

## Thank you SAVIO CLUB...

...For your donation of \$5000 towards our improved sound system. This generous gift to the parish represents over 10 years of generous volunteer leadership and wise managing of their club's finances. Well done!



## Multicultural Potluck Dinner Saturday May 11 6:30 - 9:30 pm

The Social Committee is teaming up with the Squires to host a Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner in the church hall.

Join our St. Benedict family for an evening of tasty international foods and fun! To participate:

**Register for a 'passport':** The cost of the passport is \$5.00 per person. Passport registration takes place after the masses on: **April 27 & 28** and **May 4 & 5**. No photo required. Your passport is your ticket in.

**Bring your favourite cultural food:** appetizer, main course or dessert. Label the underside of your platter with your name and phone number if you want it back.

**Play our 50/50 draw.** Tickets will be sold for this draw at the event. All proceeds from the draw and the passports benefit the Capital Campaign.

*Hot and cold beverages provided  
Red and white wine for sale by the bottle*

*For more information,  
contact Liana: 416-788-4063*

## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE OTTAWA

**THURSDAY MAY 9, 2013  
CHARTERED BUS TO  
MARCH FOR LIFE, OTTAWA  
THURSDAY MAY 9**

Departure from St. Benedict: 5:30 a.m.  
Departure from Ottawa: 4:00 p.m.

*To secure a seat on the bus, complete this form and  
enclose it in an envelope with \$45. Deliver it to the  
parish office or in the collection basket  
by **MONDAY MAY 3.***

**FIRST & LAST NAME**

**PHONE #**

## Our Iraqi Family has arrived!

The long and risky bus ride out of Damascus behind them, the family continued their trip via Lebanon and Rome. Arriving safely in Toronto on Monday afternoon, April 14, the family was subdued, grateful to be on Canadian soil and, no doubt, exhausted!

Welcomed by Fr. Mike, Fr. John and our parish Settlement Committee, Susan, Antoniette and Kay, we all felt a sense of anticipation and excitement to finally welcome the family in person.

Ahlam and her daughters, Lara, Maryam and Roz, received a gracious welcome at Doreen's home where they enjoyed a delicious Iraqi meal prepared by Sahira,

No longer refugees, our newcomers are now Permanent Residents in Canada. They will stay at Doreen's home until the end of the month. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, they will move into an apartment on Bergamot Ave. The settlement committee is grateful to Wolf and the Knights of Columbus who are undertaking arrangements for the move on the last weekend in April. They are also thankful to the many parishioners who donated furniture and other household items for our newcomer's apartment.

Ahlam, Lara, Maryam and Roz have met only a few parishioners in their first days here and already they're getting a sense of the goodness and generosity of so many people in our parish family. They are grateful to all of us!

### Photos of Airport Welcome and Arrival at Doreen's Home



**Top Row L to R  
Airport Welcome**  
Fr. John greeting Ahlam with Susan joyfully looking on



Fr. Mike, Kay, Antoniette and Susan with family from R to L: Maryam, Roz, Ahlam and Lara



**Middle**  
Family with Fr. Mike & Vita (strong handlers of a van load of luggage) and Doreen who welcomes them to her home.



**Bottom**  
Sahira, an Iraqi parishioner, proudly welcomes and serves our newcomers their first home cooked meal in Doreen's home.

*Today is ShareLife Sunday*

**Working wonders with dignity and respect for others...**

As the annual charitable appeal of the Catholic community in our Archdiocese, ShareLife supports a large family of Catholic agencies that truly do feed, clothe and shelter people, care for the sick and frail, and befriend the isolated and lonely. They protect the vulnerable, guide and counsel the troubled, visit people in prison and give a voice to the voiceless. Regardless of their religious beliefs or personal background, ShareLife agencies meet people where they are, treating them with the dignity and respect we all deserve.

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

**Your ShareLife gift will be matched!**

A generous parishioner in the Archdiocese of Toronto will match all new and increased gifts to the 2013 ShareLife campaign, up to a total of \$800,000. Help our parish to meet the ShareLife Community Challenge—your contribution will help to achieve our parish campaign goal, and maximize the generosity of this parishioner. Make your gift today—You can work WONDERS!

**PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE**

*St. Benedict Parish Hall*

*2194 Kipling Ave*

*May 4, 2013*

**Door Prizes and Cash Prizes  
Pizza, Salad, Coffee, Tea Will Be Served**

**Doors Open at 6:15pm**

**Card Playing begins at 7:00pm**

**Cost \$15:00 per person (advance) \$18.00 (at the door)**

**Tickets available after all Masses on the weekend of  
April 27/28 or phone Joe Ryan at 289 801 1040**

Sponsored by St. John Bosco Council 14327  
Knights of Columbus

*Mary, Mother of God School*

*20th Anniversary Fundraising Gala*

Please join us at the Lithuanian Banquet hall (Keele & Bloor) on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm, for an evening of joyful celebration as we thank God for 20 years with a delicious meal, live music, delightful entertainment, a silent auction, and lots of good company. Tickets \$100. For more information, call Stephanie at (416) 531-7897. (Visit [www.marymotherofgodschool.org](http://www.marymotherofgodschool.org).)

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**SUNDAY OFFERING \$7,627 AVERAGE ENV DONATION \$12.66**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 22**

8:00am Jim, Maurice & Gretta Fay by Mary

7:30pm Memorial Mass – Vito Spagnolo

**Tuesday, April 23**

7:30pm Celebration of Life Mass

**Wednesday, April 24**

8:00am Franco & Valeverdina Longo by Longo family

**Thursday, April 25**

8:00am Damaris Socher by Chun family

**Friday, April 26**

8:00am Paul Begg by family

**Saturday, April 27**

8:00am Carmen Trovo by Leo Trovo

5:00pm Angelo & Lina Ricco by Mary & Lou Ricco

**Sunday, April 28**

8:00am Bradley Ross by Marie

9:30am Anna & Venanzio Gesa by Rosa & family

9:30am For the People

11:00am Giovanni Goffredo by Stanizzo family

12:45pm Maria Poce by Lisa Poce & family



**PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

**VIOLET MAE SUTTON**

**DOROTHY TIERNEY**

*Volunteers Needed*

*How to use a Defibrillator*

The Knights of Columbus have been instrumental in securing a defibrillator for the Parish and in obtaining training for a number of volunteers.

We are looking for

- parishioner's certified in CPR or defibrillator use
- six certified volunteers
- anyone wanting information about St. Benedict's new defibrillator.

If interested please call  
Steve Azzopardi at 416-745-1361.

*Monthly Mass at*

*Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery*

Please join us for a special mass on Saturday May 4 at 9:30am. The mass will take place in the St. Anthony Chapel of the Mausoleum. For further information contact **the cemetery at 905-851-5822.**

As this is the first mass of the season, immediately after the mass, we will follow in procession to the statue of our Blessed Mother to have her crowned.