

Entertainment Coupon Book

Tired of hearing about our parish debt? Then let's get rid of it.

On **October 29-30 & November 5-6** orders will be taken for the **2012 Entertainment Coupon Book** after all weekend masses.

The coupons in this book can be used at 100's of area places such as *Burger King, Harveys, Domino's Pizza, Trattoria Leonardo's, Cineplex and Rainbow theatres, Bowlerama, Marlies' hockey games, golf, Yuk Yuks, One of a Kind show, Ontario Science Centre, car and hotel rentals and even a \$400.00 discount on a cruise.*

The coupons are valid for one year, and the books sell for \$30.00 each, but you can get your money back and much more by just using a few coupons.

The best part is that St Benedict's makes a large profit on each book sold. Every ministry has already received a copy of the book as well as order forms. There is also a book and order forms available at the parish office.

On the sale days there will be copies for you to look at and volunteers to take your prepaid orders.

We have great prizes for the top sellers as well as a raffle for many other prizes for anyone who sells more than 5 books.

If 1000 families buy 1 book and sell 2 books to friends, we can raise **\$43,750.00!**

**Let's all work together as a parish family
to eliminate our parish debt.**



The New Translation The Four Presences of Christ

The Second Vatican Council reminded us of our ancient faith: Christ is always present in his church, especially in its liturgical celebrations. So, each time we come to Mass we experience the presence of Christ in four different ways:

1. Christ is present in the CONGREGATION; the people gathered together,
2. Christ is present in the person of the PRIEST,
3. Christ is present in the SCRIPTURES that we listen to during Mass,
4. Christ is present in the bread and wine when it becomes Christ's BODY AND BLOOD.

The more we are able to understand and participate in the Mass, the more we will come to appreciate and love it. The new translation will help us to do that because the words we will now use will say more clearly what our faith is teaching us.

For more information on the Roman Missal and its changes, visit www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal anytime to continue your reflection.

Looking at the Text of the Roman Missal ~ Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows. Then all recite together the formula of general confession:

*I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,*

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

*therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. The people reply: Amen.

I Confess

Sticks and stones may break my bones but words cannot hurt them. This is a saying that we use when someone is unpleasant or critical. We say it to ourselves or aloud as a kind of self-defense. But is it true? Words can be very destructive. They can hurt very deeply and can lead others astray. If that is true for words, what about our thoughts?

There are times when what and how we think can be wrong. Even our thoughts can be sinful. They can affect our behaviour in all kinds of ways. Our attitudes can prompt us to put into word or action all kinds of things we might regret. The 'I Confess' or 'Confiteor' leads us to remember this.

It also reminds us that there are such things as sins of omission. To stand by and do nothing in the presence of great wrong is a sin. If we ignore the desperate pleading and needs of those who are helpless there is sinfulness in our inaction.

As I say sorry it is important to admit wrongdoing 'in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.'

We say I confess admitting our own personal responsibility and that we can't blame it on someone else. As I stop and reflect at the beginning of the Penitential Act it is important to confront myself and realize I need to change.

Also we should think of the persons we speak to in this prayer. There is God who accepts us forgives us. There are Mary, the angels and the saints whose prayers we need and there is our neighbour. Inviting us to say this prayer the Church reminds us that our sins affect everybody. In fact, it is often those who are closest to us that we hurt the most. As we say the pray we ask that others will pray for us and we hope that if we have hurt them they will forgive us.

At the end of the prayer the priest says 'the absolution' — May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life'. It is traditionally called an absolution. Does this simple absolution in Mass forgive sins? It does, just as God will forgive us whenever we make any act of sorrow. But this does not replace the Sacrament of Reconciliation. That Sacrament enables us to not only fully express our sorrow and begin a new life, it is the clearest expression of God's loving mercy guaranteeing forgiveness for even our most serious lapses.

Based on a series of resources produced by the Liturgy Office of the Bishops' Conference to accompany the introduction of the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal © 2011 Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Next week is **World Mission Sunday**. Every parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday next week. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. World Mission Sunday is our chance to assist Catholic Communities throughout the world to become self-sufficient and flourish. By sharing the gift of faith we can bring hope and love to those who need it most. Special envelopes are in the pews today. **Sunday envelope users are strongly encouraged to enter their envelope number in the space indicated.**

GOD, SEX, AND THE MEANING OF LIFE MINISTRY IS HOLDING THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS ON THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY AT:

St. Philip Neri Parish
2100 Jane St., North York
(Intersection: just north of the 401)

GUIDING YOUR CHILD THROUGH THE SEXUAL MINEFIELD

Do your kids tune you out? Regardless of the age of our children, as parents it is our daily duty to be involved in molding their morality and ethics in a Catholic manner. It is no longer enough to leave it to schools to do this for us. We must counteract the false messages about love that are rampant in our culture. This presentation based on Pope John Paul II's writings, will provide parents with tools to help them mold the morals and sexuality of children from toddlers to teens. Saturday, November 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Doors open 9:15 am). Cost: \$5.00 (lunch included)

GOD, SEX AND THE MEANING OF LIFE WORKSHOP

What does the Church know about sex? Why are we created male & female? Discover God's answers from the teachings of John Paul II. To be held on Mondays, Dec 12, 2011, Jan 16, Feb 13 & Mar 19, 2012 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm each evening. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Admission is free. Study Guide is \$10.00 (optional).

REGISTRATION:

Rose 905-683-9055

or

Jan 905-420-8696

or

email: stbreg@gmail.com

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

SUNDAY OFFERING	\$7,656	SECOND COLLECTION	\$765.00
Average Env. Donation	\$12.34	as of October 9 th	\$306,239.79

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 17

8:00am Hazel Mitchell by Desiree Griffith
7:30pm Memorial Mass – Giuseppina Trichilo

Tuesday, October 18

7:30pm Dec members of Benedetto Tuzi family
by Benedetto & Anna Maria Tuzi

Wednesday, October 19

8:00am Carmen Calleja by Gina Farrugia & family

Thursday, October 20

8:00am Bridget Savage by Inez Savage
7:30pm Memorial Mass – Gabriele Scaccia

Friday, October 21

8:00am Florence Bengert by family

Saturday, October 22

8:00am Giovanni De Santis by Anna & family
5:00pm Dorothy Halge by Jeff Halge

Sunday, October 23

8:00am Stephen Szakacs by Eleanor & family
9:30am Marino Moras by Moras family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Dec members of Ruberto & Muracco families
by Ruberto & DeMelo families
12:45pm Dolores Gilroy by John & Sean



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:

RITA LINK

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are organizing a **bus trip to:**

**Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Lewiston, Buffalo
November 12**

Bus departs at 8:00am. Mass at 11:30am at the Shrine. Shopping at the Walden Galleria Mall from 1:00-4:30 pm. Return by 7:00pm. Cost: \$25.00 per person. Valid Canadian Passports required to cross the border. For details/reservation contact Anil Fernandes at 416-247 2335 or Wolf Hartman at 416- 745-7983.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

**St. Stephen Catholic School's
50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday November 5th**

The ceremony will begin with a 1:00 p.m. Mass at St. Benedict Church followed by an Open House at St. Stephen School

Holy Name of Mary College School, a university preparatory private Catholic school for girls (Gr. 5-12), is holding an Open House on Saturday, October 29th, from 10 am to 2 pm at 2241 Mississauga Road. All are invited to attend. More information can be found on www.InspireYourDaughter.com or call 905-891-1890.