

## WALK - IN LEGAL CLINIC

Jean Carberry, a lawyer and member of our parish will offer a free Legal Clinic for advice and help with legal issues.

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 16**  
**9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**St. Benedict parish office**

The clinic operates as "walk -in":

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

All consultations will be private and confidential.

COMMISSIONING & NOTARIZING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

## MESSAGE FOR LENT FROM POPE BENEDICT

*Excerpts from the Pope's message for Lent: Part 2*



On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord puts before our eyes the glory of Christ, which anticipates the resurrection and announces the divinization of man. The Christian community becomes

aware that Jesus leads it, like the Apostles Peter, James and John "up a high mountain by themselves" (Mt 17: 1), to receive once again in Christ, as sons and daughters in the Son, the gift of the Grace of God: "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favor. Listen to him" (Mt 17: 5). It is the invitation to take a distance from the noisiness of everyday life in order to immerse oneself in God's presence. He desires to hand down to us, each day, a Word that penetrates the depths of our spirit, where we discern good from evil (cf. Heb 4:12), reinforcing our will to follow the Lord.

### Why do Catholics Give Alms?

In our journey, we are often faced with the temptation of accumulating and love of money that undermine God's primacy in our lives. The greed of possession leads to violence, exploitation and death; for this, the Church, especially during the Lenten period, reminds us to practice *almsgiving* – which is the capacity to share. The idolatry of goods, on the other hand, not only causes us to drift away from others, but divests man, making him unhappy, deceiving him, deluding him without fulfilling its promises, since it puts materialistic goods in the place of God, the only source of life. How can we understand God's paternal goodness, if our heart is full of egoism and our own projects, deceiving us that our future is guaranteed? The temptation is to think, just like the rich man in the parable: "My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come..." We are all aware of the Lord's judgment: "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul..." (Lk 12: 19-20). The practice of almsgiving is a reminder of God's primacy and turns our attention towards others, so that we may rediscover how good our Father is, and receive his mercy.

*For the full text:*

[www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/len/ documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_mes\\_20101104\\_lent-2011\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/len/ documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20101104_lent-2011_en.html)

## Church Tour for candidates for First Communion

**Wednesday March 16**  
**10:00 am-1:00 pm**  
**parish hall**



Please refer to list posted on the chapel side bulletin board for the tour your child is scheduled for.

## Pray for the Elect

On the first Sunday of Lent, all parishes that offer RCIA celebrate the Rite of Election. The celebration of the Rite of Election marks the beginning of a period of final, more intense preparation for the Elect; those preparing to receive initiation sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter.

As this rite leads the Elect into a period of purification and enlightenment, a period whose theme is repentance, the Book of the Elect, which they sign, will remain at the foot of the cross in the sanctuary throughout the Lenten season as a reminder to the whole community to pray for these and all the elect throughout the church.

The Rite of Election held during the 12:45 Mass welcomes these adults and youth as members of the Elect at our parish.

Let's keep in prayer:

Jennifer Ishak  
Jamie Ferguson  
Jason Ferguson  
Nicole McLeod  
Ryan Thomson

## THIS LENT DEFEND AND PROMOTE the SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE

*From conception to its natural death,  
protect the preborn, the disabled, the infirm and  
the elderly, all are uniquely created by God.*

### Fast and Pray for an end to abortion

Participate in the **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**March 9 – April 17**

**8:00 am to 8:00 pm**

960 Lawrence Ave W

### Be Informed of the Dangers of Euthanasia

Attend Alex Schadenberg's talk. He is the Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

**Tuesday Mar 29**

**8:00 pm**

St Benedict Parish Hall

**1<sup>ST</sup> SHARELIFE SUNDAY – APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**Together we can continue to work WONDERS...**

“The guiding principles for our rich tradition of Catholic stewardship emphasize the importance of sharing time, talent and treasure with those around us. *Ultimately, our lives are defined by how we've used the gifts we've received.* We need to be active and engaged in our society, sharing the blessings we have, as best we can. That involvement can take many forms, one of which is charity. In our region, we have the chance to exercise Catholic charity in a truly meaningful way through ShareLife, our annual charitable appeal. Please consider supporting ShareLife, the annual fundraising appeal of our Archdiocese, during this Lenten season.”

