

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 4TH, 2015

FHC & CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Parents and Children for **First Confession** and **First Holy Communion** are reminded to attend one of these dates for Unit 3 Chapter 5:

Sunday January 11th at 10:30 am OR
Saturday January 17th at 4 pm

Please also note that **First Reconciliation** is on
Saturday January 31st, 2015 at 11am

Parents and **Confirmation** Candidates are also reminded to attend **ONE** of the following dates for their Unit 2 meeting

Sunday January 18th at 10:30 am OR
Saturday January 24th at 4 pm

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2015

The Steubenville Conference for high-school age youth returns to Toronto on August 7-9, 2015.

Online registration for participants begins **January 15, 2015**. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2015 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2015 can attend the conference.

Please visit the website SteubenvilleToronto.com for further details, including information for volunteers.

PRELIMINARY UNOFFICIAL SVDP REPORT

The numbers have not been checked or presented to the membership of our St Vincent de Paul Conference but we are happy to share even “unofficial” numbers for some December activities.



Whereas the usual month sees about 8 visits to persons/families on average, the best guesstimate for December is that the SVDP at St Francis will have visited about 30 families. During Christmas week alone there were 6 visits in which over \$400 of food vouchers were distributed and \$260 of vouchers to the Salvation Army stores for clothing and furniture.

The only way that our SVDP Conference can reach out and help these families. Thanks to our Conference members who serve our brothers and sisters in need. Thanks to you for the contributions you put into that little box perched on a wooden cross- staff. Those in need are not forgotten at St Francis of Assisi!

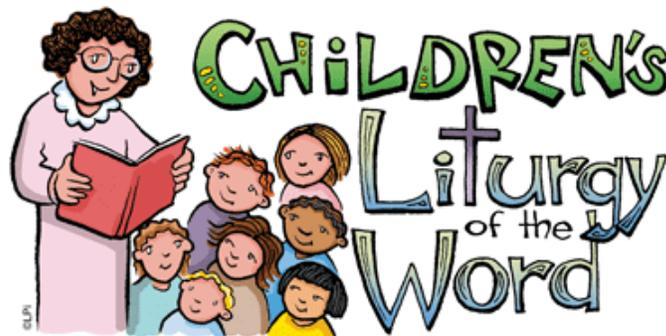
Grazie da parte dei membri della Società di San Vincenzo da Paoli. In questo mese del santo natale, hanno visitato circa 30 famiglia dando \$400 di buoni per cibo e altre \$260 di buoni per indumenti e mobilia (letti, sedie, tavole di cucina) tramite i depositi gestiti dai membri del *Salvation Army*. È solo con la vostra generosità dopo le ss Messe la domenica tramite il piccolo cassetto che riescono a venire incontro con i bisogni dei bisognosi.

SAVE THOSE STAMPS © FRANCOBOLLI

Please remember that your cancelled stamps are a simple way to help the Franciscan Missions – leave a bit of envelope around them.

I francobolli cancellati aiutano le nostre Missioni Francescani.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESTARTS JAN 11TH



Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is enjoying a well deserved rest. This programme has been very well received by our children and by their parents – **thanks to those generous volunteer catechists who make this possible.** Our Catechists will be back to lead our children **beginning Sun Jan 11th at the 11:30 Mass.**

New volunteers are welcome and appreciated!

A word to the wise – if you or someone you know plans on applying at some point for a position with TCDSB or other Catholic School Boards, one of the questions on the Pastoral Reference form asks about volunteer work in the community or parish. This is a tailor made opportunity to pump up your résumé.

MARRIAGE BANNS

The Marriage between Franco Gabriele Tuzi and Karine Elizabeth Kjeldsen will take place on January 24th, 2015 at St Francis of Assisi Church.

In your prayers please remember this couple and all who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

PRELIMINARY NUMBERS – RECTORY GIFTS

We always hesitate in publishing numbers before Anna has had a chance to register all the donations in our Parish Tools programme.

Before the office was closed for Christmas we had collected...

