

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

- September 22, 2007 Bread of Life Renewal is a retreat day in Oakville for families. For more information contact www.TheBreadofLife.ca or info@thebreadoflife.ca or call (905)634-5433.
- September 25th – October 2007 Parish Marriage Preparation Courses begins this fall. Couples who are planning to be married at our parish in 2008 should register for this course. There will be six sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- September 25th, 2007 Christopher Leadership Fall Course Tuesday evenings beginning September 25 at St. Aidan's Parish, a wonderful opportunity for individuals to enhance speaking and leadership skills. Contact (800) 418-8925 or www.christopherpublicspeaking.com
- September 28th, 2007 Centre for Clinical Ethics Fall Conference "Affirming An Ethic of Care" will be at the Courtyard Marriott in downtown Toronto. For more information contact Lynda Sullivan (416)530-6750. The centre is a shared service of Providence Healthcare. St. Joseph's Health Centre and St. Michael's Hospital. Keynote speakers this year are Fr. Ron Mercier and Carol Taylor.
- September 30th, 2007 Life Chain 2007 at the corner of Hwy #7 and McCowan between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. – a silent but strong witness praying for respect for the dignity of human life as a gift from God, our Creator.

September 30th,
2007

Rose of Sharon, a ShareLife sponsored charity for young mothers, is participating in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon. People can participate by actually running or sponsoring another. Contact Lauren Hanna (905)853-5514 ext. 235.

September 30th,
2007

Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Good Shepherd Centre begins this weekend. Parishioners may donate non-perishable food items into the boxes at the entrance of the church. Urgently needed items include canned vegetables, meats and stews, rice breakfast cereals, cookies, powdered milk, sugar and ketchup. Many are helped throughout the year at the Good Shepherd Centre on Queen Street.

October 11,
2007

Parent meeting for Confirmation at 8:00 p.m.

October 14,
2007

All Parish Lectors will be installed at masses on this weekend. Please come forward during mass for a special blessing when the lectors are called forward. If you are not actually reading on that Sunday, come forward at the mass you are attending.

October 15,
2007

St. Michael's Choir School 70th Anniversary Concert at Roy Thompson Hall will be at 7:30 p.m. to raise funds for the School's music program. For tickets contact the box office (416) 872-4255.

October 25,
2007

Parent meeting for First Holy Communion at 8:00 p.m.

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The Cardinal's Dinner will be at the Metro Convention Centre, sponsoring the Archbishop's personal charities. For tickets call (416)863-1215.

October 28,
2007

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be installed at masses on this weekend. Please come forward for a special blessing when you are called. If you are not serving Holy Communion that Sunday, come forward at the mass you are attending.

November 2007

RCIA Classes in our parish will begin early November. If you know of anyone among your friends, neighbours or family who is interested in becoming Catholic or even finding out more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr. Andrews or invite them to do so themselves. (R.C.I.A.) stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults that is celebrated during the process of bringing new members into the Church.

November 2,
2007

Come and see Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary. Young men who are 18 or older who may be discerning a vocation to the Priesthood could speak with Fr. Andrews or Fr. Liborio Amaral at the Office of Vocations (416) 968-0997. Let us continue to pray for vocations.

November 25,
2007

Scarboro Missions is holding information days for those interested in becoming lay missioner or priest from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Scarboro Missions, 2685 Kingston Rd., Scarborough. For more information contact (416)261-7135.

Our Parish Prayer Group meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Church hall. They will pray for your intentions if you could write out your requests for particular intentions and place them in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Thomas the Apostle.

Volunteers needed to help Seniors in York Region through CHATS. Community Home Assistance to

Seniors. Services such as transportation, telephone assistance, meals on wheels are provided. Call Christine McGregor at 905-713-3373 ext. 6051 if you can help.

New Beginnings is a support program for separated, divorced or widowed persons. Call 416-222-1101 ext. 107/258 for more information.

Parishioners may donate shares to the Parish, ShareLife, Shepherds' Trust or St. Augustine's Seminary. In the recent Federal Budget the capital gains tax that would be payable on the sale of any publicly listed shares will be eliminated if these shares are donated to a registered charity. Call the parish office or the Office of Stewardship and Development (416)934-3400 ext. 561 for more information.

Who May Receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church? Only those who are Roman Catholic and in the state of God's grace. Catholics who are not in the state of God's grace should receive absolution in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. Catholics who are married are obliged to have their marriage blessed in the Catholic Church – if they are not married in the church, they may not receive Holy Communion. Anyone who is divorced and remarried outside the church may not receive Holy Communion. Those who are separated or divorced are able to receive Holy Communion if they are in the state of God's grace.

Catholic Community Services of York Region provide immigrant counseling services, programmes for fathers and coordinate parish social ministry. Call 905-415-0937 or visit www.ccsyr.org for more information.

ShareLife is accepting donations to support the humanitarian relief effort in Peru following the recent earthquake. This may be done through ShareLife's website www.sharelife.org or by telephoning (416)934-3411 or through the parish. Cheques should be made out to "ShareLife – St. Thomas the Apostle – Peruvian Earthquake Relief".