.30 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 31

8.30 am mass

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5 pm mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

No 8.30 am mass

10.30 am mass with Cantor

12.15 pm mass with Cantor

4.30 pm mass with Cantor

Praise and Worship has begun at St. Patrick's - on First Fridays at 7.30 pm

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Come and play a musical instrument with us.

"Come and See" Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Let a personal relationship with Jesus fulfill your purpose in life.

THANK YOU FROM
FR. MICHAEL & FR. BRIAN

We would like to thank everyone who has remembered us with cards, gifts and best wishes this Christmas season.

Your generosity is amazing!

We would also like to thank our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministers, and Hospitality Ministers, who are doing "extra duty" during the Christmas season. We also wish to recognize and bless the efforts of the parishioners who spent time decorating our church for Christmas.

And thank you to the hundreds of you who are part of our many ministries within this vibrant parish. St. Patrick's is truly a place where people are realizing their stewardship roles and giving so freely of their time and talents to enrich the life of the parish community. Thank you for the many ways you have tried "To be faithful servants, walking God's Talk". Finally, to all of you, God's blessings and we wish you a joyful New Year!

Peace,
Fr. Michael Machacek and Fr. Brian Shea

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LEGACY IN WINDOWS

Holy Spirit Parish is in the process of building a new church within a few years in the south end of Barrie. This will serve the ever-growing population of our Catholic brothers and sisters. There is now an opportunity to sponsor a stained glass window, Station of the Cross, chalices, mosaics, etc. for this new church. Call Fr. Wallace 705-722-3771 or www.holyspiritbarrie.ca

COME AND SEE WEEKEND Feb. 6 - 8, 2009

Thinking about the priesthood? Wondering what it might be like? Then "Come and See" is for you! On Feb. 6 - 8, there will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to visit our Archdiocesan Seminary in Scarborough. This weekend will provide time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming a Catholic priest. If God is calling you, say yes...and Come and See.

Those interested call 416-968-0997 for further information.

SERVANT DEVELOPMENT

FR. MICHAEL INVITES YOU TO DISCERN YOUR GIFTS

As mentioned in his recent homily, we are a Stewardship parish with a never-ending source of gifts and talents lying within our parishioners.

A 'Called to Ministry' Workshop is planned for Sat. Jan. 24, 2009, 9.30 am to 12 noon.

To find out more information or to sign up, contact Silvana Amantea at the parish office, 905-294-5955, silvana.amantea@stpatrick.on.ca

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SCRIPTURE STUDIES

St. Patrick's continues to celebrate the Year of St. Paul by offering the study of his "First Letter to the Corinthians". The course begins on Tues. Jan. 6 at 7.30 pm. Enrolment is limited to 45. To enroll, call Paul at 905-471-1103. Cost is \$30 which includes text, commentary and study guide, plus binder and materials.

A second Scripture course is available starting Sat. Jan 10 at 9.45 am in the small hall, entitled "Lands of the Bible". This is primarily a video-based course lasting four weeks. This course would be of interest to all who have taken the Little Rock Scripture courses over the last 2 years as a complement to the Scripture texts. As well, those who have been to the Holy Land, those who are planning to go, particularly those on the choir trip in February, would find the study highly appropriate.

"Lands of the Bible" encourages participants to connect the text with Biblical geography. It provides an overview of places where God's presence was manifest to the people. Attention is given to the places in Galilee and Judea where Jesus lived, began and completed His ministry. Prayer and discussion plus home reflection are utilized.

Cost is \$10. Contact Paul 905-471-1103 or [pjacob15m@mac.com](mailto:pjacb15m@mac.com). A workbook consisting of eight themes (e.g. water, mountains, desert, etc.) is provided.



I AM THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

I enter the home of poverty, causing pale-face children to open their eyes wide in pleased wonder.

I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul.

I cause the aged to renew their youth, and to laugh in the old, glad way.

I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic.

I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.

I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token that releases glad tears - tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.

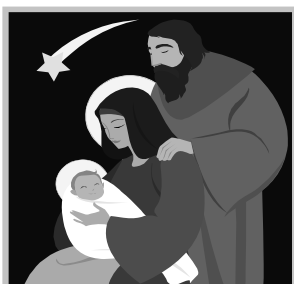
I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to be.

I come softly into the still, white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.

In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched.

I AM THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

E.C. Baird



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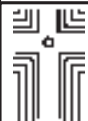
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