

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the desk of Fr. Tim...

Please support **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**.... today- Sunday February 19 after the 8:15 a.m, 10 a.m. and Noon masses. While there is no set admission charge, donations are gratefully accepted (any profits will be donated to our **Parish ShareLife** campaign).

HAPPY FAMILY DAY WEEKEND!

Please note that our Mass on Monday February 20 will be at 9 a.m., and our parish offices will be closed for the holiday.

LENT 2012 BEGINS THIS WEEK...

- * **ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22** – Masses and Distribution of Ashes- 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- **7 P.M. MASS ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS**- beginning Friday February 24
- **7:30 P.M. FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**- Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. (in addition to Saturday 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
- **PARISH LENTEN EVENING SERIES**- Tuesdays February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:30 p.m. (following the 7 p.m. Mass) “*Catholicism*” video series with Fr. Robert Barron (information below)

NEW CHURCH CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

I wish to thank Architect **Roberto Chiotti** (Larkin and Associates) for being with us in January to present the drawings for the conceptual design for our new church here on our Yonge Street site. These designs can be viewed on our parish website under the New Church section. As this is a conceptual design (and not a final design) we are open to your comments and suggestions as we move forward with the process- please feel free to contact Fr. Tim or any member of the Building Committee through the parish office.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLANNING/FEASIBILITY STUDY

I thank **Murray McCarthy** (*who with his wife Martha Asselin together form M&M International Inc-* a professional fundraising firm) for speaking at each mass on the first weekend in February to introduce and explain the Capital Campaign Planning/Feasibility Study which is currently being carried out by interviewing a number of families in our parish during the months of February and March 2012. The interview process for these families will be complemented by an opportunity for all other members of the parish to provide comment on feedback on our church plans and fundraising capacity through Open Forums in the parish hall after each mass on the weekend of **March 3/4**.

CATHOLICISM SERIES- with Fr. Robert Barron

As our Lenten series this year our parish will be showing the acclaimed “*Catholicism*” video series. Beginning Tuesday February 28 following the 7 p.m. Mass (and running for five consecutive weeks) viewers will be taken around the world in an exploration of the Catholic faith, its traditions and rituals in a visually stunning and easily understood manner. All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for this series, with a final evening of questions and answers on Tuesday April 3. On Tuesday February 28 we will be viewing the first two episodes:

Episode 1 – “Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man”

The strange and dangerous words of Jesus of Nazareth set up a drama that will culminate in a surprising battle between two kings, and in the wake of this conflict, an empire will be defeated – and the world will be changed.

Father Robert Barron illuminates and explains the conviction of the Catholic Faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah, and the revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah, according to the Old and New Testaments, and how the living legacy of Christ, God and Messiah, is proclaimed by the Church. Join Father Barron as he addresses some of the most controversial questions about the life and identity of Jesus Christ and travels through the mysterious and sacred places of the Holy Land of Israel and the eternal city of Rome.

Episode 2 – “Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus”

The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. To every generation, the words of Jesus have proven fascinating, disorienting, sometimes confounding, deeply transformative, and always unforgettable.

Father Barron highlights the Beatitudes, the path of non-violence and lessons of forgiveness, care for the poor and our relationship with God as presented in the parables. Jesus’ teachings are illuminated during Fr. Barron’s pilgrimages to Poland, Germany, Spain and New York City. Commentaries at these sites also show how the Catholic Church is a living culture, which gives witness to the inviolable dignity of the human person.

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Yia Sou from Greece!

5th Annual Parish Dinner

Yia Sou from Greece! Hello and welcome to the tantalizing taste of authentic Greek cuisine at the 5th annual parish family supper event on Saturday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Lynett Hall. Savour delicious and succulent pork and chicken souvlaki, rice, potatoes, salad, pita bread and home-made Taziki sauce from Delicious Greek located in Aurora. Enjoy Greek entertainment and peruse the silent auction table for unique items. A fun event for the whole family! Tickets are available through the parish office. Adults - \$25, Kids - \$10.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2012 - Malaysia

The motto of the World Day of Prayer is "Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action". Malaysia is a good model of racial integration with its multiracial, multicultural and multi-religious community living in harmony with one another. This year's theme "**Let Justice Prevail**" was chosen prayerfully by a committee of Malaysian lay women. As Christians, let us continue to pray to the Almighty that this peaceful and harmonious atmosphere with justice, stability and religious freedom will prevail always. *Vision 2020* is Malaysia's long term goal to become a developed nation, achieve a balanced growth and a high quality of life by 2020. Currently, the new concept for the nation is to build "One Malaysia, People First, Performance Now." The One Malaysia concept is to ensure all races enjoy equal success.

Friday March 2 7:30PM Trinity Anglican Church

"Where there is no vision, the people perish"

Proverbs 29 : 18

OUR LADY OF GRACE YOUTH EVENTS

WELCOMING ARMS DRIVE

The youth of the parish have organized a Welcoming Arms Drive. All parishioners are invited to bring donations of toiletries, paper products, diapers, laundry soap and household cleaning products to the parish on the weekend of February 25th/26th. You will find members of the youth group in the foyer of the parish ready and willing to accept your donations.

Thank you for your generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

This weekend Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, is being elevated to the College of Cardinals in a ceremony (consistory) in Rome. We offer our thoughts and prayers for our shepherd as he takes on this important new role. You can follow coverage of the consistory events online or learn more about local celebrations in our Archdiocese this March in honour of this event at:
www.archtoronto.org/cardinal.

SPIRITUAL COMBAT AND GOD'S LOVE

Husbands, fathers, and men of the parish, join the Men's Group on Thursday, February 23rd from 8pm to 9pm. Listen to Deacon-in-formation Steve Di Mauro speak about embracing God's action of love as a method of spiritual combat. As well, enjoy fellowship with other men and pray together before the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, contact Jason Gennaro at jason@jjpg.com or through the parish office.

Help for Troubled Marriages

Retrouaille is a program to help and support married couples through troubled times at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage relationships, by experiencing a live-in weekend and a series of six post-weekend sessions. It is designed to provide the communication and relationship building tools necessary for spouses to uncover and re-awaken the love, trust and commitment they once had in their marriages and to live their lives as husband and wife in a new and positive way. For confidential information or to register for the next weekend, **May 4, 5, 6, 2012**, call **416-281-6007** or visit the web site at: www.torontoretrouaille.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married couples: You deserve a weekend to celebrate being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming Weekend Date: April 20-22, 2012 For further information or registration please contact: Cora & Mike Bryce (905-896-2958).