

**HOLY ROSARY PARISH
TORONTO, ONTARIO**
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

POT LUCK FOR NEW PARISHIONERS



Parishioners who have joined our parish community in the past year are invited to a **Potluck Dinner** sponsored by the Welcoming Committee **NEXT Saturday, January 31** after the 5 p.m. Mass. Please bring your favourite dish. Food can be dropped off at the parish hall as early as 4:30 p.m. RSVP to Gina at 647-340-3284 or Anneliese at 416-964-1462.

INVITATION TO PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

All parishioners are invited to our **Parish Ministry Fair** **NEXT WEEKEND, January 31/February 1**. The various Parish Ministries will be represented in the gymnasium where you will be able to meet ministry representatives, learn about the various activities in our faith community, and, perhaps, join one of the ministries.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group meets **today**, January 25, from 2-4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The theme is "**International Day**", so come prepared to talk about your cultural heritage. New members are always welcome. Call Lindsay at 416-923-8471 for info.

Baptism Preparation



The next Baptism Preparation class will take place on **Saturday, February 21, 2009 (1 to 3 p.m.)**. Parents requesting baptism for their child must have been parishioners of Holy Rosary for at least three months and practising Catholics. Contact Lindsay Moore at 416-923-8471.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND



The Marriage Preparation course this year will be held from **Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15**. Cost: \$200. Register by phoning the Parish Office.

A Service of the Word for the closing of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held on Sunday, January 25 at 7 p.m. at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church 1585 Yonge St. All are welcome.

IDEAS on Website

This week's topic:
"Catholic Quiz"
at www.holyrosary.ca



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

Next Sunday is COFFEE SUNDAY, hosted by D & P in the Parish Centre after the 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses. Today is the feast of St. Brigid and anyone with the name Brigid will be given a free box of Fair Trade tea.

The money raised from the sale of the Free Trade coffee sold today goes directly to the coffee farmers who grow the coffee in Chiapas, Mexico.

For ongoing information please visit our website at www.devp.org

SAINT BRIGID: FEAST DAY, 1 FEBRUARY

Although Brigid is the best-known Irish saint after Patrick, her life cannot be documented with much certainty. She was probably born around A.D. 460. Legend has it that she asked the King of Leinster to give her, for her convent, only as much land as her cloak would cover. He agreed, and the cloak miraculously spread over the whole surrounding countryside. Her monastery flourished, so that, by the time of Brigid's death, around A.D. 525, it had become an important centre of learning.



Many miracles of healing are attributed to Brigid. There are tales of her turning water into ale or stone into salt, and many concern her rapport with animals. One famous story reports her visit to a dying pagan chieftain. While she prayed, she plaited rushes into a cross. After the chieftain had heard her speak of the cross, he accepted baptism. It is still customary on 1 February, her feast day, to plait Saint Brigid's Crosses, in the hope that they will protect a household in the year ahead.

Brigid has been called "Mary of the Celtic People" and a common salutation in the Irish language expresses the hope that "Brigid and Mary be with you." Her influence is not confined to Ireland, however, for she has been revered throughout the ages in innumerable countries. The mediaeval Knights of Chivalry, for example, chose Saint Brigid as their patroness.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

On Monday, February 2nd, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. The purpose of this day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" – Pope John Paul II, 1997 message.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,100 religious men and women of over 90 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to live faithfully the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

There will be a special mass next Sunday, **February 1st at 2:30 p.m.** at **St. Michael's Cathedral** in celebration of the vocation and witness of these men and women religious who are a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

Briefly

February 4 (6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Show at 6:45 p.m.) – An Evening with Stuart McLean and the Vinyl Café: an evening of fun! Prizes! Come and laugh out loud, enjoy some of Canada's incredible musical talent and a delightful assortment of appetizers. Location: Glenn Gould Theatre, 250 Front St. W. Tickets \$75 (\$55 charitable tax receipt will be issued) Contact: Leslie Venturino; lventurino@streethaven.com; 416-967-6060, X225. All proceeds benefit Street Haven at the Crossroads.

March 13 (7:00 p.m.) to March 15 (1:00 p.m.) – Journeying with Jesus – a Lenten Guided Retreat Weekend: at Providence Spirituality Centre, 1200 Princess St., Kingston, Ont. www.spiritualitycentre.ca. Register by Feb. 27 at 613-542-8826; info@psck.org. Cost \$150, all inclusive.

October 2 – 15 – Assisi-Rome: Discovering the Spirit of St. Francis & St. Clare: single occupancy: \$3,100, double occupancy \$2,810. triple occupancy \$2,760. For Pilgrimage Brochure and/or Application information, contact Bro. Alan R. Gaebel, ofm, cap. "Rome-Assisi 2009" at St. Philip Neri Parish, 2100 Jane St., Toronto, ON M3M 1A1. www.capuchins.ca (click on Pilgrimages) bro.alan@capuchinscanada.com

Tagalog Mass: will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church at 6 p.m. today, **Jan. 25**. The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group holds regular prayer meetings on **Sun. at 5 p.m.**

Development & Peace meetings: held on the **3rd Mon.** of each month in the Parish Hall, Room 4 at **7:30 p.m.**



Saturday, January 24th, 2009

5:00 p.m. Visitacion Ilagan (+)
Requested by Aviado Family

Sunday, January 25th, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Paula Radovan (+)
Requested by Mary Cameron
11:00 a.m. Lena Benjamin (+)
Requested by Natalie Dragaloski & Monica Harding
12:30 p.m. William (+) & David (+) Dymond
Requested by Gladys Dymond

Monday, January 26^h, 2009

12:10 p.m. Gordon Batten (+)
Requested by Wednesday Nite Live Group

Tuesday, January 27th, 2009

12:10 p.m. John Milnes (+)
Requested by Theresa Lukac

Wednesday, January 28th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Mrs. Martha Sandorfi (+) & Dr. John Zalan (+)
Requested by George Zalan

Thursday, January 29th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Graham Mullins (+)
Requested by Elizabeth Cobban

Friday, January 30th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Paul Casey (+)
Requested by Pat Maynard

Saturday, January 31th, 2009

5:00 p.m. Michael Cormack (+)
Requested by Joan & George Cormack

Sunday, February 1st, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Maher (+)
Requested by Tony Maher & Chris Villa & Friends
11:00 a.m. Lilian de Souza (+)
Requested by Ivan de Souza
12:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Adan