
UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFIRMATION - UNIT TWO

Sun Nov 22nd at 10:30 am in the church or
Sat Nov 28th at 4 pm in the church

(Remember that parents need to accompany the candidates and everyone is welcome to stay for Mass after class.)

Celebrating Our Centenary - Cardinal Collins

On October of 1915, the doors of the present church (the "new" St. Francis) were solemnly opened by His Grace Archbishop Neil McNeil.



Join us today, Sunday November 8th, at 11:00 am Mass as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of this event. This Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence, **Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.**

Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. Former and present parishioners are welcome to attend and celebrate with us as we mark another milestone in our shared history!

*Please note **this Mass will be 11:00 am (NOT 11:30) today only***

UPDATES

Sun Nov 15 – 9 am Italian Mass

CELEBRAZIONE DEI CADUTI -- Remembrance Day (Italian)

Wed Nov 30th – 6:45 pm

Mass for all who were buried from St. Francis since Nov 1, 2014

Messa speciale per ricordare i defunti sepolti dalla nostra chiesa dal 1 nov 2014.

PROJECT HOPE – HALF WAY TO 100 DAYS

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal slated to span 100 days. We entered the final 50 days of this campaign on October 29th and from St Francis we have sent in a cheque for \$5,648 which represents the generous contribution from our parishioners.

Donations are still being accepted. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP.

Su eminenza, Cardinale Collins ci ha invitato alla speranza e alla generosità in confronto con i profughi. Già in una campagna di 100 gg siamo arrivati a meta strada. Negli scorsi giorni abbiamo consegnato un assegno per \$5,648 - il contributo generoso dei nostri parrocchiani nei primi 50 gg. Ancora c'è tempo di pensare per i nostri fratelli e sorelle che cercano una vita decente.

DONATION OF BAKED GOODS NEEDED

We are looking for parishioners who would like to donate baked goods for the reception in the parish hall. Are you an excellent baker? Consider baking some treats for November 8th. Please **bring your donations of baked goods on Sunday before 10:30am** to the parish hall. **Please consider helping us make our centenary a success and get involved in your community!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP! CENTENARY RECEPTION CLEAN-UP

After the reception today there will be a need for some generous parishioners to spend a little time in the cleanup. **Many hands make light work!** Don't wait to be asked.

Dopo il ricevimento col Cardinale oggi avremo bisogno di aiuto per la risistemazione dei locali della sala. **Ognuno può dare una mano ☺**

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

We have heard from a couple of adults who would like to explore the Catholic Faith and perhaps even to consider joining the Church. This will require more preparation but we can begin the process. Do you know of anyone else who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith and perhaps eventually joining the Church? Please let them know. If you are interested, please contact the parish by email: stfrancis.toronto@gmail.com

30th BISHOPS' ALTAR SERVERS AWARD CEREMONY (CENTRAL REGION)

Yesterday, Saturday Nov. 7, 2015, one altar server from St. Francis of Assisi parish received the "**Bishops' Altar Server Award for Service**" from the Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop – Northern Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto during the **30th Annual Bishops' Altar Servers Awards Ceremony**. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to our altar server **Philip Virdo**.

Each year, altar servers from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are selected for this special recognition in light of their dedication, sense of responsibility and display of leadership in the performance of their duties.

The parish is truly grateful to all of its altar servers for their participation at the celebration of the Eucharist and ceremonies throughout the Church year.

The Altar Servers Awards Program is sponsored by the Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Toronto, a long established organization in the archdiocese whose purpose is to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

FAMILY OF FAITH

Thank you to all of you who recently participated in the Feasibility Study. Our consultants from M & M International are preparing a final report with recommendations that will be presented to the Family of Faith Team. From there we will formulate our plan to achieve our goal here at St. Francis.

