

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008

- March 15, 2008 Lenten walking pilgrimage for the confirmation candidates any parishioners who would like to join them will be after the last Confirmation class starting at noon and ending at 2:00 p.m. Pizza and pop will be served for those who are staying for the pilgrimage.
- March 18, 2008 Mass of Chrism will be at St. Michael's Cathedral at 11:00 a.m.
- March 20, 2008 Holy Thursday Mass and Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. only.
- March 21, 2008 Good Friday – Liturgies of the Passion are at 12:00 p.m. and 30 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.
- April 4-6, 2008 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity for married couples to celebrate being together, rediscover each other and focus on ways to make their relationship even better. For more information contact David and Lucy Adams (905)470-9590.
- April 19, 2008 Lift Jesus Higher Rally is at the Metro Convention Centre. This grace filled day offers confessions, mass, Divine Mercy devotions and inspirational presentations from many well-known speakers including Archbishop Collins. For tickets call Camile (416)497-0641.

June 15-22,
2008

49th International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City. Registration for the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage is still open to all parishioners, religious, clergy and members of lay movements. Registration forms may be downloaded www.archtoronto.org/congress. Our Parish Prayer Group meet 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.

Couples for Christ invites married or engaged couples or young singles to a Christian Life Program in our parish every Sunday afternoon. The sessions present an understanding of how God calls us to live as Christians and the importance of Christian family life. Babysitting is provided while parents are involved in the seminar. No fees are involved. For more information contact Virgilio/Rose Migue (905)944-1070, Leo/Hay Urrita (416)499-0747 or Alex/Dorie Ascano (905)415-1070.

Easter Eggs for Marguerite Bourgeyoys Family Centre will be available the weekend of Palm Sunday for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. Thanks to the Youth Group for facilitating this project in support of the Centre which services the community by teaching the Creighton Model of Fertility Care and natural family planning.

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.

HMWN Radio Maria invites you to check out a listing of new fall programs www.hmwn.net. Radio Maria was granted a CRTC license to broadcast Catholic program across Canada via cable and now asks for support to encourage cable companies to carry the service. Cards are available at the back of the Church to take home and fill out.

St. Michael's Choir School Auditions are now taking place for fall admission. The Choir School is for boys from grade 3 until the end of high school, forming young men through a unique Catholic environment of musical and academic excellence. For more information call (416)393-5518 or visit www.smcs.on.ca