

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – YEAR A – JANUARY 12TH, 2014

CATECHISM STARTS AGAIN

Please remember to have your child wear his/her **enrolment crucifix** when attending classes and Mass.

We remind our families that they need to work on the assigned chapters with their children and attend one of the following meetings – we always advise parents to choose the first meeting in case the child or parent gets a case of the flu when the second option rolls around.

FIRST COMMUNION – CONFESSION UNIT 3

Always at St Francis Church

TODAY Sun Jan 12 at 10 am or Sat Jan 18 at 4 pm

CONFIRMATION – UNIT 2

Always at St Francis Church on either

Sun Jan 19 at 10 am or Sat Jan 25 at 4 pm

PS – parents or adult sponsors are expected to attend with the candidate and to sit with the candidate – we find that this makes the session go more smoothly. Yes, the grade eight candidates have Confirmation homework and at times the parents have sections where they need to contribute – your interest and involvement is necessary and appreciated.

SECULAR FRANCISCANS MEETING

Our Secular Franciscan Order will be meeting today following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. They are committed to embracing the ideals of St Francis of Assisi in their everyday life as married or single people living in our society.

SAVE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS RACCOGLIETE FRACOBOLLI X LE MISSIONI

We are starting to collect used stamps to help support and promote the missionary activities of the friars of the Franciscan Missionary Union. Any used stamps can be forwarded to St Francis of Assisi parish office.

Siamo raccogliendo dei francobolli per le missioni.



TCDSB PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS 2014-2015



The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the September 2014 school year. Registration commenced January 8th, 2014.

Please note that **St Francis of Assisi School** will be having their extended evening on **Monday January 20th from 6pm – 8pm.**

For registration info, please call **416-222-8282 ext. 5314**

ORDINE FRANCESCANO SECOLARE

La prossima riunione per l'ordine Franceseano secolare e` giovedì 16 gennaio seguendo la S. Messa della 8:00am.

DECEMBER OFFERTORIES AND CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

In our Bulletin of December 1st 2013, we showed the weekly collections for the months of July and November 2013. We would like to keep our parishioners updated and below are the weekly offertories for the month of December 2013, as well as a Christmas Collection table comparing the year 2012 with 2013.

Dec 02/12	\$2,840.00	Dec 01/13	\$2,445.00
Dec 09/12	\$2,615.00	Dec 08/13	\$3,024.00
Dec 16/12	\$2,772.00	Dec 15/13	\$1,747.00
Dec 23/12	\$3,050.00	Dec 22/13	\$1,519.00
Dec 30/12	\$1,782.50	Dec 29/13	\$3,641.00
Total	\$13,059.50	Total	\$12,376.00

Christmas Collection 2012 \$10,545.50

Christmas Collection 2013 \$ 9,230.00

Amount received less in 2013 \$ 1,315.50

We want to thank all of you who generously support our parish here at St Francis of Assisi. We want to thank those good parishioners who were finally able to get to Sunday Mass on Dec 29th and dropped their envelopes from the previous bad weather Sundays into the Offertory basket.

From year to year, it is natural to expect at least a little increase (cost of living?) over the previous year. This year we experienced a decrease in both the December Offertories and the Christmas Collection. We understand that some of the numbers were down because of the extreme weather but at the same time the payments of our utility bills and payroll continue to be made.

As we begin 2014, we ask you to take a look at your offerings to support St Francis of Assisi Parish. Nobody wants to hear talk about "money matters" but every family needs to periodically sit down and talk about its reality – even our parish family. We feel that the numbers should give us food for thought.

Traduzione italiana domenica prossima

SIGNIFICANT ANONYMOUS DONATION

Please note that someone anonymously dropped a very significant donation into the collection basket over these past weeks. The purpose of the donation was to replace the current chair lift. – BTW it was repaired shortly after the event cited.

We need to say that there are a number of issues that are too detailed to enter into here. The most obvious thing to underline is that in one of the later phases of the proposals for St Francis, an elevator to all floors of the church and hall will be constructed – it will actually become a legal requirement at some point soon.

We have purposely NOT mentioned the amount donated. Should this person desire to dialogue, citing the amount is one of the possible identifiers that could establish the authenticity of the contact.

We want the person to understand that we are trying to be accountable to them in as best a way as we can devise given the "anonymous" situation.

