

Mark your calendars

## “Shine For You”

The St. Benedict Adult, Youth & Italian Choirs Unite in Song

This special combined choir Christmas concert will take place on **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** in the church. Stay tuned for more details!



## Salesian Youth Ministry

Please keep the youth in prayer as they take part in the Salesian Leadership Retreat this weekend.

Let's pray too for the facilitators as they lead the retreat: **Fr. Mike Pace, Br. Bernie Dube, Frankie Iacobbazzi & Foster Kwon.**



Warm a Heart  
Warm a Church

All proceeds support our fundraising efforts for a new boiler

Nature photo cards are available at the parish office.

Let the greetings you send warm hearts and warm our church!

~ 6 different nature cards in each package  
~ blank inside ~ good for all occasions

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## The Pope & Condoms - In Context...

There's been all sorts of media reports this past weekend on comments from the Holy Father in a soon to be released book. To put things in context, courtesy of Catholic World Report, is the following response by Dr. Janet E. Smith.

### What does the Holy Father really say about condoms in the new book?

By Dr. Janet E. Smith

This week, Light of the World, a book-length interview given by Pope Benedict XVI to journalist Peter Seewald, will be released worldwide. Several of the Holy Father's statements have already started making news, particularly his comments regarding condom usage in the prevention of the spread of HIV.

To the charge that "It is madness to forbid a high-risk population to use condoms," in the context of an extended answer on the help the Church is giving AIDs victims and the need to fight the banalization of sexuality, Pope Benedict replied:

There may be a basis in the case of some individuals, as perhaps when a male prostitute uses a condom, where this can be a first ...con't →

## Virtue of the Month: Charity

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly mass is an occasion for our school communities to gather at St. Benedict church with the worshipping community to celebrate daily mass together. Join in:

**Wednesday December 1 @ 8:00 am**

## What is Advent?



Advent, which comes from the Latin word for "arrival" or "coming," is a period of preparation for the birth of our

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent also marks the beginning of the liturgical year, the Church's "New Year's Day," at which time we change the cycle of readings we are using at Mass.

Advent is a time of joyous anticipation, but also of penance and preparation for the great Christmas feast. The liturgical color of the season is purple, a sign of penance, which is also used during Lent. The Church discourages excessive ornamentation, Christmas Carols and even weddings during Advent, in order to foster a sense of quiet hope.

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step in the direction of a moralization, a first assumption of responsibility, on the way toward recovering an awareness that not everything is allowed and that one cannot do whatever one wants. But it is not really the way to deal with the evil of HIV infection. That can really lie only in a humanization of sexuality.

### Are you saying, then, that the Catholic Church is actually not opposed in principle to the use of condoms?

She of course does not regard it as a real or moral solution, but, in this or that case, there can be nonetheless, in the intention of reducing the risk of infection, a first step in a movement toward a different way, a more human way, of living sexuality.

### What is Pope Benedict saying?

We must note that the example that Pope Benedict gives for the use of a condom is a male prostitute; thus, it is reasonable to assume that he is referring to a male prostitute engaged in homosexual acts. The Holy Father is simply observing that for some homosexual prostitutes the use of a condom may indicate an awakening of a moral sense; an awakening that sexual pleasure is not the highest value, but that we must take care that we harm no one with our choices.

He is not speaking to the morality of the use of a condom, but to something that may be true about the psychological state of those who use them. If such individuals are using condoms to avoid harming another, they may eventually realize that sexual acts between members of the same sex are inherently harmful since they are not in accord with human nature. The Holy Father does not in any way think the use of condoms is a part of the solution to reducing the risk of AIDs. As he explicitly states, the true solution involves "humanizing sexuality." For full story, see:

[archdioceseoftoronto.blogspot.com/2010/11/pope-condoms-in-context.html](http://archdioceseoftoronto.blogspot.com/2010/11/pope-condoms-in-context.html)



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: ADORERS ARE NEEDED**  
**ON: Tuesday** 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m., 10:00-11:00 p.m.;  
**Wednesday** 11:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight; **Thursday** 12:00  
 noon-1:00 p.m., 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Saturday** 2:00 a.m.- 3:00 a.m. If  
 you are interested to spend an hour with **JESUS in the BLESSED**  
**SACRAMENT** during these hours and/or other times, please contact  
 Teresa Villahermosa at 416-743-5338. Thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
 TURKEY & HAM ROLL**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**,  
 beginning at 6:30 pm in the  
 Church Hall. Pizza, Salad,  
 Coffee, Tea & Dessert. Tickets  
 \$5.00 each on sale after each  
 of the masses November 27&28  
 and December 4&5.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

This weekend the Knights of  
 Columbus are distributing  
 buttons for you to wear that will  
 remind everyone what the true  
 meaning of Christmas is,  
 THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. Donations  
 will be accepted & the proceeds  
 will be used to help fund the  
 St. Vincent de Paul Christmas  
 Basket Drive.



