



Easter Vigil Reception Share Your Treats

Come celebrate in the church hall after the Easter Vigil mass on **Saturday April 23!**

Parishioners are invited to bring finger food snacks or dessert (baked or store bought) to the hall between 7:00 pm and 7:45 pm that Saturday evening. Mark your platter with your name & phone number.

Hot and cold beverages will be provided. Thank you!

Bring your Bells



Bring your bells and ring your bells to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Bring a hand bell to the Easter mass you come to on **Saturday April 23** or **Sunday April 24**. As we sing the Gloria at all the Easter masses, let's ring in the joy of the season.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Sunday May 1

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
in church

About Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day he canonized St. Faustina. This year, This year, Pope John Paul II himself will be beatified on this day!

WALK - IN LEGAL CLINIC

Jean Carberry, a lawyer and member of our parish offers a free Legal Clinic for advice and help with legal issues. We are grateful to Jean for taking on this initiative as a personal response to the call to stewardship.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20

9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.

St. Benedict parish Youth Room
(enter at north side & go downstairs)

The clinic operates as "walk -in":

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

All consultations are private and confidential.

AVAILABLE SERVICES:

COMMISSIONING AND NOTARIZING DOCUMENTS

NO More Palms Please!

Kindly note that sufficient palms from last year were collected. We have a good supply to burn for ashes for next Ash Wednesday. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY MORE OLD PALMS TO CHURCH.** Dispose of them by burying them in the ground at your home.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

OTTAWA
THURSDAY MAY 12, 2011

The National March for Life has been taking place on Parliament Hill since 1998.



This year's March on **Thurs May 12** is entitled **"Abortion Kills a Human Being"**

Campaign Life encourages everyone to attend and let our country know that all life including the unborn is sacred. Be a part of the greatest civil and human rights march of all time! With your prayers and participation, this year's March can be the most dramatic ever.

Schedule of Events:

- 6:30 a.m. Departure from St. Benedict Church Parking Lot
- 11:30 a.m. Arrival in Ottawa. Bring picnic lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Gathering at Parliament Hill
- 1:30 p.m. **Prayer March** through downtown Ottawa
- 2:45 p.m. "Silent No More" Awareness Campaign
- 3:15 p.m. Departure for Toronto.
- 8:30 p.m. Approximate arrival at St Benedict.

What to bring:

lunch, comfortable walking shoes, folding lawn chair or blanket, rosary, sun screen and sun hat, a friend, money for supper

To Reserve your spot on the bus:

complete the coupon below and return it with **\$35.00/person** to parish office or collection basket by **May 1**.

For more info on the National March for Life-Ottawa see:
www.campaignlifecoalition.com/events/Marchforlife/2011/.



Chartered Bus to March for Life, Ottawa Thursday May 12

Departure from St. Benedict: 6:30 a.m.
Return to St. Benedict: 8:30 p.m. *approx*

First & Last Name _____

Phone # _____

*Please deliver this form & \$35 in a sealed envelope to the parish office or in the collection basket by **Sunday May 1***

For more info: Lina 416-743-6219

2nd ShareLife collection May 1st

"The services provided by ShareLife agencies are critical to those who rely on them – they are lifesaving and life-restoring. Families are working through crises and are healing. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Seniors are living independently, with access to the care and services they need. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they're tangible. "

- Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND APRIL 22ND

The mission of the "Commissariat of the Holy Land" is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all the Catholics in Canada. Each year your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites we as Catholics hold so dear. In the words of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI "*The Church of the Holy Land, which so often experienced the dark mystery of Golgotha, must never cease to be an intrepid herald of the luminous message of hope which this empty tomb proclaims.*" For us too, we can be this message of hope and light to others. We can also be pilgrims of peace! Please support those that live in this challenge on our behalf. For more information please visit www.commissariat.ca.

EASTER OFFERING COLLECTION APRIL 24TH

Next weekend's second collection is the annual Easter Offering collection.

Special GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER envelopes for those parishioners who do not use Sunday envelopes are in the pews today.

MEI MEETING on TUESDAY, APRIL 19th after 7:30 p.m. mass until 9:00 p.m. in the Red Room. All are welcome.

The **55+ Club** will be starting up April 20th from 1:00 – 4:00pm. Bid Euchre is the name of the game that is played. Anyone wishing to play come to the Church Hall on Wednesday!

NEW BEGINNINGS: FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED

Come and join us for an informative evening with Father Brian Clough, J.C.D. Father Clough has a doctors degree in Canon Law and was Director of the Marriage Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Toronto for many years. He has an in-depth knowledge of Marriage and the annulment process. His topic is Annulment: Healing the wounds of Divorce. It will take place Tuesday May 3rd from 8:00 to 9:30pm at Saint Bonaventure's Church, 1300 Leslie Street, Toronto, (on the west side of Leslie, south of Lawrence) No registration required. Enquiries: Deacon James Shaughnessy 416-921-1163 ext. 2227.

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

SUNDAY OFFERING	\$9,260	SECOND COLLECTION	\$ 573.50
Average Env. Donation	\$14.37	as of April 10 th	251,830.05

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 18

8:00am Angelo Giancola by Jake & Teresa
7:30pm Carmela Ponzo by Ponzo family

Tuesday, April 19

7:30pm Leo McKenna by Lee Kucway

Wednesday, April 20

8:00am Giovanni De Santis by Anna & family
7:30pm Luigi Isopo

Holy Thursday, April 21

No 8:00am Mass
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
9:30pm Adoration of Altar of Repose

Good Friday, April 22

10:00am Morning Prayer
11:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Our Lord's Passion
7:30pm Our Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 23

8:00am Morning Prayer
8:00pm Easter Vigil
Olga Vucko by Natalia & family

Easter Sunday, April 24

8:00am Joseph Lawrence Aquilina by Erminia Aquilina
9:30am Merwyn D'Souza by Beryl Barnett
9:30am For the People
11:00am Goffredo & Giovanni Stanizzo by Stanizzo family
12:45am Lucchitti & Farina families by Lucchitti family

Holy Mother World Networks Radio Maria presents 'The Stations of the Cross'

Listen to Bishop Boissonneau, Bishop Hundt, Monsignor Nusca, the Sisters of Life and priests from across the GTA reflect upon the Passion of Our Lord. Featuring music by Dublin based pianist Philip Carty. Produced and arranged by Sharon DiCecco and Alex Dias. Listen online at www.hmwn.net

Christians of the Holy Land

It would be a blessing if you can celebrate the Vigil Mass of Easter in Jerusalem at the Sepulcher Church. Holy Saturday in Arabic is known as "Saturday of the Light". Parishioners would fill the Church, courtyard and the roof. When the Patriarch exits the Tomb with the Light, lit by the Holy Spirit, at hand, passing it from one candle to the next, there is a frantic euphoria of happiness and redemption. On Holy Saturday our focus is on the Tomb of Christ. This is no ordinary grave. It is liberation. I encourage you to visit this Tomb and stand in solidarity with the Christian Palestinians. Do NOT deprive yourself of touching what Christ touched literally! I ask you this Easter and the next 50 days, to remember the Christian character of the Holy Land in your prayers, namely the Christian Palestinians, and our Holy Sites commemorating Jesus' earthly journey. Happy Easter. Peace, Rami Qumsieh, B.Eng. a concerned Catholic Palestinian from Bethlehem.