

Preparation for Communion / Confirmation

Each year, the Church extends an invitation to children and youth to prepare for the initiation sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. At this time, an invitation is extended to those children, who:

- are baptized and
- attend Catholic, public or private school and
- are parishioners at St. Benedict Church and
- are in Gr. 2 and older for Communion or
- are in Gr. 8 or high school for Confirmation

For both Communion and Confirmation, candidates journey in a parish-based process developed for use throughout the Toronto Archdiocese.

In a parish-based process, the parish is responsible for immediate preparation. Since the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments is the responsibility of the Church, notices regarding registration and the process involved are given from the church only.

THIS FIRST NOTICE IS ABOUT THE INITIAL MEETING FOR REGISTRATION. IF THIS INVITATION FOR YOUR CHILD TO PREPARE FOR COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION APPLIES TO YOUR FAMILY, PLEASE PLAN TO **ATTEND THE APPROPRIATE MEETING** AS OUTLINED BELOW.

It will be assumed that parents who do not participate in the initial meeting are choosing with their child not to take part in the Communion or Confirmation process this year and therefore, will not celebrate Communion or Confirmation in Spring 2013.

For parishioners who do not have children participating in the Communion or Confirmation process this year, please continue to do all you can to support our youth on their faith journey. You do this best by your prayers and by the example you give in your daily living.

Communion Information Meeting

For parents only.
Kindly plan for child care.

Plan to attend one meeting.

Each meeting is in the parish hall and is 1 1/2 hr.

Monday September 10 7:30 pm or
Tuesday September 11 7:30 pm

Confirmation Information Meeting

For parents and candidates.
Kindly plan child care for younger children.

Plan to attend one meeting.

Each meeting is in the parish hall and is 1 1/2 hr.

Tuesday September 18 7:30 pm or
Wednesday September 19 7:30 pm



**St. John Bosco
Knights of Columbus**

**Half Chicken Barbecue
Dinner Dance**

Saturday, September 15th

6:15 pm ~ 11:00pm

Cost: \$20.00 (Children 10 & under ~ \$10)

Tickets available after each mass on **Sept 1, 2, 9 & 10**
or call

Wolf Hartmann 416-745-7983 or

Ray Gallant 416-748-3344

Visit our website for further details:

stbenedictssjbcokfc.com

FAITH & FAMILY PROGRAM

Faith & Family serves children and youth,
ages 5-18 who:

- attend public school, private school or school other than a Catholic school,
- require ongoing faith formation and preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the initiation sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- attend St. Benedict Church,
- are baptized or not yet baptized with at least one Catholic parent

**Our next season runs for 20 weeks:
Mondays ~ 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm**

**October 15 - December 3, 2012 and
January 7 - May 13, 2013**

**St. Benedict Church hall
REGISTRATION OPEN**

For further information and/or registration, contact:
Wayne @ 416-748-6304

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This September, Children's Liturgy begins another season of breaking open God's word with the children of our parish.

We are currently looking for new volunteers to assist in this program either as leaders of the liturgy or helpers with the children. Children's Liturgy takes place on Sundays during the 11 am Mass.

For more information about this program, please contact
Rosa Corradi at rcorradi@hotmail.com.

Thank you so much for your involvement!
Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

PHILIPPINES – FLOOD RELIEF

In response to the heavy rains that have caused flooding in the Philippine capital of Manila, the Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting funds to support the work taking place in the affected areas.

Heavy rains in Manila and surrounding areas have submerged entire communities, causing the death of over 100 people and the displacement of close to 3 million people. The floods have also caused major disruptions to local activities and serious damage to thousands of houses and infrastructure. Nearly 500,000 people have taken refuge in evacuation centres, while another estimated 1.1 million are being hosted by family or friends.

The Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting monetary donations to support flood relief efforts through the distribution of food and non-food items, ensuring access to safe drinking water, looking after hygiene and sanitation concerns and repairing and cleaning their homes. Funds will be forwarded to Development and Peace to be distributed to Caritas NASSA.

SAHEL CRISIS RELIEF

In response to the famine in the Sahel Region, the Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting funds to support the work under way to bring relief to that area.

As a major food shortage and malnutrition crisis continues to worsen in West Africa and the Sahel region, our relief partners are working to provide food and seed distribution, and to support agricultural and nutrition programs in communities where the needs are greatest. **For each eligible dollar raised for the Sahel Region from August 7 to September 30, the Canadian federal government will set aside one dollar for the Sahel Crisis Fund**, which is administered by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Those wishing to help either or both relief efforts through a financial contribution may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocesan website, www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development office – 1-800-263-2595 or 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

ST. BENEDICT PARISH - PHILIPPINE FLOOD RELIEF
ST. BENEDICT PARISH - SAHEL CRISIS RELIEF

Special envelopes are in the pews today. Sunday envelope users are strongly encouraged to enter their envelope number in the space indicated.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR THE THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THESE CRISES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED, BOTH HERE AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD.



Blessings on your Marriage
 As a parish community,
 we keep in prayer

Mark Ceolin & Karolina Kiraga
Jose Lemus & Rachel Sinopoli
 who will be married on September 1, 2012

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

SUNDAY OFFERING \$6,943 **AVERAGE ENV. DONATION** \$13.94

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 27

8:00am Giuseppe, Maria & Angela Mammone by Tuzi family

Tuesday, August 28

10:30am Mass at Kipling Acres

7:30pm Francesco & Sabatina Simone by Simone family

Wednesday, August 29

8:00am Favour rec'd from Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Jude
 by Teresa McIntosh

Thursday, August 30

8:00am Vincenzo & Vittorio Ciliberti by family

Friday, August 31

8:00am Banadita Marques by Celestino & Noemia Camara

Saturday, Septmeber 1

8:00am Dec members of Gordon family by family

5:00pm George Moore by Moore family

Sunday, September 2

8:00am Gaetano & Maria Bucci by Cascioli family

9:30am Amadeo Amato by Amato family

9:30am For the People

11:00am Monica & Arthur Henry

by Susan & Dominic Peresso



PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY :
Herbert Bergmann



The faith community of
 St. Benedict welcomes

Viviana Morrone
Angel Ilaó-Sebastian
Rachel Leishman
Jordan Day

May you always walk in the
 footsteps of the Lord.

RETREAT AT ST. BENEDICT'S

The Daughters of Mary are hosting a mini retreat on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 from 11 am to 2 pm** in the chapel. Father John will lead the retreat with the theme "Salesian Spirituality for Women". There will be an opportunity for Confession. The retreat will end with Benediction. All women are invited. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

St. Vincent de Paul

We are in need of

- either a kitchen or dining room table and chairs
- 2 narrow dressers no more than 4 feet wide.

Thank you for your continued and generous support.
 Call Josephine Muscat at 416-743-3830 ext. 3.