The faith community of St. Benedict  
 welcomes these new members

**Congratulations!**

**MELINA A. MANTIOS, KALLIE M. MANTIOS, NOAH E. PORCO,  
 EMMA M. ROBERTSON, VANESSA RESENDES**

May you always walk in the footsteps of the Lord.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 6:45 p.m. Rosary;  
 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Songs of Praise & Worship; & 7:30 p.m. Mass.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES, ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO**

**NEW BEGINNINGS: MINI RENEWAL:** For those who are separated, divorced  
 or widowed. Topic: Dealing with Stress and Loneliness: A mindfulness  
 approach. Facilitator: Gail Davis MSW, RSW. **TUESDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**.  
 Begins at 8:00 p.m. going to 9:30 p.m. Location: Saint Bonaventure's  
 Church – St. Francis Room -1300 Leslie St. Toronto, Ontario. No pre  
 registration required.

**NEW BEGINNINGS: LIVE IN RETREAT:** For those who are separated,  
 divorced or widowed. **DECEMBER 10 - 12<sup>TH</sup>**. Objectives: To Know the love  
 of God: To receive the Lord's grace of healing and reconciliation: To  
 grieve, to let go and find your true self with the support of a loving  
 community. Location: Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre.

Enquiries Deacon James Shaughnessy MSW, RSW, Psyn.D.  
 416-921-1163 ext 2246



**Blessings on your Marriage**

**As a parish community,  
 we keep in prayer**

Colin Antle & Christina Balzan

who will be married on **December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**God grant them happiness, good health and a long life together.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, November 29**

8:00am Dec members of Fantin family  
 by Marin family  
 7:30pm Memorial Mass – Domenico Caruso

**Tuesday, November 30**

7:30pm Daughters of Mary  
 both living & deceased members & CWL  
 by Daughters of Mary

**Wednesday, December 1**

8:00am Cristina & Natale Lappano  
 by Imbrogno family  
 10:05am Msgr. Johnson School Mass

**Thursday, December 2**

8:00am Dec members of Fantin family  
 by Marin family  
 10:05am Msgr. Johnson School Mass

**First Friday, December 3**

8:00am Cyril McGillivray  
 by Ruth & Gerard  
 7:30pm Sister Lodovica Fantin  
 by Stefania Fantin

**Saturday, December 4**

8:00am Josefina Rodriguez  
 by daughter  
 5:00pm Dec members of Baratta & Caretta families  
 by Maria & family

**Sunday, December 5**

8:00am Dec members of Villahermosa family  
 by Jake & Teresa  
 9:30am Marino Moras  
 by Moras family  
 9:30am For the People  
 11:00am Maurice, Gretta & Jim Fay  
 by Mary  
 12:45am Tony D'Agostino  
 by Calabria family

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

SUNDAY OFFERING \$8,922  
 AVERAGE ENV. DONATION \$14.03

**BUILDING FUND SECOND COLLECTION**

NOVEMBER 21 \$698.50

Thank you for your generous support!

**ST. DOMINIC SAVIO SQUIRE  
 CIRCLE MEETING & INVESTITURE**

There will be a Squire Circle meeting and  
 Investiture **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**.  
 Executive meeting at 6:00 p.m., followed  
 by the Circle & Investiture Meeting from  
 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.  
 Any questions, please contact Brother  
 Bernie 416-249-4574 or Gareth Fernandes  
 416-247-2335.

**A CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
 ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PARISH**

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m., hosted  
 by the Daughters of Isabella. The concert  
 will feature singer-songwriter Rosanna  
 Rivero and her special guests. For tickets  
 call the Parish Office at 416-787-0369. The  
 net profits from the concert will be donated to  
 the Sisters of Charity Orphanage in Haiti.