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SUNDAY Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

WEEKDAY Mass Schedule

Mon: 8:00 AM
Tues: 7:00 PM
Wed: 12:10 PM
Thurs: 8:00 AM
Fri: 8:00 AM
Sat: 9:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday: 9:30 AM
and by appointment

Marriage & Baptism

by appointment

Mass Intentions

Saturday November 18th

5:00pm Vigil Mass

♦ Pro-Populo

Sunday November 19th

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass } Pro-Populo

12:00pm Mass }

Monday, November 20th

8:00am Mass

♦ Gemia Dumanski

Tuesday, November 21st

7:00pm Mass

♦ C.W.L.

Wednesday, November 22nd

12:10pm Mass

† Rockland Montgomery

Thursday, November 23rd

8:00am Mass

† Ricardo Romero

Friday, November 24th

7:00pm Mass

† All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, November 25th

♦ In thanksgiving for Msgr.

Ambrose Sheehy

† = Deceased

♦ = Special Intention

Pray for the Sick and the Deceased

We invite the parish community to submit names of family members and friends for whom you would like us to pray. We will keep the names of the sick in our bulletin for a month and renew them upon request in case the condition of the person changes.

We will also add names of the deceased who have passed within the last three months. They will remain in our bulletin for two weeks.

Book of Life

In this month of November, we invite you to add NEW names to the book of life. Names already in our book should not be added a second time.



Do not bury your talents! Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn. ... Do not be afraid to dream of great things! By Anne Osdieck

Catholic Women's League News

- The next general meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 21** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be joined by a guest speaker from Belinda's Place.
- The annual Christmas Dinner will be **Tuesday, December 19**.
- A gentle reminder that 2018 membership dues are now being taken.
- The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation is accepting **applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic Women**. The program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality. Visit www/cwlcanda.ca for more information.



Pray for Vocations



What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you contact Fr Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org

St. Vincent de Paul News

- We would like everyone to bring the donations for the **Don Montague Christmas Program by Sunday, December 3rd**. The donations can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the parish center. Blue envelopes are available at the back of the church.
- The Mary McCluskey Giving Tree will be setup by **Saturday, November 26**, please take a couple of stars and return these by, Sunday, December 10th.
- And finally, just a reminder to bring your non-perishable food items to the church also on **the weekend of December 9th and 10th**.

Tuesdays with Mark

We started last Tuesday, and we will continue for the **next 3 Tuesdays of November**. We welcome anyone to attend. We meet **from 7:30 pm to 9 pm in the parish center**. Deacon Gary will take us through the Gospel of Mark, Further information can be found at deacongary.net under the eLearning menu.



Liturgical Environment



A word of thanks to all those who responded to our invitation to participate in this ministry. If you missed the meeting **last Thursday, November 16**,

we invite you to let us know if you are still interested in participating by calling the parish office (see cover page).

Celebration of Remembrance and Life

We invite all those who have lost family members or friends to join us on **Sunday, November 19 in the church at 7 pm** for a **Celebration of Remembrance and New Life**. Mass will not be celebrated this year, but rather, we will have a time of prayer including candle lighting and song. We are also going to extend an invitation to people from other denominations. Please invite your friends who are of a different faith to join us.



Shepherds Trust

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of our Archdiocese, we honour the men who have been instruments of the "Foundations of our Faith." Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the



streets. The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. This weekend the Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese. Please place your donations in the regular offertory collection.

Advent Book Sale

The Parish Advent Sale of books and videos for children and adults will be taking place after all the masses, today. Come and buy a book for yourself, or buy one as a gift or for the library. Sunday Missals for children will also be available for \$5 for both adult and children Missals. The 175th Anniversary Commemorative Books will also be available as well as the Christmas Ornaments for \$15.



Sunday Missal

The Sunday missals will now be available to the parishioners for use during the mass. We ask that these missals are not taken from the Church. If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of these missals please contact the parish office. If you would like to have your personal copy, there will be some for sale in the parish office.



Lector Training for Children

On Tuesday evening, we held an evening of training and commissioning for around fifty children of the parish. These children were nominated by their teachers and their peers to take on the ministry of proclaiming the Word at school masses. They gathered together with Fr. Efen and Christine for an hour of learning about how to proclaim the Word at mass. Then, with their parents and parishioners present, they joined us for the 7 pm mass where Fr. Efen commissioned them as lectors. The parish will continue to provide them with ongoing formation and training. We were so pleased to have so many families participate.

The Passport Office

You have likely noticed the "Passport Office" located at the back of the church for the past few weeks and perhaps you are wondering exactly what is going on. This is a new part of our First Eucharist and Confirmation preparation programme this year. We have "issued" passports to all the children preparing for sacraments as they make the "journey" to the celebration of the sacrament. Children get their passports stamped as they engage in the various disciples of Christian life. There are five categories of discipleship that we are asking the children to pay attention to this year: belonging to a Christian community, engaging in communal worship on Sundays, developing a personal prayer and devotional life, taking on service in the Church and community and learning about their faith. As they get their passports stamped in all of these are-

as, the children and their parents are able to reflect on and deepen their faith life. Please encourage the children in this important year of preparation.

Development and Peace

"Women are among the most vulnerable during times of war. But they are also important when it comes to creating and sustaining peace. You are invited to participate in an archdiocesan action on weekend of **November 25-26** to put women at the heart of peace **by signing a simple postcard**. It asks the federal government to give women around the world the resources they need to be at the heart of peace. A pamphlet will be provided for further information. Thank you!"



Religious Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus will be selling beautiful Religious Christmas Cards **beginning this weekend**. There is a wide assortment to choose from. **Get yours while supplies last!**

Adult Choir News

We invite those who are still interested to sing at 10pm Christmas Eve Mass to be part of our Christmas Caroling. We only have about 6 rehearsals remaining so at this point we are looking for those who have the ability to read music. We are looking for tenors and altos. **High School Students** can earn community hours as long as they attend all remaining rehearsals and the Christmas Eve Mass. If this interests you, please join us for rehearsal this coming **Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the church**.



Newmarket and Area Interfaith Council

The Newmarket and Area Interfaith Council present the second talk in its series of lectures. Vicki Cousins, Chaplain at Southlake Regional Health Centre, will present on Striving to meet the Spiritual Needs of our Diverse Community. Please join us in the Parish Centre at **7:30 pm on Monday, November 20th**. Everyone is welcome.

Villanova College – Open Houses

Please join us for a personal tour at one of our upcoming **Open Houses: Nov. 23 – 7pm & Nov. 24 – 10am** (public school PA Day). As York Region's only independent, Catholic school, Villanova College offers an enriched academic program from Grades 4 to 12, focusing on the development of the whole child through the teachings of the Catholic Church and through extensive co-curricular programs. Please visit our website at www.villanovacollege.org to register at 905-833-1909 or admissions@villanovacollege.ca

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