

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20th, 2014

A PROVINCIAL WIDE SIMULTANEOUS MASS - MAY 7TH

Each Year, Catholic School Boards celebrates Catholic Education Week, marking the week with many faith-filled activities and emphasizing the unique opportunities that come from a Catholic Education.

For 2013-2014, the Catholic Board Council is proposing a project that would spread the word of God to all Ontario Catholic Secondary Students by holding one simultaneous Mass, to be said on the same date at the same time, at each Catholic high school in the province of Ontario, during Catholic Education Week. The aim is to inspire Catholic secondary students who no longer practice their faith to begin turning to their churches with this inspirational community building celebration.



RETROUVAILLE: Help for Troubled Marriages

A live-in weekend and Post sessions to help couples experiencing troubles in their marriage relationships. For further confidential and no-obligation information, call (416) 281-6007 or go to www.torontoretrouvaille.com

Upcoming weekend: **April 25, 26, 27, 2014** in Mississauga.

GALA CONCERT ON THE OCCASION OF THE CANONIZATIONS OF JOHN XXIII AND JOHN PAUL II



Catholic Family Radio invites you to a gala concert. The Honourary Patron of this event is Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. This gala will bring together Canadian soloists, an internationally acclaimed trio of clergy from Ireland called *The Priests*, a Canadian choir and *Toronto Sinfonietta*, conducted by Matthew Jaskiewicz. Throughout the gala concert

there will be video excerpts from various events and pilgrimages of John Paul II.

**Place: Queen Elizabeth Theatre,
Exhibition Place, Toronto
Time: May 3rd, 2014 at 7:00 pm**

Ticket reservations can be made at www.radiorodzina.com or by calling 416-588-0555.

BECOMING GOSPEL WOMEN TODAY

The Sisters of St Joseph of Toronto will be offering retreat weekends for single women. A weekend of prayer and contemplation to be held on Lake Simcoe, in Orillia:

May 2-4 or May 23-25, 2014

Registration deadline is April 23, 2014. For more information and registration, contact Sister Rosemary Fry, CSJ at rfry@csj-to.ca or 416-285-4166

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY SATURDAY – SABATO SANTO

SATURDAY APRIL 19TH - SABATO 19 APRILE

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY
NO SATURDAY AFTERNOON MASS (5-PM)

EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00PM English & Italian

EASTER SUNDAY – DOMENICA DELLA PASQUA SUNDAY APRIL 20TH – DOMENICA 20 APRILE

MASS – 9:00AM Italian

MASS – 11:30AM English

Evening Masses Easter Sunday

St Alphonsus Church at 540 St Clair Ave West

English Mass April 20th at 7:30 pm

St Michael's Cathedral: April 20th at 5 pm

THANKS FOR MAKING EASTER BEAUTIFUL

It always bears repeating. Thank you to all of you who have contributed in some way to make Easter 2014 a memorable celebration here at St Francis.

This morning you see a church that is filled with joy as heaven and earth acclaim the Risen Lord. We come in to all the Easter flowers and candles, incense and joyous music. It all seems perfect like it was done by angels but there are many volunteer hours and dedication that go into our celebration of Easter.

We want to thank all of those who have cleaned and set up the church and hall for this week as well as all of those who served at the liturgies and who prepared and executed the music that beautified our experiences.

We were happy to have **Bishop McGrattan** and **Bishop Boissonneau** who graced our community with their presence. Thank you also to the Friars, **Fr Giacinto**, **Fr Alvin** and **Brother Zach** who were with us in these days.

The **Good Friday Procession** is in a category of its own. This year we have moved a little further ahead in organizing our tradition. In spite of some of the disadvantages due to our renovations, we were still able to get it all organized – only owing to some very dedicated volunteers and the response of our community, including many of the **GTA Associations** that annually participate and to the good will of the **Little Italy BIA**. A special thanks to **Lenny Lombardi** and the **CHIN family** for doing a wonderful job at putting out the word and helping us fill our list of characters and volunteers. Finally, our **Police Service** that hosted a meeting of **City of Toronto** and **TTC** coordinators together with our **local Councillor Michael Layton** – as well as providing over 70 auxiliary and bike police officers have really guaranteed a safe and well ordered event.

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DOMENICA DI PASQUA – 20 APRILE 2014

WELCOME TO ST FRANCIS FOR EASTER

At Easter time it is a common experience for people to COME HOME to the neighbourhood. Many people tell us their stories of how they received their sacraments at St Francis and how they have known the friars who served here over the years. You really are the extended family of St Francis of Assisi Parish and we are happy to see you whenever you are in the area.

On the other hand, we have reached out in the local paper and via posters in shops and even the banners on our fences. We want those who live in the area to understand that they are welcome to join us here at St Francis and to make their spiritual home here. There has been a great shift with houses being gutted and development being built and new people moving into the area. We are hoping that open doors in these days of Holy Week and Easter will draw you in.

For those of you coming home and visiting your grand/parents, we want to remind you that we do visit our neighbourhood shut-ins around the First Friday of the month to bring them Holy Communion. If your loved one is not getting out (especially in winter?) a call to our office can have them put on our list.

For those of you coming into our area, you will find that we are available to assist you in your pastoral needs – preparing for the baptism of your children, preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation and young couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage here at St Francis or sometimes even when the event is being prepared at an international location. Please remember that marriage preparation needs time so do not wait until the last minute.

Sometimes people have gotten married without realizing that Catholics are obliged to be married in a Catholic Church. There are ways of remedying these situations. Sometimes there is a separation or divorce and folks need advice and direction to Catholic Family Services, New Beginnings or information on Annulments. Now that the Holy Week is at an end, make an appointment and come into the office. We will try and work with you to address your needs. Sometimes the answer is much simpler than you expect.

To our new friends (and old friends) – we extend you an invitation to become a registered parishioner at St Francis of Assisi. It makes you a recognized name at St Francis and comes in handy when you approach us for the sacraments and often folks come to us for references for immigration or job applications. Please point this out if you have any of the younger generation hoping to teach in the Catholic School system – they are adults and need to officially be part of a parish. Mom or Dad being registered does not do much for the younger generation as they make their forays into the adult world.

Welcome to one and all!

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The Office will be closed on Easter Monday April 21st and will be open on Tuesday April 22nd usual office hours

MASS SCHEDULE APRIL 19TH TO APRIL 27TH 2014

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

SOLEMNITY OF

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

9:00 AM For All Parishioners

11:30 AM For All Parishioners

MONDAY APRIL 21ST

8:00 AM Franciscan Friars

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

8:00 AM Paul e Michelina Portelli

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD

8:00 AM OFM NYC

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

8:00 AM FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH

Vincenzo e Maria Pileggi

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

5:00 PM Nicola Primomo

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM Giovanni e Maria Callipo;
Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi;
Saverio Paparo e Famiglia;
Filomena Martino; Lucia e Carlo Tedesco;
Filomena e Liberato Martino;
Tonio Urciuoli; Italia e Maria Console;
Pasquale Gallippi; Giuseppe Azzoli;
Franco Greco e Famiglia

11:30 AM Caterina Rizzuto

MARRIAGE BANNS

The marriage between Vincenzo (Vince) Servello and Frances Sparano will take place on Sat May 10th, 2014

Please remember to pray for this couple and all other couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at St Francis. This is one of the ways in which we support our parishioners.