



In Praise of Pizza Party Providers!

The pizza party held last Sunday was a great success! Over 170 people enjoyed authentic homemade pizza, listened to live music played by the young men of the 12:45 pm music ministry and munched on the assortment of home baked goodies provided by parishioners. The figures haven't been totaled yet, but it is estimated that this event raised almost \$1000 for the boiler fund.

It was great to see the different groups working together. From the Italian community, Joe, Luisa, Santina, Anna, Lucia and Stefania made the pizza and salad, the young adults from the newly launched, Witness, provided hospitality and clean-up help, the music ministry supplied the entertainment and all these generous hands and hearts were organized and coordinated by the social committee consisting of a terrific trio. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who planned, provided and participated! We look forward to the next collaborative venture!

Gratitude should not stop at people we are directly indebted to, but must be shown to God whom they represent, because through them God bestows His favors on us. Don Bosco



Confirmation Breakfast

For Girl Candidates,
Mothers and Women Sponsors
of all girl and boy candidates

Saturday February 5

9:30am -12:00 pm, parish hall



Virtue of the Month: Love

Our 1st 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 February 2 @ 8:00 am

Mark your Calendar...

**Mass celebrating the
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered**

Tuesday February 8

7:30 pm

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

From the Heart of Don Bosco



*Trust in the power
of the
Holy Eucharist
and
our Blessed Lady.*

*Do what you can
and leave the rest to God.*

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Each year, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. The purpose of this day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord". Pope John Paul II, 1997 message.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,100 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. There will be a special mass on:

Sunday, January 30

3:00 pm

St. Paul's Basilica

83 Power St. (Parliament and Queen St. E)

Most Rev. Peter Hundt

Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto

in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome!

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD INVITES

Catholic Stakeholders to Consultation Meetings Regarding the Long Term Program Plan - The Long Term Program Plan attempts to answer the question: *What would it look like if the best happened with TCDSB programs?* The goal is to provide innovative and relevant program foci for each secondary school within the Board, which would ensure a wide range of program options for students throughout the City of Toronto. Consultation began with local schools in the 2009-10 school year, and has continued this year with our Catholic School Advisory Councils. In November and December, the Board also made presentations to the Community Advisory Committee, the Catholic Parent Involvement Conference and the elementary and secondary Catholic Student Leadership Teams. Parents, staff, students, clergy and parishioners, and all stakeholders in Catholic education are invited to one of the following sessions in 2011 to provide input into the system program plan:

Tuesday, February 1st

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

All Saints Catholic School

1435 Royal York Road, Etobicoke

Tuesday, February 8th

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

80 Sheppard Avenue East, North York



The faith community of St. Benedict welcomes these new members

Congratulations!

Barake Anwar Alexander

May you always walk in the footsteps of the Lord.

NEW BEGINNINGS: FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED. Come and join us for an informative evening with Stephanie Ozorio. Stephanie has been with the New Beginnings Ministry for many years and has a lot to offer. Her topic is **Matters of the Heart**. Tuesday February 1st at 8:00 p.m. Saint Bonaventure's Church, 1300 Leslie Street.(on the west side of Leslie, south of Lawrence) Preregistration is not required. Enquiries: Deacon James Shaughnessy MSW., RSW., Psyn. D. at 416-921-1163 ext. 2227.

HOLY NAME OF MARY COLLEGE SCHOOL, a university preparatory private Catholic school for girls (Gr. 5-12) is having an **Open House** on **February 5th**, from 10am – 2pm. Talk to current students, faculty members, school administrators and parents and get a true sense of student life at HNMCS. For more information go to www.InspireYourDaughter.com or call 905-891-1890.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

CAPITAL FUND TARGET:

\$760,000.00

SUNDAY OFFERING \$7,329
Average Env. Donation \$13.55

SECOND COLLECTION \$ 627.25
as of January 10th \$208,670.46

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 31

8:00am Filomena's healing of family tree, by Filomena

Tuesday, February 1

7:30pm Daughters of Mary both living & deceased members and CWL, by Daughters of Mary
- Deceased Salesians, by Salesians of Don Bosco
- Kay Brodie, by Doris Roy

Wednesday, February 2

8:00am Maurice, Gretta & Jim Fay, by Mary Fay
9:15am St. Benedict School Mass

Thursday, February 3

8:00am Herman Mallinger, Mallinger family

First Friday, February 4

8:00am Michael Coolahan, by Betty & Alex
7:30pm Natale & Cristina Lappano, by Imbrogno family

Saturday, February 5

8:00am Filomena's healing of family tree, by Filomena
5:00pm Leo Marineau, by Gertrude Marineau

Sunday, February 6

8:00am Carmen Peresso, by Cathy & Leo McKenna
9:30am Antonio Berni, by Anna & family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Francesco & Sabatina Simone, by Simone family
12:45am Barbara Gawlik, by Gawlik family

DAUGHTERS OF MARY – Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1st after mass.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS on Friday, February 5, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Songs of Praise and Worship and 7:30 p.m. Mass.

TREAT YOUR SWEETHEART

Join the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** as they will be hosting their Third Annual VALENTINE DAY Dinner Dance, Saturday, February 12 in the Church Hall. Doors open at 6:15pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Menu includes: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Manicotti, Veal, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Buns, Coffee, Tea & Dessert and a cash bar. Cost \$30.00. Tickets will be on sale after each of the masses on FEBRUARY 5/6 or by calling Wolf Hartmann at 416-745-7983 or Ray Gallant at 416-748-3344.

Valentine Dinner/Dance Fundraiser at La Vedette Convention Centre (150 North Rivermede Rd., Vaughan) Saturday, February 12th Help the Blue Veil Ministry, a non-profit organization raise the necessary funds - a total of \$25,000 - needed to help meet the expenses incurred in running the SARA ELIZABETH CENTRE where young adults with special needs have a place to come and participate in music and inclusive art-based programs; a place where they can explore and grow in the "arts" and develop their talents and skills and where "everyone can shine like a star". Table reserved with 8 or more guests will receive a 10% discount. \$100 per person and a charitable tax receipt of \$45 will be issued. Contact: Cris Smith at 416-747-9796 or order online at www.blueveil.org