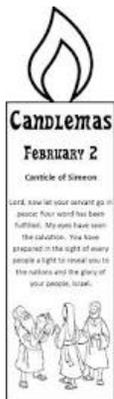

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD-
FESTA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE DEL SIGNORE
FEB 1 & 2**



Next weekend is the feast of the **Presentation of Our Lord**. The Church celebrates this feast - The Feast of the Purification which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day for the traditional blessing and distribution of candles on that day. It is customary to bring candles from home, (candles for the family altar, Advent candles, etc) to be blessed that one uses for devotional purposes and candles to be lit when the priests visits the sick to bring them Holy Communion or administer the Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick.

Parishioners are invited to bring their own candles to be blessed at the start of the each Mass. (We will also have boxed pairs of 51% beeswax candles available to those interested for a minimum donation of \$5 to offset actual cost to the parish.)

La prossima settimana è la Festa in cui si celebra Cristo come luce che illumina le genti e debba essere posto nel contesto del mistero pasquale, la forza redentrice della morte e risurrezione di Cristo. All'inizio della Santa Messa si potrà compiere la benedizione delle candele, secondo il Rito del Messale Romano.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
GIORNATA MONDIALE DELLA VITA
CONSACRATA FEB 2, 2014**

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord"- John Paul II (1997)

La giornata mira ad "aiutare l'intera Chiesa a valorizzare sempre di più la testimonianza di coloro che hanno scelto di seguire Cristo mediante la pratica dei consigli evangelici, e nel contempo, vuole essere per le persone consacrate un'occasione propizia per rinnovare i propositi e per ravvivare i sentimenti che hanno ispirato la loro donazione al Signore" – Giovanni Paolo II (1997).

NEW ENGLISH HYMNALS

LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND ONTO THE LORD!

On the 1st Saturday/Sunday of February we will start using a new hymnal, entitled "Breaking Bread".

It is hoped you will participate in the singing of the sacred hymns during the Mass and other liturgies when music is employed. The new hymnals will be found in the pews along with the existing copies of "Living with Christ" missalettes.

Our hymns for a given Sunday will be noted on the oak hymn boards located on the columns on either side of the sanctuary/altar.

**FEBRUARY 3RD – St BLAISE
BLESSING OF THE THROATS/ SAN BIAGIO,
VESCOVO E MARTIRE**

The Blessing of the Throats is observed on the feast day of Saint Blaise which falls on Monday February 3rd. Throats will be blessed after the 8:00 Mass and the prayer for the blessing is:

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Dopo la Santa Messa, lunedì il 3 di febbraio, si potrà impartire la benedizione della gola. Per la benedizione, si pronuncia la seguente formula:

*Per l'intercessione di San Biagio
Vescovo e martire
Che Dio ti liberi da ogni mal di gola
E da ogni altro male
Nel nome del Padre, e del Figlio
E dello Spirito Santo. Amen*

**CATHOLICISM: JOURNEY AROUND THE
WORLD AND DEEP INTO THE FAITH**

When was the last time you brushed up on your faith? As we make the journey through the first weeks of Ordinary Time and into Lent, why not take the opportunity to look at who we are as a community of believers? Discover the richness of our Catholic faith. Using the renowned DVD series *Catholicism* by Fr. Robert Barron, join us as we engage in a rich exploration of the Catholic faith. Discover the timeless teachings of the Catholic tradition through the use of art, architecture, literature and music.

This series is offered at two locations:

St Anthony's Parish -1037 Bloor Street West, Toronto
10 Monday evenings, **January 27 – April 7** (excl. Feb 17)
From 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm; AND

St Monica's Parish, - 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto
(Yonge/Eglinton area)
10 Thursday evenings, **January 30 – April 3**
From 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

To register, call the Office of Formation for Discipleship at 416-934-3400 ext.523

NOTE: In the last few months, two gold bracelets were found between the church pews. If anyone has lost one of these bracelets please contact the parish office and give a brief description of the lost bracelet.

LA TERZA DOMENICA – ANNO A – 26 GENNAIO 2014

PREPARING FOR GOOD FRIDAY INIZIAMO I PREPARATIVI x VENERDÌ SANTO

We will soon announce our dates for meetings and preparations for our Good Friday Procession. This is a showcase event for the faith of our community. This year we will be a little disadvantaged with the rectory being cut off for renovations. We are hoping to carry out some re-organization including characters and a simplification of the route. **We ask our groups to begin collecting names and contact information for those wanting to participate.**

Fra poco vi avviseremo i dettagli dei nostri incontri preparativi per la processione del venerdì santo. Siccome la casa parrocchiale è un cantiere di lavoro e perciò chiuso, saremo un po' svantaggiati quest'anno. Cerchiamo di organizzarci bene e di semplificare anche la rotta della processione. **Gentilmente chiediamo i capi gruppi di raccogliere i dettagli (nomi, recapiti telefonici e indirizzi di posta elettronica) di chi vuole partecipare.**

MARRIAGE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8/9, 2014



Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins is extending an invitation to all married couples who will celebrate their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary any-time throughout 2014 to join with

him for Mass and a reception to highlight these special milestones. **The Mass will take place on Sunday, February 9 at St Paul's Basilica at 4:00 pm.** Loved ones and family members of those honoured are most welcome to attend.

COME AND SEE VOCATION RETREAT

The Franciscan Vocation Office will hold a retreat weekend for single Catholic men between the ages of 18-38 discerning a possible vocation to be a Franciscan Brother or Priest. The retreat will take place at the **Franciscan Friary in Boston, from February 21-23, 2014. There is no charge for the retreat.** Contact Fr. Alvin (friarAlvin@icprovince.org) if you're interested in attending.

AROUND THE PARISH



We are probably going to get into more detail soon but we just wanted to flash the following items for your attention:

At the main entrance to the church you will notice a big plastic water bottle that is being filled by parishioners with **aluminum pop can pulls.** Fr Giacomo LaSelva asked us to promote this as he is attempting to collect enough of these pulls at different locations to redeem them for a wheelchair. For more information go to www.poptabsforwheelchairs.ca

Thank you to all those who painstakingly cut out the **postage stamps** on the cards received during our recent Christmas Season. Please **remember NOT to peel the stamps and to leave a little border of envelope around the stamp.** We will soon send our first shipment out to the **Franciscan Mission Office** of our friars in Western Canada.

You may know that the **church is cleaned by volunteers.** At the beginning of this year, one of our faithful volunteers has had

to retire for personal reasons. We would now be very happy if someone could take on the **responsibility for checking out the supplies in our washrooms.**

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 25TH TO FEBRUARY 2ND 2014

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

9:00 AM Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi
Vincenzo Avolio – 1° anniversario;
Caterina Greco

11:30 AM Caterina Rizzuto

MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH

ST ANGELA MERICI, THIRD ORDER RELIGIOUS

8:00 AM OFM NYC

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 PM Fr Kieran Monahan OFM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

7:00 PM Vincenzo Raco

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH

ST HYACINTH OF MARISCOTTI, VIRGIN

8:00 AM OFM NYC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

8:00 AM OFM NYC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

5:00 PM Annunziata & Domenico Carnevale

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM Caterina Greco;
Luigi Nardella

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions