

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

November 4th,
2008 **Knights of Columbus Monthly meeting** – at 8:00 p.m. following the evening mass.

November 5th,
2008 **The Prayer Group invites all Parishioners** after the evening mass, to an hour of reflection on ***“The implications of the Eucharistic Congress for Our Lives of Faith”***. Juliette Ling and Agatha Chan will invite us to reflect on the sacred gift of the Holy Eucharist in our lives.

November 7th,
2008 **Come and See Weekend** – at St. Augustine’s Seminary is for men 18 years and older who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Contact Fr. Andrews or the Office of Vocations (416)968-0997 for more information.

November 15th,
2008 **Celebrating the Richness of Humanae Vitae** is a conference at the University of St. Michael’s College from 8:00 a.m. until mass at 5:15 p.m. with Archbishop Collins. Many presentations on the Church’s teaching on Sexuality and Marriage will be offered. To register call (905)427-6137 or **humanaevitae40@gmail.com**. Tickets for \$5.00 are also available at the door.

November 20th,
2008 **St. Elizabeth Catholic High School Open House** in the theatre at 7:00 p.m. for artistically talented students who wish to combine their study in the arts with a comprehensive educational program within a Christ centered learning environment. Call (905)882-1460 for more information.

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.

Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dinner Dance is on for the third year in a row. Start planning now for a table for you and your friends or relatives to ring in 2009. Early Bird tickets until December 14th are \$30.00 per person and after will be \$35.00. Tickets are available after masses or by contacting Dominic Florio (905)477-1399 or Steven Chung (905)946-8034.

Let us pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God may be calling you to discern a vocation, contact Fr. Liborio Amaral, Vocations Director – vocations@vocations.ca or (416)968-0997 or check out www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Lecto Divina with Archbishop Collins at St. Michael's Cathedral reflecting on passages from St. Paul's writing during this year of St. Paul.

Bible Study at St. Justin Martyr Parish – for the year of St. Paul will focus on 1 Corinthians from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. every Thursday.

Catholic School Rosary Program invites volunteers who love our Blessed Mother Mary and are willing to go into our parish schools to pray the Rosary. Training will be provided. For more information contact Josie Nasir (905)477-8349 or Cecile Baguio (416)293-3275.

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic? We are beginning to interview candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (and perhaps their children) in preparation for the R.C.I.A. program in the fall. Contact Fr. Andrews.

Host Program – through Catholic Community Services of York Region is looking for volunteers to be a friend for a new immigrant for only two hours a week. Contact (905)770-7040 ext. 240. Website: www.ccsyr.org

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.

Catholic Family Services of York Region is looking for volunteers to help new immigrants for only two hours a week. This is their HOST program. This is an opportunity to meet people from different cultures and to offer friendship. For more information call (905)770-7040 ext. 226.

Hawthorn School for Girls – is an independent school at Leslie and York Mills that provides an education based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. Presentations, tours and open house. For more information contact Mary Romanelli (416)444-2900 or admissions@hawthornschool.com.

Courage is a spiritual support group, with the approval of the Archdiocese, providing fellowship to men and women who wish to live chaste lives in keeping with the Roman Catholic Church's teachings on same-sex attraction. For more information www.CourageRC.net or email couragetoronto@yahoo.ca.

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.

Spiritual Communion may be made throughout the day or in times when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. The following prayer is one example:

I wish my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your Most Holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervour of the saints.