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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

BAPTISM:

Baptism kits are available from the church office after weekend Masses. A kit **MUST** be picked up before attending a Baptism Preparation Class. Please note that, due to the large size of our parish, Baptism dates are booked 2 months in advance, at the Preparation Class.

MARRIAGE:

Contact parish office **ONE YEAR BEFORE**.

MASS TIMES:

Saturday:	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:45 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
	12:15 p.m.
	4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday:	8:30 a.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday:	9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday:	9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

**PREPARATION COURSES MANDATORY FOR
BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Daily Mass Intentions

Monday December 1

8.30 am Francesco & Emilia Scarpitti

Tuesday December 2

8.30 am Pecto Tello

Wednesday December 3

9 am Donna Falzon

St. Patrick's School mass

Thursday December 4

8.30 am Leo DaDalt

Friday December 5

8.30 am Margaret Jean Curran

Saturday December 6

9 am Winston Hanks

5 pm Susan Severino

Sunday December 7

4.30 pm Intentions of Antonio Morsillo

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, Mariela Urriola Sr., Thelma Moore, Nancy Picciolo, Sandra Garzon, Angelita Cadiz, Godfrey Kitt, Scott Fraser, Josephine Makkessi, 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, Bryan Minchin, Elizabeth Cooper, Nicolas Macpagal, Rita Lomagno, Ika Mrkic, Josie Morra, Colleen Patterson, James McLaughlin, Sachin Patel, David Maggiori, May Hanks, Patricia Williams, Lita Hernandez, Joan Redmond, Emanuel DiPietro, Esther Candreva, Jacob Gabayni, Ken Phillips, Sean Shim, Mario Orbeagozo.

SUPPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COUNCIL

Our parish Finance and Property Council is looking for 3 new members to join the council. This Council is a consultative body of lay persons who advise the Pastor in matters pertaining to the property, building and financial affairs of the parish. Within the Archdiocese of Toronto, all parishes must have such a Council. We are looking specifically for members who have expertise in accounting, mechanical or electrical engineering, contracting, health and safety, legal affairs or human resources. The Council meets 5 to 6 times a year, usually late on weekday afternoons. If you are interested in serving on the Finance and Property Council and have one of the skill sets listed above, please contact Fr. Michael 905-294-5955 for more information.

A very big thank you to the volunteers who assisted us with our important Stewardship project this past week!

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.

SERVANT DEVELOPMENT

Senior Youth Grades 8 to12

Come out and join us for a **Social Justice Skate** on Sunday, Dec. 7. The cost of this event is \$10 which includes skating & snacks. The day will begin at 1:30 with skating at Centennial Arena, we will then walk from Centennial to St. Patrick's where we will be making blankets that will be donated to the Good Shepherd. Our day will end with attending mass at 4.30 pm. Please RSVP to Delores Lanni before Wed., Dec. 3.

Advent, a Time to Prepare:

An Evening for the Women of Our Parish

Over the next four weeks we will be busy getting ready to celebrate the birth of Christ. Let us remember that the most important part of these preparations lie within our hearts and our homes.

An evening of inspiration is planned for all women of our parish on **Monday, December 1st** in the large hall of the church. The doors open at 7:00 pm and the event begins at 7:30. Join the women of our faith community for laughter, snacks and spiritual enrichment. Begin Advent with a richness of heart and prepare to celebrate His birth.

To ensure that we have a place set for you, please call Lois Shaw @ (905) 294-5955 ext. 225, or email lois.shaw@stpatrick.on.ca

SACRAMENTS & WORSHIP

During Advent and the Christmas Season, we think about the wondrous truth of what happened in Bethlehem. We also have the opportunity to think about what His birth means for us now and in the future.

This weekend after all Masses, we are distributing "The Little Blue Book" of daily six-minute reflections which is a great companion for your prayer life over the six weeks of the Advent and Christmas season.

The cost is \$1 and proceeds will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. After this weekend, these books will be available in the church office.

Starting on the 5th of December
Come and join us in
Praise and Worship

A Personal Relationship with Jesus
Through Music

Come and sing with us.

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

First Fridays at 7.30 pm

*A personal invitation from
Fr. Michael to participate in
ministry...*

Baptism Preparation Team Members needed
and
Church Decorating Team Members needed

For more information, contact Silvana Amantea at the
parish office, 905-294-5955, ext. 226 or email
Silvana.amantea@stpatrick.on.ca

Sunday Programs for Pre-Schoolers

Faith development begins at birth and continues throughout one's lifetime. As part of their ongoing religious growth, the children of our community are invited to meet Jesus in the Gospels at a level they can understand. There are several opportunities in which this can take place during the Sunday masses:

- ❖ 8.45 am – children 4 – 7 years of age are called out after the opening prayer to participate in a Children's Liturgy. They return to the main assembly at the Offertory.
- ❖ 10.30 am and 12.15 pm – babysitting (for children 0 – 3 years of age) and Sunday School (for children 4 – 6 years of age) are available for the entire mass. The Gospel message is shared with each group and the children are guided to understand how it relates to their own lives.

These programs are not available on long weekends or during school vacations.

Questions: call Delores Lanni in the church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION
SERVICE

****WED. DECEMBER 10, 7 PM****

There will be a number of priests available
for individual confessions, following a brief
communal service.

Remember to check out our website for schedules
and news. www.stpatrick.on.ca



FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Development & Peace Action 2008

Next weekend is your opportunity to
demonstrate your solidarity with the poor
of the global south.

*Principle No. 6: In the extraction, management, and
use of human resources, human rights must be
respected. Preference must be given to the rights of
indigenous peoples and those who are marginalized
by poverty or because of race and gender.*

This year, D&P continues its campaign to request
federal government legislation to ensure
Corporate Social Responsibility from our
Canadian Mining Companies operating in the
global south. D&P is also initiating a program
around the **Concept of Food Sovereignty**.

As the Social Action Commission of the
Canadian Bishops reminds us, "In the tradition of
the prophets, Jesus dedicated His ministry to
bringing 'good news to the poor' and 'liberty to
the oppressed'. As Christians, we are called to
follow Jesus by identifying with the victims of
injustice, by analyzing the dominant attitudes
and structures that cause human suffering, and
by actively supporting the poor and oppressed
in their struggles to transform society.

For as Jesus declared, "When you did it unto
these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you
did it unto me."

*Reflections on the Economic Crisis, the Episcopal
Commission for Social Action, Canadian Catholic
Conference of Bishops, Dec. 22, 1982.*

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is the official
international development organization of the
Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian
member of Caritas Internationalis. **To learn more
about the work of D&P and this year's campaign,**
go to www.devop.org.

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR WAY INTO
THE LARGE HALL BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE
CHURCH NEXT WEEKEND, Dec. 6/7, FOR THIS
IMPORTANT ACTION.**

**THIS YEAR YOU WILL SIGN TWO PARTS OF A
CARD, ONE TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND ONE
TO YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.
WE WILL LOOK AFTER THE DELIVERY.**

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

With Christmas approaching, we are always mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves. If you know of a family that may need assistance this Christmas, please have them contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 905-294-5955, ext. 501.

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For more info call 416-921-1163, ext. 2246.

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ADVENT RETREAT DAY – Sat. Dec. 6, mass at 9.30
am, until 3 pm, at Our Lady Queen of the World,
10411 Bayview Ave. Richmond Hill. Mary Bastedo of
L'Arche Daybreak will lead the day, on "The Visitation:
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Call Silvana Cuzzolino 647-882-2327.

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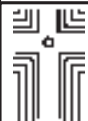
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