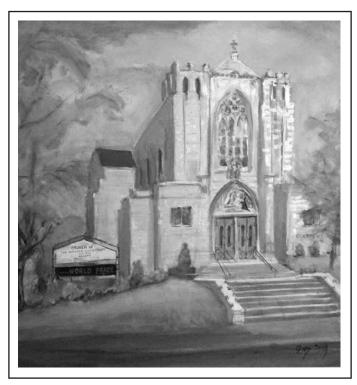
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Parish established in 1926, Church erected 1929 Original painting by Gary Smith

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am (Children's Liturgy October – May 10:00 am Mass)

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

Public Holiday Mass: 10:00 am

First Friday Adoration: 11:00 am Mass: 12 Noon

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Loretto Room) Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Loretto Room)

Registration forms for the parish and all sacraments, as well as mass cards and religious items, are available in the Loretto Room after all weekend Masses. We also have a DVD lending library.

#### **WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

All Parishioners are encouraged to register in our community. Registration forms are available in the Loretto Room on the weekends.

#### PASTORAL TEAM

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Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor

Fr. Constantin Siarapis - Associate Pastor

Paul McDonald - Deacon

Sr. Johanna D'Agostino, IBVM

Sr. Mary DiGirolamo, IBVM

Aldrin Fernandes - Seminarian Intern

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Julie Brett - Office Administrator Paul Honeyford - Property Manager Agnes Ahn - Bookkeeper Lumen Fernandes - Part-Time Reception Juliet Lobo - Part-Time Reception

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday—3:45 pm—4:25 pm

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Request Forms are available in the Loretto Room. Baptisms are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Marriage Request Forms are available in the Loretto Room after Mass.

The form must be completed one year in advance of the wedding date.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you need a priest to visit someone who is ill at home please call the office to notify the Parish Priests.

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

\* Lectors

- \* Altar Servers
- \* Eucharistic Ministers
- \* Sacristans
- \* Ministers of Hospitality
- \* Marriage Preparation
- \* Parish Women's Group
- \* BSC Youth Group
- \* Development & Peace
- \* St. Vincent de Paul
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- \* Heart & Soul Choir (10am) Sarah Martin &
- Joan McGivney
- \* R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
- \* R.C.I.C. Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
- \* Catechetic Program for Public & Private School Children \* Outreach Programs ( Out of the Cold, Good Shepherd)
- \* Knights of Columbus (1388 Council)
- \* Eucharistic Marian Prayer Group
- \* Children's Liturgy (10 am must register)

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# 1 st Sunday of Lent



### **Communion Reflection**

Lent: Springtime of the spirit.......

Each year the trees give up a lesson in renewal. First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot. Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again. But this is possible only because in autumn they let go of their old leaves, and in between endured a period of nakedness. Lent is in the springtime of the spirit. Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits, and to face our spiritual poverty, in order that you may renew us, and so at Easter we will feel young again in our discipleship.

St. Joseph Vigil Lamp Burns for the intentions of Henri Pilon

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St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp Burns for the intentions of All the families of our parish

#### **Masses of Intentions**

**Monday** – Louise Hoogendoorn & Terry Pearson (INT)/ Philip & Marcia Ekanayaka +/ Joseph & Laura Di Girolamo +

Tuesday – Lou, Kay & Paul Egerton + / Michelle Kopman +

Wednesday - Rose Bullen (INT) / Wilma Visschedyk +

Thursday - Allan Smart + / Cathy Branton +

**Friday -** Sebastian D'Mello + / Cosimo Puseteri + / Nolan Sellers + / Robin Mars + / Mike Clancy + / Bill Des Lauriers + / Rocco Manserro (INT)

#### Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Michael Chiarotto, Robin Noel Ennevor, Evelyn Ferreira, Patricia Sinclair-Goodfellow, Kathryn Horgan, Simon Jimenez, Rocco Manserro, Jolanta Nowakowska, Vince Pellettier

#### First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Sundays 11:00-12:00 pm or Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 8 & May 6. Tuesday Class dates are: Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 10 & May 8.

First Communion on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm for the Sunday Class & 4:00 pm for the Tuesday Class

#### **Confirmation Classes**

Classes are held on Wednesday's 4:30 – 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Classes are: Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Jan. 31, Feb. 28 & Mar. 28.

Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. 4 4 4 4

Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Students are required to attend all classes and the Confirmation Retreat.

#### **Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates**

www.blessedsacramentcs.com
First Communion will be on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2:30 pm
Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm

# Blessed Sacrament Parish Lenten Schedule Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 pm - During Lent Saturday Morning Mass at 9:30 am - During Lent

SVDP Bundle Up Weekend - March 3rd and 4th

### February 18, 2018

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. (Psalm 103.8)

#### Blessed Sacrament Lenten Retreat with Fr. Robbie McDougall March 17th to 21st

This retreat is an opportunity for a person to pray, seek, to ponder and reflect on Christ's love for us through the paschal mystery of dying and rising. It is a call to reflect on the New Life that Christ offers to his disciples. Together we will 'journey with Jesus' through the events that led to his passion, death and resurrection and how this gift of supreme Love for humanity has given you hope on your life's journey thus far in life.

Music, Song, powerful liturgies, presentations, silence, reconciliation and more are all a part of this retreat.

Come, rise up and celebrate new life! Romans 6:4 "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

#### Call for Conscience Campaign - Sign-Up Sundays! February 24/25 & March 3/4. We Need Your Help!

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please visit **http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration** to register yourself for this initiative. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

<u>out of the Cold</u> —The Out of the Cold dinner program serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community is sponsored by Glenview Presbyterian, St. Leonard's Anglican and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The program runs every Sunday from the first Sunday in November to last Sunday in March at the Glenview Presbyterian Church at 1 Glenview Avenue. The Blessed Sacrament Church is responsible for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. Volunteers are needed to prepare NUT FREE desserts that are easy to carry away like muffins, cookies, brownies, squares, etc. Desserts can be dropped off at Glenview Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 4pm during this period. In addition, donations for NEW socks, mittens, gloves, and undergarments are always welcome as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to this year's Out of the Cold leaders. 2nd Sunday: Sandra Girard and Nina Spinosa at ootc.secondsunday@gmail.com,3rd Sunday: Ann Marie and Bill Rosenitsch at annmarieroz@gmail.com.

Blessed Sacrament Card Group - Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall 1.00pm – 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, March 1. Everyone is welcome. There is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

<u>CROSSROADS YOUTH GROUP</u> – Meet every second Sunday from 4.30-6.30 pm in our parish hall. Everyone in grades 7 and up are welcome. Our next meeting is - Sunday, February 25.

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally – Saturday, March 3, 2018** at the Toronto Convention Centre Cost: \$15 for youth and \$25 for adults. For more info call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360 or www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

Women's Group -Knit for the North - Monday, February 26th at 1:30 pm in the Loretto Room - Everyone Welcome

<u>There will be no Childrens' Liturgy TODAY Sunday, February 18th.</u>

Office will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for Family Day & Mass will be at 10:00 am.



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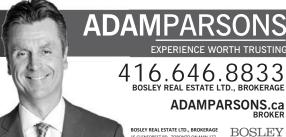
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