— *Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto*

**For those parishioners not registered with the parish, there will be ShareLife envelopes in the pews on the weekends prior to the scheduled collection dates. Post-dated cheques are welcome. Our target this year is \$70,000. Will you answer the call to give?**

**Witness: St. Benedict's Parish Young Adults' Ministry** invites young adults 19-39 to join us for **Faith Connections' Theology on Tap:** an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable setting.

**Monday March 14, 2011 from 7:00-9:00pm** at the **Duke of York Pub - 39 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto** (Bloor & Bedford area near St. George subway)

Topic: *Science, Spirituality and Hope for the Planetary Future*

Speakers: **Sr. Linda Gregg, CSJ, D. Min.** and **Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ, Ph.D.**

*Munchies provided, cash bar available - come and bring a friend!*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION      CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000**

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	\$7,669	<b>SECOND COLLECTION</b>	\$570.50
Average Env. Donation	\$14.02	as of March 6 <sup>th</sup>	\$238,911.64

**Thank you for your ongoing generous support!**

Please join us for a day filled with Salesian spirituality at our next **Salesian Family Day on Saturday, April 2.** **Fr. Luc Lantagne, SDB, Director of the Don Bosco Mission Office in Montreal,** will give 2 talks on the **Salesian Missions.** We will begin at 10:30 am in the hall, enjoy a day of Salesian activities, quiet personal prayer time, confession and conclude with the celebration of the Mass at 5:00 pm in the church. Registration is \$10, which includes a hot lunch (breaded veal cutlets, salad, roll, drink, dessert and tea/coffee). Registration forms are to be *dropped off at the office in an envelope marked, Fr. George Harkins, Salesian Family Day by Monday, March 28.*

**Salesian Family Day Registration Form**

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Name ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No.

\_\_\_\_\_ [ ] I have enclosed my \$10  
e-mail address

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 14**

8:00am Leo McKenna by Janet Huitema  
7:30pm Amelio Gaglia by family

**Tuesday, March 15**

7:30pm Salvatore & Caterina Trichilo by family

**Wednesday, March 16**

8:00am Cyril McGillivray by Ruth Bertonei  
7:30pm Benjamin Holowaty by family

**Thursday, March 17**

8:00am Leo McKenna by Cathy McKenna  
7:30pm Salvatore Varano by Maria Galluzzi

**Friday, March 18**

8:00am Giuseppe Flaim, by family  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 19**

8:00am Albert Griffith by Desiree Griffith  
5:00pm Giuseppe Marin by family

**Sunday, March 20**

8:00am Leo McKenna by Takaoka family  
9:30am Domenica Bonfiglio by Stanizzo family  
9:30am For the People  
11:00am Gaetano Cocco by Adriana Cocco  
12:45am Mary Ciarlo by Ciarlo family

**MEI MEETING on TUESDAY, MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> after 7:30 p.m. mass until 9:00 p.m. in the Red Room. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM** In the spirit of Lent and almsgiving all those wishing to contribute to the dinner being served to our homeless on March 27 may sign up at the back of the Church this Sunday after 9:30 and 11:00am Masses, or call Catherine @ (416)795-4310.

**Dear Parishioners:** As Easter approaches; plans are being made for the decoration of the Eucharistic chapel, church and parish hall. An offering may be made towards the flowers and decorations that will adorn our church in memory of our loved ones. Parishioners interested in making an offering are asked to complete and return the form to the parish office or drop it in a sealed envelope in the collection basket. Your name and the name of your loved one will be published in the bulletin on Palm Sunday. All memorials should be in by **APRIL 8.**

**My Easter Gift in Memory of a Loved One**

(please print clearly)

Name of Loved one

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name

Donation: \_\_\_\$10 \_\_\_\$15 \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_Other

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_