

REFUGEE FAMILY WISH LIST

As we pray and hope for the safety of our Iraqi Refugee Family, now in Syria, we continue to prepare for their eventual coming to Toronto. To date, the resettlement committee has scouted out places for them to live; however, nothing has been secured because of the uncertainty of their arrival date.

Heartfelt thanks to those parishioners who have donated or purchased home furnishings and household items. Your help with outstanding items is greatly appreciated. We also begin collection of clothing. Kindly refer to the lists below and share it with friends and family.

FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Contact: Kay Selecky ~ 416-674-1064

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1 new queen mattress	dish soap
1 twin bed with new mattress	paper towels
3 dressers	dinner napkins
4 night tables	forks and spoons
1 computer desk	toothbrushes
3 lamps	shaving cream
3 twin blankets or more	disposable razors for men
1 queen blanket	disposable razors for women
1 queen comforter	hand/body lotion
2 twin bed sheet set	toilet paper
1 queen bed sheet set	boxes of tissue
1 area rug	deodorant
1 sofa chair	
coat/clothes hangers	

CLOTHING

We are accepting gently used clothing and new footwear.

Contact: Meaghan Gallagher ~ 416-741-4418

	Age	Shirt Size	Pant/ Skirt Size	Shoe Size
Husband	57	XL	46	9
Wife	52	14	14	6.5
Daughter	31	14	14	7
Daughter	20	16	16-18	8.5
Daughter	14	10	8	7

Praying for Salesians in Formation

Please keep in prayer

Br. Marc Stockhausen

Born in Cleveland, OH

24 years old

Philosophy & Post Novitiate



Br. Marc came to know the Salesians during his freshman year of college when a friend was also discerning a Salesian vocation. He is a big fan of rugby and can solve a Rubik cube in 45 seconds, on average.

Thank You

Gospel Roads

Homemade Cookie Fundraiser

To the parishioners who gave of their time, talent and ingredients: Maria, Laura & Mario Di Nicolantonio, Anna Petrecca, Jean Woods, Filomena Morrelli, Mahesha & Shauna Williams, Ben Goetz, Joyce Ruberto, Ashley Pitaro, Grazia Murdoch, Fedela De Santis, Peg Wyatt, Angela Iacobazzi, Rita Perta, Suzanne Thibeault, Janet Huitema, Liana Acri, Cathy Hartmann, Rosa Vaccarini, Jeanette Raposo, Veronica & Anna Maria Tuzi, Sandrina Della Rocca, Catherine Mercuri, Carmen Tropea, Vicky Rouselle, Celestina Annarilli, The Cercone Family and Mary Villani

Altogether, these generous volunteers baked over 3900 cookies. This event raised over \$1,300 for Gospel Roads, a Salesian service retreat for youth to be held next summer in Toronto.

Check out the website for the pictures of this event at: www.stbenedicts.ca/CapitalDrive/capitaldrive.html

YOUCAT: What is it?

Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, YOUCAT, short for Youth Catechism, is written for and by young people who want to know what they believe.

Below is an excerpt of Pope Benedict's Letter to Youth regarding YOUCAT.

This Catechism was not written to please you. It will not make life easy for you, because it demands of you a new life. It places before you the Gospel message as the "pearl of great value" (Mt 13:46) for which you must give everything. So I beg you: Study this Catechism with passion and perseverance. Make a sacrifice of your time for it! Study it in the quiet of your room; read it with a friend; form study groups and networks; share with each other on the Internet. By all means continue to talk with each other about your faith.

You need to know what you believe...You need to understand it like a good musician knows the piece he is playing. Yes, you need to be more deeply rooted in the faith than the generation of your parents so that you can engage the challenges and temptations of this time with strength and determination. You need God's help ...if you want to resist the blandishments of consumerism, if your love is not to drown in pornography, if you are not going to betray the weak and leave the vulnerable helpless.

