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WEEKLY BULLETIN



Deacons' Corner

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Writing Series II with

Fr. Jim Berning, SDB

My biography in July gave parishioners an opportunity to get to know their pastor. At the same time, the parishioners were encouraged to try to get to know each other better, especially during the precarious times in which we live. In this next series of writings, I am inviting us to get to know how our lives have been impacted during the pandemic, with the hoped-for outcome of setting our gaze toward the post pandemic.



Part 1: Crisis and God's Overflowing Grace

In Pope Francis' book, "Let Us Dream," we gain a better understanding of the pandemic in order to be freed up to look ahead. On the one hand, we must look back to identify what we have learned, and on the other hand, we must look to a new horizon in the post pandemic. This is not something that should be thought of as fiction, rather it is real and requires our full effort to move forward (Let Us Dream, 1).

Francis identifies that the pandemic crisis will not leave us the same if we really enter into it. In the story of the prodigal son, the younger son takes his inheritance early on. But he squanders it in dissolute living and is left wanting as the inheritance is gone. While he could be characterized as a rogue for his insensitivity to his family's wellbeing, God nevertheless chooses the wayward son in crisis to place God's mercy on display (Let Us Dream, 79-80).

In his book, "Faith from the Heart," Thomas Groome presents the flow of God's mercy not only from a paternal relation, but also in a maternal one, where the son's mother gets involved. Groome surmises that the mother in all likelihood told the father to hurry up and finish his dinner so that he could keep vigil for their lost son. This two-sided notion of God is reminiscent of Rembrandt's painting. When the son is embraced by the father, one hand is characterized as masculine, while the other is feminine. And seeing the lost son yonder on the horizon, the father goes out to him, such that, when the son attempts to apologize, the father cuts him off with a welcoming embrace. This was because the father knows his son's heart, just like God knows our hearts in the midst of our struggles (Groome, 104).

Questions:

When you face crisis in your life, what gets lost in the shuffle?

Given the pandemic as crisis, is there something you would like God to welcome you back to?

Fundraiser Bazaar

Saturday November 6

9 am - 2 pm

Browse items in person from our parish Gift Catalogue: great gift ideas for all occasions including Christmas.

Plaques, crosses, angels, books, ornaments and lots more!

Our very own parish Sewing Ladies have handmade kid's smocks, quilts, shopping bags, knitted hats, scarves, kid's sweaters, face masks, gift bags and more...

...including fabulous homemade food and baked goods to go.

For St. Benedict Gift Catalogue,

click on the parish website link below and

SCROLL DOWN TO THE CATALOGUE BUTTON

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PRE-ORDERS: HOMEMADE FOOD

Tarts: pumpkin, lemon, or apple \$ 4.50 / 6 tarts

Soup: Butternut Squash & Apple \$ 8.00 / 32 oz or 4 cups

Meat Lasagna \$ 40 / serves 8

Rice Ball (Cheese only) \$ 4 each

White Focaccia with Herb \$ 5 / 14" round

Homemade Red Sauce \$ 10 / 1L jar

Party Size Pizza \$ 25 each

Sauce and Cheese only or Cheese and Pepperoni

Place orders by November 2nd

call Meaghan: 647-290-4418

Pick Up: Saturday November 6

9am - 2 pm in the parish hall



St. Benedict Parish Sunday Sports Program

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Squires

Youth Ages 12-18
Sundays 2:00-4:00 pm
Weekly starting Oct. 17

Weather Permitting
Location: Church Back Parking Lot



Our program starts with ball hockey.

All youth and levels of expertise welcome!

The program runs until mid-December weather permitting.

Bring your hockey sticks, competitive juices, and good spirit.

All volunteers are fully vaccinated

and will promote a fun and a safe environment.

For more information, contact:

Adam: 416-428-9828 OR Warren : 416-828-5979

Today is World Mission Sunday

Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in World Mission Sunday. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionaries who have a role to play in spreading the message of the Gospel. We are being sent to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard, through prayer and personal sacrifices for our brothers and in sisters around the world.

The financial assistance that you offer today, on World Mission Sunday, will support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers, and catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His love, healing, and peace. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the missions.

Thank you for participating with your prayers and donations on this World Mission Sunday.

 October 31
ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife update: Your gift will be matched!

The ongoing pandemic has made life even harder for those who are poor and marginalized. A couple that has supported ShareLife for many years felt so moved by this unprecedented crisis that they wanted to do more to help – and are inviting you to join them.

For every dollar you give to ShareLife, they will do the same. From now through November 15, your gift will be matched up to a total of \$750,000.

The needs are greater than ever. And now your gift will go even further towards making our communities more caring and compassionate.

Next Sunday, October 31 is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021. Our parish goal this year is \$65,000. To date we have achieved \$55,000. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community

We've all felt the pain of disconnection: family members we couldn't travel to visit, friends we hadn't seen in over a year, the simple longing for a hug. For many in the Deaf community, the connections severed by the pandemic were even more profound. Many became isolated from their peers and could no longer access the programs they relied upon.

Silent Voice is working to restore those connections. This ShareLife-funded agency is the only one in the area providing virtual programming for Deaf children, among its many services in American Sign Language. Your support of ShareLife is making the connections we need to get through this pandemic together.

The number of people turning to ShareLife agencies like Silent Voice for support continues to grow. Will you help meet the need?

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Parishioners wishing to participate in mass from home are encouraged to view the mass of the day at home on TV: (Salt & Light, EWTN or Vision TV) or online: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY8MWUNQLCqEILmb9kFtRA>

TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR

Contact Susan: speresso@stbenedicts.ca /416-743-3830 XO

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 25

8:00am Living Intention for Londyn & Luke by Marilyn McGoe
7:30pm Memorial Mass - Doreen Power

Tuesday, October 26

8:00am Giuseppe Rubino by Olga Rubino
7:30pm Maria by Clara

Wednesday, October 27

8:00am Zenaída Rubias by Clarisse & Tony Teves

Thursday, October 28

8:00am Living Intention for Patients and Staff at Etobicoke General Hospital by Ivan Canjar

Friday, October 29

8:00am Living Intention for Angelina Reda by Di Felice family

Saturday October 30

8:00am Krsto Markovic by Anda Zizic
5:00pm Dorothy Halge by Jackie Halge

Sunday, October 31

8:00am Living Intention for Ethan Menezes by family
9:30am Antonio D'Agostino by Silvana Ferrante & family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Vince Catalfo by Bzoma family
12:45pm Jennifer Meo by Meo family



Pray for the Dead
Carmen Cecile Breeze
Eternal rest, grant unto her, O LORD and let perpetual light shine upon her.



Blessings on your Marriage
As a parish community, we keep in prayer
Marco Sala & Cristina Parente
who will be married
on October 30, 2021.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2



Our faith community welcomes
Angela Grace Pirraglia
Jackson Francesco Fiorini
Felipe Andres Tinley
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Knights of Columbus: Next General Meeting

Our next general meeting of the Knights of Columbus will take place at **7:00 PM on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27th** in the church hall. Please note that the wearing of face masks inside church premises is mandatory. You will receive an email several days before the meeting with further information.



Sunday Offering: \$ 4,875
St. Benedict Debt to the Archdiocese \$ 109,000
Thank you for your ongoing generous support!