

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 17, 2013

### SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION



Today is the Shepherd's Trust collection which is taking place in all the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The Shepherd's Trust has a mission to provide, comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us – our retired priests. As parishioners, we have our own memories of a Catholic priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives. Each year, thousands of people contribute to the Shepherd's Trust. We want our priests to retire safely and with dignity. The Shepherd's Trust allows us to help achieve this goal. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Oggi, in tutte le Parrocchie dell'Archidiocesi di Toronto, si terrà una colletta speciale per il Shepherd's Trust. L'obiettivo del Shepherd's Trust è quello di dare sostegno ai nostri sacerdoti in pensione e di prendersi cura di loro, così come loro si presero costante cura di noi.

Noi Parrocchiani, portiamo con noi ricordi di sacerdoti cattolici che hanno reso la nostra vita più positiva, significativa e duratura.

Ogni anno, migliaia di persone contribuiscono al Shepherd's Trust. Vogliamo far sì che i nostri sacerdoti possano ritirarsi tranquillamente e con dignità e il Shepherd's Trust ci permette di raggiungere tale obiettivo.

Vi ringraziamo di cuore per la vostra generosità.

### UNA GIORNATA DI RACCOGLIAMENTO SPIRITUALE

Prepariamoci alla venuta del Signore con una giornata di raccoglimento spirituale in lingua Italiana. Nel familiare ambiente di Villa Colombo al 40 Playfair Ave. Toronto, si terrà una giornata di Raccoglimento Spirituale, **Giovedì 5 Dicembre 2013** sotto la guida spirituale del Cappellano Padre Celestino Canzio, OFM dalle ore 9:30 alle ore 16:00.

Si prega di prenotare la propria partecipazione inviando un assegno o "Money order" intestato a Villa Colombo (att: Mirella Tel. 416-789-2113 ext. 2220) prima di Lunedì, 2 Dicembre, 2013. **NOTA:** Non ci saranno biglietti in vendita all'entrata. Il prezzo di \$35.00 include anche il pranzo e rinfreschi. **Avvisiamo che le registrazioni sono limitate – inviare al reparto E.P.C. Mirella.**

### PHILIPPINES DISASTER – TYPHOON HAIYAN

In response to the news that thousands are dead, hundreds of thousands forced out of their homes, and an estimated 9.5 million people are in dire need of aid, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief efforts through its network of parishes. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto maintains that besides practical assistance to the victims in the Philippines, "we join together in prayer to support all who are affected."

Those wishing to help may do so using envelopes that are available at the back of the church - please mark your envelopes "Philippines Typhoon Haiyan – Humanitarian Relief".

Please remember that **any cheques for special collections**, including for the Philippines Typhoon Haiyan, **MUST be made payable to "St Francis of Assisi Parish"**.

### SECOND MEETING FOR FHC CANDIDATES

Parents and candidates for the **First Holy Communion** have their second meeting for Unit 2 Chapters 3 & 4 **today at 10:30 am;**

**OR** **Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm**

### FIRST MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

First meeting for Unit One for Parents and **Confirmation** Candidates – Please choose one

**OR** **Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am**  
**Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 pm**

### FHC & CONFIRMATION: RITE OF ENROLMENT

**Our Enrolment Rite** will be held at the following Masses (choose one): **Today at the 11:30 am Mass**

**OR** **Sat Nov 23 at 5:00 pm Mass**  
**Sun Dec 1 at 11:30 am Mass**  
**Sat Dec 7 at 5:00 pm Mass**

We call the First Holy Communion and the Confirmation candidates up after the homily and present them with the crosses to be worn around their neck.

#### The San Damiano Cross

The cross pictured is a reproduction of the one St. Francis was praying before when he received the commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church. The original cross hangs in Santa Chiara (St. Clare) Basilica in Assisi, Italy.



One day, while passing the run down church known as San Damiano, Francis heard an internal voice from his spirit tell him to go in and pray. He entered and knelt before the cross in contemplation and ecstasy. While gazing at the cross, Francis saw the lips of Jesus move and he heard the words, "Francis, go repair my house which as you see is falling into ruin." Throughout the centuries the San Damiano cross has symbolized for Franciscans a mission to bring renewal to the Church. The cross is called an icon cross because it contains images of persons who have a part in the meaning of the cross. The purpose of an icon cross is to teach the meaning of the event depicted and thereby strengthen the faith of the people.