\$ 6,861 - starting number – to Sun Dec 14th
2,355 - Dec 21
1,380 - Christmas
6,510 - Dec 28

\$17,106 - *Still needs to be confirmed.*

A lot of this has come in by small donations but we had many one hundred dollar donations as well as a few five hundred and even a thousand and more. Although we printed 500 envelopes, they seem to have been used. If you still want to make a contribution to this fund, please use one of your offering envelopes and write in big letters – **“Our Rectory Christmas Gift”** If you are making a big contribution, you may want to consider using a cheque made payable to St Francis of Assisi Church – it is always a wise practice for big donations. Please remember to put your details on the envelope and even more so if you are using a plain envelope.

Ringraziamo tutte le anime generose che hanno contribuito alla bella somma di \$17,106 – e ancora arrivano le offerte.

TCDSB PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS 2015-2016



The Toronto Catholic District School Board welcomes families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the September 2015-16 school year beginning Thursday January 8th, 2015. For registration information,

please call 416-222-8282 ext. 5314 or visit www.tcdsb.org

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will be February 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call **Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422**

GOOGLE EXPERTS OR “CONOSCENTI” – HELP!

Fr Jimmy has been having problems with gSyncit on his Google account and this is throwing the coordination of parish calendars off. If there is someone out there who is good with this particular programme a hand would be appreciated.

We are also looking at getting Fr Jimmy, Fr Conrad and Anna simultaneous access to the parish and parish secretary mail accounts. This ready made Google capability would probably streamline our communication capabilities.

CLEANERS FOR THE CHURCH

We have great volunteers who take care of periodically washing the church. The work that they do saves the parish thousands of dollars in our yearly parish budget. (We save comparable amounts via our volunteer snow removers.)

The area that has given us some problems taking care of is that of the parish washrooms - those that we have in the basement and the accessible washroom on the church level. We are wondering if there is anyone in the parish who has a cleaning company and can contract with us for a cleaning at least twice a week. We want these areas to be fresh for the use of our parishioners and visitors.

We will give people a couple of weeks to leave their details with Anna in the rectory and then we will look at what offers come in.

ACCESSIBLE COMMON SENSE & COURTESY



Just a little word on a sensitive topic: people have been pleased with the possibility of having an accessible washroom on the church level. As the name implies, **this washroom is meant to serve the needs of those needing easier access – people with mobility challenges**

and parents with carriages and small children. Common sense and courtesy would invite those of us who are able bodied to use the facilities on the parish hall level – where there are multiple stalls and sinks. This leaves the special needs washroom free for those who require this type of service. Between the lines we also know that the fewer the users, the more likely the area will remain cleaner – always trying to respect the needs of our challenged parishioners.

**MASS SCHEDULE
JANUARY 3RD TO JANUARY 11TH 2015**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

5:00 PM Lucia Tedesco

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH

9:00 AM Basilio Dileo e Rosa Virdò;
Giuliano e Domenica e Caterina e Famiglia;
Rosetta Russo; Eduardo Cipolla e Famiglia;
Famiglia Piazza; Raffaele Macri;
Defunti Famiglie Luchetta e Bruno;
Antonietta Fiore e Gabriele Guadagno;
Alberino Scarpato, Frank e Amelia D'Antonio;
Angelo e Grace Calaminici

11:30 AM Elvira Prencipe

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH
ST JOHN NEUMAN, BISHOP**

8:00 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH
ST ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS**

8:00 AM Rose Julian

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH
ST RAYMOND OF PENAFORT, PRIEST
ST CHARLES OF SEZZI, FRIAR RELIGIOUS**

8:00 AM Frank Debono

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH

8:00 AM OFM NYC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

5:00 PM Zelma Barrios Crescia

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

9:00 AM Domenico e Vittoria Bellissimo;
Nicola Simonetta; Francesco Pingitore;
Annunziata Rao e Famiglia;
Mario Caprio e Eleonora Caiffo;
Agostino Lanzeroti e Angela Longo;
Rosanna Leone; Marianna Sisi

11:30 AM Filomena Prioriello

MASS BOOK 2015 PRENOTAZIONI SS MESSE

Please note that we have a Mass Register that covers all of 2015. **You may already book Masses up to and including Dec 2015** if you know the dates you would like.

Notate che sin d'adesso potete prenotare le ss Messe fino al 31 dic 2015. **Vi preghiamo di anticipare i vostri bisogni** e così evitate i fraintesi.