For the full letter of Pope Benedict on YOUCAT go to: www.youcat.org

**A limited quantity of YOUCAT
are available for sale
at the parish office
\$20 each**

Sunday December 23rd, 2012 – 4th Sunday Advent



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Benedict Parish,

Back in June of 1979, Pope John Paul II first uttered the words “New Evangelization.” In our time, Pope Benedict XVI has brought this concept to life by establishing the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization and calling the Year of Faith. What does the New Evangelization ask of us? It asks for a renewed **enthusiasm**, **knowledge**, and **commitment** to the Catholic faith, and a creative **engagement** with the modern world whose joys and hopes, grief and anguish are those of the followers of Christ as well.

At Christmas time, we touch again the source of the Old and New Evangelization. We recall how the Word of God became flesh in Jesus and dwelt among us. We celebrate the Child born of Mary who would free us from sin and death by his own passion, death and resurrection. We thank God for including us all as sisters and brothers in His family, the Church. We discover the depth of our dignity as men as women as we learn from Jesus how to be human.

May this Christmas be a time to enjoy family and friends, but may it also be a time of **decision**. We cannot be enthusiastic or committed to a Jesus we do not know, or to a church whose life we share only superficially. May we be intent this Christmas on heeding the Holy Father’s call to study the Catholic Catechism, so as to know the inner workings of our faith with the same precision that an IT specialist knows the inner workings of a computer. Then we can share responsibly in the work of the New Evangelization. Then we can ask ourselves, *how will we, at St. Benedict Parish, reignite the flame of faith in each other and in a society which has lost interest or strayed away from Christ and his Church?* It is our privilege and blessing to share this journey of faith with you. Be assured of our prayer for a Merry & Holy Christmas.

Prayerfully, Fr. Michael Pace, Pastor and the parish pastoral team,

Fr. John Puntino, Fr. Joe Ho, Fr. Joseph Occhio, Fr. Frank Kelly, Antoniette Pace, Annette Bancheri, Rosella Lucchitti, Susan Peresso, Jack Paties, and Foster Kwon

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 24

8:00am Maria Borg & deceased Pace relatives by Rita Perta
5:00pm Dec members of McCaugherty & Ricco families
by Mary & Lou
8:00pm Florence Bengert by family
12:00am Maria Hubert by Bzoma family

Tuesday, December 25

No 8:00am Mass
9:30am Dec members of Fantin family by Stefania Fantin
11:00am Elvira & Amelia Gaglia by Joseph Gaglia
12:45am Ollie Holowaty by family

Wednesday, December 26

No 8:00am Mass
10:00am Fr. Ryszard Cyman by Marcelli family

Thursday, December 27

8:00am Mike Coolahan by family

Friday, December 28

8:00am Peter James Paties by Paties family

Saturday, December 29

8:00am Living Intention ~ Tam family by Lucchitti family
5:00pm Dec members of Longo family by John

Sunday, December 30

8:00am Deceased members of Durantes & Rossi families
by Alberto & Maria Rossi
9:30am Alberto D’Orsogna by Joe & Licia D’Amario
9:30am For the People
11:00am Rosa Jesus
by Granddaughters & Giuseppe Trevisan
12:45pm Christina Glebocki by Karen Whibley



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS SEASON 2012

Monday December 24

Tuesday December 25

Wednesday December 26, 2012

Monday December 31

Tuesday January 1, 2013

DAUGHTERS OF MARY ~ The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 following the evening Mass. (Please note that the first Tuesday is New Year’s Day!).

GUIDED TOURS OF ST. MICHAEL’S CATHEDRAL

When was the last time you were at the Cathedral? Have you ever taken a guided tour with one of our volunteers to learn more about the Cathedral’s history and architecture?

Join us on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm, after the noon Mass, for 30 minutes (max 20 people per tour.) Groups are invited to call and book a time for a tour during the week. For more information or to book a tour, contact Larkin Timney at 416-364-0234, ext. 221 or cathedral@st-mc.com.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

SUNDAY OFFERING	\$7,645
AVERAGE ENVELOPE DONATION	\$13.56

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!