IL BATTESIMO DI NOSTRO SIGNORE – ANNO A – 12 GENNAIO 2014

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS COLLECTION LE MISSIONI FRANCESCANE

This year you will find a special “Franciscan Missions” envelope in your set of offering envelopes. We have a number of commitments in Central America (Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala). These include mission parishes, schools, orphanages and clinics. Your support for these missions would be greatly appreciated. **Next Sunday, January 19th is the Franciscan Missions Collection.**

Quest'anno avete trovato una busta per le missioni francescane (Franciscan Missions) della nostra provincia. Come provincia francescana abbiamo diverse realtà nell'America Centrale – Honduras, El Salvador e Guatemala). Ci sono parrocchie, cliniche, scuole e anche orfanotrofi. Il vostro aiuto sarà molto gradito – **le buste saranno raccolte domenica prossima 19 gennaio.**

THANK YOU TO OUR CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS GRAZIE PER IL VOSTRO AIUTO

It has been a great pleasure to hear our parishioners and visitors complement the wonderful environment created in our parish over these days of Christmas. Things began early as the outside crew tries to set up the external nativity scene on the last days of forgiving weather. They timed themselves very well this year.



The inside crew has to sort through decorations and climb ladders to get things done. Many are the evenings in late Advent when you can pass by the church in the cold nights and see lights shining inside. That usually means that our volunteers are hard at work hanging angels and swags, setting up the internal nativity scene and eventually arranging the poinsettias around the altar to warmly welcome the image of the Infant Jesus that is processed in during our Christmas Eve Masses.

Our choir begins practising in the weeks ahead – you can often hear Christmas hymns being secretly sung in preparation for the great season of the incarnation. Song sheets and programmes are printed and everyone settles in for the celebration of the mystery of our redemption.

Cogliamo l'occasione per ringraziare tutti i nostri volontari per la loro grande collaborazione nella preparazione dell'esterno e interno della chiesa per le feste natalizie. Non c'è modo di ringraziare le anime generose per tante ore di lavoro, tante volte nascosto. Noi arriviamo a celebrare in una chiesa preparata senza accorgerci del sacrificio fatto dai nostri parrocchiani. **Grazie dal cuore!**

THE GREAT DISMANTLE! SMANTELLIAMO!

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marking the end of Christmas Season and the return to Ordinary time. **Could you spare some time to help dismantling the two trees, the Christmas Altar, the inside nativity scene and to pack away decorations? If you would like to give a hand, please congregate right after the 11:30 Mass today at the front of the church, near the altar.**

2014 ENVELOPES – BUSTE DELL'ANNO NUOVO

Now that we have started a new year, we would kindly remind you to use the **new** 2014 offertory envelopes. Those who have not yet received them may call the parish office.

Per evitare confusione nella nostra contabilità, vi chiediamo di buttare via le buste vecchie del 2013. Adesso dobbiamo usare solo quelle del 2014 – Felice anno nuovo!

MASS SCHEDULE JANUARY 11TH TO JANUARY 19TH 2014

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH ST THOMAS OF CORA, FRIAR PRIEST

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

9:00 AM Giovanni, Carlo e Famiglia Barbati;
Domenico e Vittorio Bellissimo;
Nicola Nesci e Matthew Nesci;
Raffaele e Caterina Gallè; Raffaele Macri;
Francesco e Carmelo Gallè; Serasino Lio;
Angelo & Grace Calaminici; Caterina Greco;

11:30 AM Nicola, Elisa e Matthew Pelaia

MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH ST HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH BL ODORIC OF PORTUNAONE, FRIAR PRIEST

8:00 PM OFM NYC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

1:30 PM *Combined Schools' New Year Mass*

7:00 PM Caterina Greco

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH ST BERARD & COMPANIONS, FIRST MARTYRS OF THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY

8:00 AM OFM NYC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH ST ANTHONY, ABBOT

8:00 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH ST EUSTOCHIA CALAFATO, VIRGIN

5:00 PM Luigi Lengua

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Giovanni Di Lecce; Caterina Greco;
Nicola Simonetta; Vincenzo Scalamogna;
Teresa e Bruno Malfara;
Rosina e Giorgio Sposito;
Rosina e Francesco Premerano;

11:30AM Filomena Prioriello