The San Damiano cross, meditation on the Word of God in scripture and the evangelical life of Francis and Clare are at the heart of the Franciscan vision.

Taken from Scanlan, Fr. Michael. **The San Damiano Cross: An Explanation.** Steubenville, OH: Franciscan University of Steubenville, 2007.

### FHC AND CONFIRMATION RETREAT

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates from St Francis of Assisi School and St Luke School, as well as those candidates from Public Schools, will be attending a **Day of Retreat on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Confirmation candidates will gather in the morning in the **Parish Hall** at St Francis of Assisi Church at 9:00 am and will finish at 11.15 am; the First Holy Communion candidates will also be going to the Parish Hall in the afternoon starting at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

## LA TRENTAQUATTRESIMA DOMENICA – ANNO C – 17 NOVEMBRE 2013

### MINISTRY ONGOING EDUCATION SERVIZIO NELLA CHIESA –AGGIORNAMENTO



The **Ministry of the Word** meeting will be held on **Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>** from **7:30 to 9:30pm** here at St Francis of Assisi Parish. We are asking all those who already participate in this Ministry to plan to attend this meeting. We also ask all those who are interested in being a part of this service to participate as well. If you miss this meeting, you will likely have to travel elsewhere to find another presentation of this topic.

### RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE - ULTIMI AGGIORNAMENTI A RIGUARDO DEL PROGETTO DI RESTAURO

#### WEST STAIR RENOVATION PROJECT

We are pleased to report that the West Stair renovation will be nearing completion mid-November; weather co-operating.

#### RECTORY RENOVATION AND PARISH PHASE 1 SCOPE OF WORK

The project tender has been completed and the contractor bids were received at the end of October. Bid submissions are currently being evaluated by our Project Architect and we will be awarding the contract by mid-November to the successful contractor. Work will commence on the Rectory and Parish by the end of November and will continue throughout the Winter and Spring of 2014.

We thank you for your continued patience and prayers as we move forward with our restoration activities.

#### PROGETTO DI RESTAURO DELLE SCALINATE AL LATO OCCIDENTALE DELLA CHIESA

Siamo lieti di comunicarVi che il lavoro di restauro della scalinata frontale al lato occidentale della Parrocchia giungerà quasi a termine entro la metà di novembre, se il tempo permette.

#### RESTAURO DELLA RETTORIA E PRIMA FASE DELL'AMBITO DEL LAVORO DELLA PARROCCHIA

E' scaduto il termine per presentare le offerte di partecipazione alla gara d'appalto, le quali ci sono state pervenute verso la fine di ottobre. Attualmente e' in corso la valutazione, da parte dell'architetto del progetto, delle offerte presentatoci ed entro la metà di novembre sceglieremo l'appaltatore a cui affidare il contratto di lavoro. Il restauro della rettoria e della parrocchia inizierà alla fine di novembre e continuerà per tutto l'inverno e la primavera del 2014.

Vi ringraziamo per la vostra consueta pazienza e per le vostre preghiere mentre che proseguiamo per il nostro percorso di restauro.

We would like to thank everyone at **St Francis of Assisi School** for organising a Food Drive during The Thanksgiving weekend and Halloween. All Food has been donated to the SVDP to forward to needy families. Congratulations also to the students and staff of **St Luke School** who have collected a total of \$256.00 towards the Philippine Relief Fund!

### MASS SCHEDULE NOV 16<sup>TH</sup> TO NOV 24<sup>TH</sup> 2013

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND; ST GERTRUDE, VIRGIN

- 1:30 PM Wedding: Ricca & Selbie  
5:00 PM All Souls

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

- 9:00 AM All Souls  
11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### DEDICATION OF CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES; BL. SALOME OF CROCOVIA, VIRGIN, POOR CLARE

- 8:00 AM All Souls

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST AGNES OF ASSISI, VIRGIN, POOR CLARE

- 8:00 AM All Souls

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### BLESSED PASCAL FORTUNO ALMELA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS; BLESSED SALVATOR LILLY AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

- 8:00 AM All Souls

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY

- 8:00 AM All Souls

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### ST CECILIA, VIRGIN MARTYR

- 8:00 AM All Souls

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### ST CLEMENT I, POPE & MARTYR; ST COLUMBAN, ABBOT; BL. MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO, PRIEST & MARTYR

- 5:00 PM All Souls

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

- 9:00 AM All Souls  
11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions