

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A – MAY 18, 2014

MINISTRY ONGOING NEWS

We are inviting those who participated a few months ago in the preparation seminar for the Ministers of Hospitality to join us for a meeting to be held on **Thursday May 22nd at 7 pm** in the Parish Hall. A pizza dinner will follow the meeting.

Ministers of Hospitality

Ricardo Aleixo	Agostino Lotito
Sal Cipolla	Rocco Petrella
Rocco Farella	Domenic Sinicropi
Natalina Furfaro	Domenic Vetro

Ministers of the Eucharist

We call upon those who participated a few months ago in the preparation seminar for the Ministers of the Eucharist to come in the sacristy 15 minutes before each Mass in the weekend of **June 14/15**. Congratulations to the following ministers:

Antoine Abugaber, Nicola Bava and Anna Virdò

DONATIONS FOR THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND CANDLE STICKS



We would like to thank the Rebelo Family who donated \$350 towards the purchase of the **Paschal Candle**.

We would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the following parishioners who have donated \$360 towards the purchase of a new **Paschal Candle Base**:

Domenic Vetro; Rocco Petrella in memory of Fr. Gregory Botte; Rose Nasso in memory of Carmela,

Giuseppe and Giorgio Nasso; and Ana & Giuseppina Olimpico in memory of Giovanni Olimpico.

HAPPY VICTORIA DAY MONDAY MAY 19TH!

Victoria Day is a statutory holiday and **the parish office will be closed Monday May 19th**. On Tuesday May 20th office will open for regular hours. Have a great weekend everyone!

Please Note - For those who might need assistance, a **caregiver** with previous elderly care experience has indicated her availability to work with our elderly parishioners. For further contact information, please call the parish office.

NB – The parish does NOT take responsibility for such recommendations. Families are always advised to ask for and follow up on references and to make their own wise decisions.

MARRIAGE BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between **Stephen Reilly** and **Elisha Pegoraro** getting married on Friday May 30th, 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.

THE HOPES AND CHALLENGES OF OUR PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Recently there was a powerful reflection from Friar Robert Lentz who was moved by the lives of the Palestinian men and women that he met while on a Holy Land Peace Pilgrimage. To get a better understanding of Br. Robert's experience, you are invited to watch a short video that illustrates the joys and hopes of our Palestinian brothers and sisters, as well as the challenges they face. The 16-minute video, produced by the Holy Land Ecumenical Christian Foundation (HCEF), is available at <http://www.hcef.org/hcef-media/video/video/keeping-our-vision-alive>.

FAITH CONNECTIONS' THEOLOGY ON TAP: RADICAL GRATITUDE

Monday, May 26, 2014 – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave. Toronto

All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics! Special guests: Mary Jo Leddy B.A., B.Ed, M.A., Ph.D, Lecturer in Religion & Society. Munchies provided, cash bar available – come and bring a friend!

More info: call Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca – a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GRACE

On May 25th 2014, the Augustinians at Marylake, are hosting their 3rd Annual Rosary Sunday. This event, commencing at 1:30 pm will be presided over by Fr. Paul Nicholson. The day's events will include a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, a Living Rosary and Benediction. For those who are travelling longer distances, they will also be providing for a Mass at 11.00 am.



This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Marylake.

POPE PASTORAL WORKS – MAY 25TH

The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes funds available for distribution wherever the need arises. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately, many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need.

Please remember to get your envelopes today at the church entrance.

**Thank you for your generosity!
Grazie per la vostra generosità!**

Parishioners are reminded that the **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation Masses** listed on page two are usually well attended by visiting family and friends. The liturgies themselves take a little longer than regular Masses.

QUINTA DOMENICA DELLA PASQUA ANNO A – 18 MAGGIO 2014

FHC & CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL & INFO

First Communion and Confirmation Dates

Tues May 20th at 6.30 pm – First Communion Rehearsal for St Luke begins in the hall.

Sat May 24th – 1st Communion - St Luke & others

3:30 pm Gowns available in hall.
Professional Photographer in Hall for individual pictures – only those families who want these.
4:30 pm Group Picture
4:45 pm Procession into the Church
5:00 pm Mass begins

Tues May 27th at 6:30 pm – Rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors from **St Luke & others** begins in the hall.

Please note – there will be priests available for **Confessions** immediately after this rehearsal. **Candidates (who did not participate in the Lenten Day of Confession) AND Sponsors need to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare.**

Sat May 31st – Confirmation for St Luke & other Candidates

3:30 pm Gowns available in Hall.
Professional Photographer in Hall for individual pictures – only those families who want these.
4:30 pm Group Picture
4:45 pm Procession into the Church
5:00 pm Confirmation Mass celebrated by the Pastor, Fr. Jimmy

Mon June 2nd at 6:30 pm – Rehearsal for Confirmation

Candidates and their sponsors from **St Francis and others** begins in the hall.

Please note – there will be priests available for **Confessions** immediately after this rehearsal. **Candidates (who did not participate in the Lenten Day of Confession) AND Sponsors need to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare.**

Tues June 3rd at 6:30 pm – First Communion Rehearsal for **St Francis & Other schools** begins in the hall.

Saturday June 7th – 1st Communion - St Francis & others

3:30 pm Gowns available in hall.
Professional Photographer in Hall for individual pictures – only those families who want these.
4:30 pm Group Picture
4:45 pm Procession into the Church
5:00 pm Mass begins

Sunday June 8th - Confirmation for St Francis & others

10:00 am Gowns available in the hall.
Professional Photographer in Hall for individual pictures – only those families who want these.
11:00 am Group Picture
11:15 am Procession into the Church
11:30am Confirmation Mass celebrated by the Pastor, Fr. Jimmy

MASS SCHEDULE MAY 17TH TO MAY 25TH 2014

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

ST PASCAL BAYLON, FRIAR RELIGIOUS

5:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

9:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

MONDAY, MAY 19TH

ST THEOPHILUS OF CURTE, PRIEST

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Friars

TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA, FRIAR PRIEST

8:00 AM Giuseppe Figliano

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST

ST CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST

AND HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

ST EUGENE DE MAZENOD, BISHOP

8:00 AM Chiara e Giuseppe Rauti

7:00 PM Gemina Onorato

THURSDAY, MAY 22ND

ST RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

8:00 AM In onore di Santa Rita

FRIDAY, MAY 23RD

8:00 AM In onore di Santa Rita

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

First Communion Mass – St Luke & others

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM In onore di San Francesco di Paola
Special Intentions of Frankie Ferrer;
Raffaella e Raffaele Virdò;
Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi;
Caterina Rizzuto; Pasquale Gallippi;
Giovanni, Carlo e Famiglia Barbati;
Famiglia Corrado e Moretti;
Maria Fiorenza e Famiglia;
Rina e Antonio Gentile;
Salvatore Berardinelli;

11:30 AM Gayle Madely

Congratulations to Pasquale & Rachella Scarfo on their 50th Wedding Anniversary who are celebrating this special day Saturday May 17th with us at St Francis during the 5 pm Mass