XXXII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO – ANNO B – 8 NOVEMBRE 2015

OUR PIPE ORGAN'S CENTENARY

It was a 100 years ago that the doors of this church were solemnly opened on October 31st by the then Archbishop, Neil McNeil. Today, November 8th at 11am we will commemorate this milestone in our history with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Also, it is the date on which our pipe organ was inaugurated by the then organist, Miss Genevieve Kelly, at the console. This instrument has been in constant use for the last 100 years and is one of the earliest examples of the instruments made by the Canadian Pipe Organ Company Ltd. of Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. We have been restoring and executing much needed maintenance on the organ over the last few months, with work expected to be fully completed by mid-November. A leaflet can be found at the back of the church with a detailed history of our church and this fine pipe organ at St. Francis. Today, rather than the usual closing hymn you will hear the organ played as a solo instrument.

26th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF RELIGIOUS SONG

Catholic Family Radio invites you to the **26th Annual Festival of Religious Song, on November 22, 2015 at 5:00 pm**, at the John Paul II Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON. Join us for a **Gala Concert** of Festival Laureates followed by a concert of an internationally-acclaimed tenor – **Friar Alessandro Brustenghi OFM**, from Assisi, Italy. He will be accompanied by Kinga Mitrowska, soprano, Camerata String Ensemble, and Quo Vadis Choir under the direction of Christopher Jedrysik.

Tickets: \$30.00 – adults, \$20.00 – children, youth and students. Visit www.radiorodzina.com or call 416-588-0555. Featuring **Friar Alessandro Brustenghi OFM** of Assisi in Italy, a tenor, who is the first ever friar to sign an official contract with the Universal Music record company. In 1999, he joined the convent of Friars Minor and began his ministry working as a carpenter. He also sang during the liturgy in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels in Assisi. Religious superiors discovered his talent and encouraged him to sing God's praise, as he has been blessed with a unique voice.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

There will be a second collection **next Sunday** for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Domenica prossima si terrà una seconda colletta per il "Shepherd's Trust". L'obiettivo del "Shepherd's Trust" è quello di assicurare la disponibilità di adeguate risorse finanziarie per sacerdoti anziani e disabili in modo che essi possano vivere degnamente anche dopo molti anni di ministero. Il vostro generoso dono permetterà ai nostri sacerdoti di condurre un tenore di vita modesto ma attivo ed indipendente durante gli anni di pensionamento. Il fondo provvede per sacerdoti ammalati o alquanto infermi, consentendogli di accedere a case di riposo e cure mediche. Grazie per il vostro contributo a tale opera importante.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT WEEKEND (Nov. 20-22)

Women's Fall Retreat Weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, November 20-22. Theme: **"Become an Icon of Jesus."** Preached by the Centre Team. For further information or to register please call 905-278-5229.

COMPLIMENTARY CALENDARS FROM CARDINALS

As we welcome all our present and past parishioners back home for this great 100th Anniversary Celebration, we invite you to take a free **2016 Catholic Calendar** home with you – compliments of Cardinal's Funeral Home. It contains parish info – some calendars have this info in English and others in Italian.

Grazie alla gentilezza dei nostri amici a Cardinal's Funeral Home, v'invitamo a portare con voi un **calendario cattolico del 2016** gratis. Se controllate bene, alcuni hanno i dettagli della nostra parrocchia in italiano.

MASS SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 7TH TO NOVEMBER 15TH 2015

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH ST DIDACUS OF ALCALA, FRIAR RELIGIOUS

5:00PM Rev. Msgr. William McCann, D.P.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH CENTENARY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

9:00 AM All Souls
11:00 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH THE DED OF ST JOHN LATERAN

8:00 AM All Souls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

8:00 AM All Souls
7:00 PM Silvana Fera

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH ST JOSAPHAT, BISHOP & MARTYR

8:00 AM All Souls

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

8:00 AM All Souls

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH STS NICHOLAS TAVELIC, FRIAR PRIEST & COMPANIONS, FRIAR MARTYRS

5:00PM All Souls

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

9:00 AM All Souls
11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions