YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday to Friday, 9 am SATURDAY: 9 am PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 9 am **RECONCILIATION:** Saturday, 4 pm SUNDAY LITURGY Saturday Vigil: 5 pm Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm Friday: 9 am to 3 pm Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm Saturday: 2 pm - 6:30 pm Sunday: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

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MARCH 26, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



'JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND' THE READINGS CALL US TO MOVE FROM OUR BLINDNESS TO THE REVELATION OF GOD IN JESUS. TO BELIEVE IS TO COME TO THE LIGHT, WHILE TO DISBELIEVE IS TO BE SPIRITUALLY BLIND AND WALK IN THE DARKNESS. PAUL REMINDS US THAT WHEN WE ARE COMMITTED TO CHRIST, WE BECOME CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT, AND EARLIER IN HIS LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS HE PRAYS THAT HIS COMMUNITY MIGHT HAVE "THE EYES OF YOUR HEART ENLIGHTENED" (1.18).

FR. JACK LYNCH, SFM, SCARBOROUGH, ON.

MASS INTENTIONS

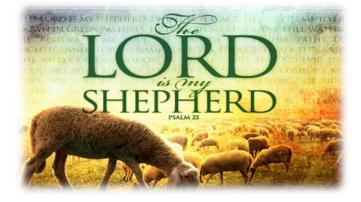
Mon. Mar. 27 9:00 am **†Aidan Perkell** Tues. Mar. 28 9:00 am †Michael Mocak Wed. Mar. 29 9:00 am †Eustacio Mantaring Thurs. Mar. 30 9:00 am Special Intentions of Fri. Mar. 31 9:00 am **†Roderick Fortune** Sat. Apr. 1 9:00 am †Peter Glowczewski

H. Rodrigues †Jim Weaver †Peg Duffy †Meryl Lynch **†Mary Bennell** †Joseph Lawless †Marie Gilbert **†Bob Connata** Sat. Apr. 1 5:00 pm Parishioners Sun. Apr. 2 8:30 am **†Jose C. Ong** 10:00 am **†Carmela Morra** 12:00 pm Intentions of Kevin Courrier

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp: Personal Intentions **Vigil Lamp:** Personal Intentions

For the Sick: Mary Rose Fernando, Gord Roberts, Kay Corner, Ronald Connally, Linda Nasturzio, Dorothy Lord, Mabel Lim, Eileen Velazquez, Klaus Stitz, Ammattil John & Geraldine Daly



Stations of the Cross 9:30 am Every Friday in Lent after morning mass Day of Confessions, March 29 9:30 am to 10:30 am; 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact Moira McKeown at 416-445-8494

Private Praver: Contact Friar Boniface at 416-447-5571 ext. 500

This Week in Our Parish			
Mond	ay, Mo	arch 27	
6:30	pm	Sparks Meeting/Bonaventure Room	
6:30	pm	Brownies/ Francis Room	
7:30	pm	Adult Choir Practice/in the Church	
Tuesday, March 28			
7:00	pm	Sacramental Preparation-Sacrament	
	-	of Confirmation - Session 3- Group A	
		/Main Hall	
7:00	pm	Bible Study Group/Bonaventure Room	
Wednesday, March 29			
6:30	pm	GRASP Group/Oak Room	
7:00	pm	Sacramental Preparation-Sacrament	
	-	of Confirmation - Session 3- Group B	
		/Main Hall	
7:00	pm	Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room	
7:30	pm	Family Choir Practice/in the Church	
Friday, March 31			
9:30	am	Stations of the Cross/Church	
Saturday, April 1			
9:30	am	Christian Meditation/Oak Room	
9:30	am	Al Anon Group/Bonaventure Room	
1:00	pm	Sacramental Preparation-Sacrament	
	-	of Confirmation - Session 3- Group C	
		/Main Hall	
Fourth Sunday of Lent			
~ Source of Light ~			
Reading I		1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a	
	-	(Samuel anoints David)	

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Reading II	Ephesians 5:8-14
	(duty to live in the light)
Gospel	John 9:1-41
-	(the man born blind)

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light-for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5:8-9)

Questions of the Week:

Adult: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Child: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

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Funeral Preparations

The norm for a Catholic who has died is to have a funeral mass celebrated in the church. The community prays that their soul will be received into the heavenly banquet of heaven.

We have Funeral Preparation Guides in the Parish Office for anyone who may wish to ensure a Catholic funeral mass. After completing the guide, present a copy to the Parish Office to keep on file and give a duplicate copy to whoever may be handling your affairs.

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING March 19 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations. Regular Collection: \$8,510.10 Donate Now: \$328 ShareLife: \$120 Pre-Authorized Giving: \$2,906

Gifts of Securities

Do you have securities that have gone up in value? You can now make your Parish offertory and special collections gifts using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains on your gift and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY LIFE

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

"The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable." Pope Francis

Declutter for Lent! Check your closets, drawers and cupboards for gently used clothing, shoes, linens and small household goods that you no longer need or want. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling and bring to the SSVP collection bin in the church parking lot the weekend of <u>April 29th and 30th.</u>

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre

The deadline for this month casseroles is *Sunday*, *March 26*, *2017*. If you can spare a few hours, contact *Eva Trace at 416.447.3040*.

2017 ShareLife Parish Campaign Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 26, 2017

"Living the Gospel" locally and around the world...

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Over the next week, consider your ability to "Live the Gospel" by helping those who are vulnerable and in need and make a contribution to ShareLife.

Next Sunday, April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday Please give generously.

Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

Date and Programme Topic

April 4: Be well, Be Wise and Be Holy; Spirituality of Aging Savouring the Fruits of Awareness, Reflection And Action To register call **416-447-5571 Ext. 550** or email

at maureen@st-bonaventure.ca

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Wednesdays, April 19th to May 31st, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at Bonaventure Room <u>The Power of Forgiveness</u>! A new series facilitated by Ginny Doty who is an experienced counsellor with a Diploma in Addiction Counselling. She is skilled at leading groups and individual therapy sessions. These sessions will include presentations and small group interactions, and will consist of 12 to 14 people. Please contact Ginny for registration or more information at 416-447-5571 Ext. 560.

Community Share Food Bank *Needed: Empty Egg Cartons*

A generous donor is willing to give a multitude of fresh eggs to the Food Bank. We need empty egg cartons to help distribute them. Please bring in empty egg cartons and place them in the back of the church.

2017 St. Bonaventure Baseball Season

The T-ball division is now full, but registration is still open for the Rookie and Softball Divisions. Please be sure to register by March 31st. We are looking to fill several positions: T-ball & Rookie ball coaches; umpires & youth volunteers. If you can spare some time and be more involved with the community, please consider volunteering. E-mail bonaventurebaseball@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a membership drive during this week-end Masses **March 25th and 26th**. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and community, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top rated insurance protection for your family then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Council members from the parish will be available at the back of the church to answer questions.

Youth Ministry Blog

Hello all! Please check out our Youth Ministry blog: <u>http://stbonaventureyouth.blogspot.ca/</u> to stay up to date with activities and events upcoming for our Youth Community at St. Bonaventure!

Free Catholic Estate Planning Seminar Thursday, March 30th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Catholic Cemeteries and the Archdiocese estate planning team will share: -How to protect your loved ones with a proper will -How to ensure your wishes are legally protected -About Powers of Attorney -Estate Trustee selection

-Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors -Our Catholic traditions around wills, burial and funerals

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost.

Location: St. Anselm's Parish (1 MacNaughton Rd.) For more information call Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries, at 416-733-8544 ext. 2023 or go <u>fjannetta@cc-fs.ca</u>

Join the "Call for Conscience" Feb 6 to March 31, 2017

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing doctors to participate, despite their objections, when a patient decides to end their life. No other country does this. Please visit <u>www.CanadiansforConscience.ca</u> to learn more. Write directly to your elected MPP asking them to amend Bill 84 to add conscience protection. Printed letters are available for pick up at the back of church. Please sign them and mail them to your MPP.



Join us for a night celebrating St. Clare Inn's 10th Anniversary. Great food, friends, entertainment and more! **Saturday**, **April 22**, **2017**, **7:00 pm at The Donalda Club**, **\$85/person**. Tickets will be available at the Ministry Centre or go www.stclareinn.org

"Living the Joy of the Resurrection"

Ignatian Spiritual Retreat- April 28th - 30th, 2017 Manressa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

Are you looking for a time away from the frenzy of everyday life? Time to relax, to reflect, to pray and to learn perhaps for the first time to enjoy SILENCE? Facilitated by the Jesuit Scholastics with Fr. Gilles Mongeau, S.J. For more details call 905-839-2864 or pickmanresa@rogers.com

