

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER



Welcome to the members of our Secular Franciscan Fraternity. They will be joining us for the 11:30 parish

Mass and then they will have their meeting in the parish hall afterwards.

Secular Franciscans are people who live the ideals of St Francis of Assisi in their own homes, in their families and at their place of work. In a parish such as ours, we are happy to have people who are asking themselves how they can live out a Franciscan Spirituality while still living in the world. In biblical terms, they hope to act as leaven in the community

ORDINE FRANCESCANO SECOLARE

I membri della nostra fraternità dei francescani secolare sono invitati a partecipare sia alla s Messa delle 08.00 e sia all'incontro dopo Messa, giovedì prossimo 17/01.

I membri della nostra fraternità cercano di vivere una spiritualità francescana nel mondo (dentro e) fuori dei quattro muri della chiesa. Se la vita di san Francesco d'Assisi ti edifica, perché non vedi se puoi fare, anche tu parte di questa fraternità?



CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Parents and **Confirmation** Candidates are reminded to attend **ONE** of the following dates for their second meeting to cover **UNIT 2- Chapter 2 – Seeking God in Prayer**
Sunday January 20th at 10:30 am OR
Saturday January 26th at 4 pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This Thursday, January 17th, our local parishioners who are forming the St Vincent de Paul Society will be meeting with some more experienced Vincentians who will be mentoring our people as they take their first steps. The meeting begins at 7 pm in the parish hall.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SOCIETY OF SHARING

The Society of Sharing is a non-profit organisation and a ShareLife member agency dedicated to serving seniors and adults with disabilities. They are looking for **medical and shopping escorts** to accompany seniors to and from medical appointments or to take them grocery shopping. Our clients are socially isolated seniors, living alone in their own homes, suffering from medical conditions, physical disability and loneliness. You can make a difference in their lives!
 For more information, contact Dexter at 416.413.0380, ext. 224 or dexter@societyofsharing.org
 Visit www.societyofsharing.org to learn more.

FRANCISCAN "COME AND SEE"

The Franciscan Vocation Office will hold a day for single Catholic men **between the ages 18-38** discerning a possible **vocation to priestly and/or religious life**. The retreat will take place January 19, 2013 at the Newman Centre at University of Toronto (89 St. George St.). There is no charge for the retreat. Contact Associate Vocation Director **Fr. Alvin** at friaralvin@icprovince.org for more info.



DISCOVER THE RICHNESS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

The Archdiocese offers a variety of sessions designed to help parishioners **"understand our Catholic faith a little more clearly and to live a little more eagerly"**.

Some of the programmes being offered could be very helpful to some of our ministers in the parish, and to those who might be considering offering their services to the community that worships at St Francis of Assisi Parish. Call: 416 934 3400 x523 to request a listing of programmes available, or go to:



<http://www.archtoronto.org/discipleship/formationwinter2013.htm>

The Ministry of Hospitality: Called to Serve (Ushers and Greeters)

This workshop will be offered at St Patrick's Parish (McCaul and Dundas) on Monday March 4th from 7-9 pm.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: The Gracious Gift of God's Presence

This workshop will be offered at St Patrick's Parish (McCaul and Dundas) on Monday March 11th from 7-9 pm



IL GIORNO DEL BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE - ANNO C – 13 GENNAIO 2013

WELCOME FRIAR TOM WASHBURN



FATHER TOM
WASHBURN, OFM

Next weekend Fr Tom Washburn, Vocation Director for Immaculate Conception Province, will be speaking at our weekend Masses. He will also be involved with the "Come and See Weekend" to be held at The Newman Centre at the University of Toronto. Please join us in welcoming Fr Tom and remember to pray for vocations.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions to the parish over these past few weeks. **Those who used the special Christmas envelopes contributed a total of \$10,545.50 to the parish.**

As we begin the New Year 2013, we ask you to consider how it is that you support St Francis of Assisi Parish. Some people take the "cinema attitude" – they drop in their contribution only if they come to Mass. This is similar to buying a ticket when going to see a show. Our parish is not a business. It is a community of believers. We depend on contributions to pay for all the expenses of the parish – when our parishioners are present and even when they are visiting elsewhere on a particular Sunday.

We cannot help mentioning **the good example we see from many of our shut-ins who continue to send in their envelopes**, insisting that this is another way of keeping up their contact with our parish family.

Vi ringraziamo per la vostra generosità in questi giorni del Santo Natale. **I contributi nelle buste apposite per Natale erano di \$10,545.50. Siamo certi che il Signore vi premierà per tutto ciò che offrite a lui.**

TORONTO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WELCOME KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS



The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the Sept 2013 school year beginning Tuesday, Jan 8, 2013. Your local Catholic school will be offering one evening of

extended registration hours during the week of Jan 14th, 2013.

The TCDSB is proud to provide a wide range of programs and services to students in 2013 publicly-funded Catholic schools from kindergarten to grade 12.

A GIFT OF MUSIC : 75 YEARS OF SONG



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For 75 years, St Michael's Choir School has been putting the joys, aspirations, dreams

and solemnities of this city to song. The school is a pre-eminent training ground for liturgical singers, composers, conductors and organists in North America. Students and graduates enrich the liturgies of St Michael's Cathedral and many parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

To honour, support and celebrate this tradition, the Alumni present a benefit concert, **A Gift of Music: 75 Years of Song**, January 21st, 2013 at 7.30 pm. at the **Roy Thomson Hall**, 60 Simcoe Street, Toronto. Headlining school alumni: Matt Dusk, Kevin Hearn, Stephen Hegedus, James McKie, Michael Colvin,

Michael O'Grady, Paolo Bordignon and Michael Schade. Directed by alumnus Andrew Craig, accompanied by an orchestra, special guests and the current students of the Choir School. Monies raised will be used to fund the school's jubilee tour to Italy and the Vatican, as well as support bursaries and scholarships for students in financial need.

For more information and to buy tickets, please contact www.agiftofmusic.ca and the Roy Thomson Hall Box Office 418 872 4255.

MASS SCHEDULE

January 12th to January 20th 2013

SATURDAY, January 12th

St Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin

5:00 PM Pro Populo

SUNDAY, January 13th

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 AM Filomena e Famiglia Prioriello;
Marianna Pileggi; Stephanie Simone;
Donato Vito; Anna Maria Bellissimo

11:30 AM Fr. Aloysius G. Rego S.J.

MONDAY, January 14th

Bl Odoric of Portunone, Friar Priest

8:00 AM Giuliana, Domenico e Caterina Bertucci

TUESDAY, January 15th

8:00 AM Anna Maria Bellissimo

WEDNESDAY, January 16th

Sts Bernard & Companions,

First Martyrs of The Franciscan Family

8:00 AM Fr. Sigmund A Brambilla

THURSDAY, January 17th

St Antony, Abbot

8:00 AM Fr. Sigmund A Brambilla

FRIDAY, January 18th

8:00 AM OFM Living & Deceased

SATURDAY, January 19th

St Eustochia Calafato, Virgin

5:00 PM For Our Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, January 20th

9:00 AM Teresa e Bruno Malfara;
Emma Reali; Giovanni Di Lecce;
Silvia Rossina Daconto

11:30 AM Joyce Carey