

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - JANUARY 1ST, 2016
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR C – JANUARY 3RD, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION

PREPARING FOR EUCHARIST – UNIT ONE

Sun Jan 10th at 10:30 am in the church OR

Sat Jan 16th at 4:00 pm in the church

CONFIRMATION – UNIT THREE

Sun Jan 17th at 10:30 am in the church OR

Sat Jan 23rd at 4:00 pm in the church

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS BREAK

Children's Liturgy will resume at the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday January 10th.

**PLANNING FEASIBILITY STUDY
STUDIO DI FATTIBILITÀ E PIANIFICAZIONE**

*"It is in giving that we receive" -- St. Francis of Assisi
"E' nel dare che riceviamo." - San Francesco d'Assisi*

You may be aware that in the final months of 2015 our parish was involved in a study to ascertain our ability to participate in the Archdiocesan Family of Faith Campaign and to carry out a combined Fundraising Campaign (just look up above as you sit in the pews to understand).

We invite you to pick up a copy of the **Executive Summary** of the report at the door of the church. We will be back to you early next year with our next steps about our Family of Faith Campaign.

Come avete già letto e sentito, dopo i colloqui con diversi parrochiani, i nostri consulenti M&M hanno preparato uno **Studio di Fattibilità e Pianificazione**. V'invitiamo alla lettura della relazione tradotta in italiano-basta chiedere in sagrestia per una copia. Così siamo tutti informati della situazione attuale.

**LAUDATO SI' ON CARE OF
OUR COMMON HOME**

**Five-Part Workshop Series on:
Laudato Si' On Care of Our Common Home**

Tuesdays from 7 - 8:15 pm

January 12, 19, 26,

February 2 and 9, 2016

St. Joseph Parish

162 Leslie Street, Toronto

St. Joseph Parish, Toronto will be hosting a five-part workshop on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' - On Care of our Common Home*. The facilitator for the workshop series will be Paige Souter, Scarborough Missions' Education Program Coordinator.

For more information or to register please contact us.

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**SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY
SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS**

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 6 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning January 5th to February 9th, 2016 at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station). For further information, please contact **Alex Lopechuk at 416-921-1163**.

WELCOME TO 2016 AT ST FRANCIS

Welcome to our parish during these days celebrating the mysteries of the Birth of Jesus. We are hoping that both regulars and visitors will feel that St Francis is their spiritual home.

Please remember to pray for the Christians of the Holy Land... including Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan among other places. May all people of good will live in peace!

THINGS TO NOTE AT ST FRANCIS:

We have had some urgent issues in our roof and ceiling (outside and inside) - as a matter of fact we had some water dripping into our south east entrance with the rain storm on Tues morning. These issues will need to be addressed soon and will cost well over a million dollars. Preliminary evaluations tell us that we could have the roof work going on for some five months-but we are getting ahead of ourselves. We will initiate a **Combined Capital Campaign** (covering the Family of Faith in the Archdiocese and our own work on matters such as our church roof and ceiling) in the new year - stay tuned.

We continue to organize and move ahead. We will have a presentation at **Masses Jan 23/24** on **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**. This allows people to have their parish offertory drawn directly from their bank accounts once a month. This is especially helpful for those who are not able to attend every weekend but want to be financial sustainers of the parish.

As we begin the New Year 2016, we ask you as individuals or as families to **review your support of St Francis of Assisi Parish**. You probably have a "regular" or "usual" amount that you put into the offertory envelope each week. As you think about that amount could you ask two simple questions: (1) **When was the last time I/we increased that amount?** And (2) **Could I/we consider increasing my/our weekly figure?** Remember that a \$5 weekly donation works out to less than a dollar a day and \$260 over a year of 365 days. We are never comfortable when we talk about money but even in the Gospels we find the story of "The Widow's Mite." And the Old Testament has even more technical precepts than we have space for in this bulletin.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2016**

SOLENNITÀ DI MARIA SANTISSIMA, MADRE DI DIO - 1° GENNAIO 2016
EPIFANIA – ANNO C – 3 GENNAIO 2016

**THANK YOU TO OUR CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS
GRAZIE PER IL VOSTRO AIUTO**

It has been a great pleasure to hear our parishioners and visitors complement the wonderful environment created in our parish over these days of Christmas. Things began early as the outside crew tries to set up the external nativity scene on the last days of forgiving weather. They timed themselves very well this year.



The inside crew has to sort through decorations and climb ladders to get things done. Many are the evenings in late Advent when you can pass by the church in the cold nights and see lights shining inside. That usually

means that our volunteers are hard at work hanging angels and swags, setting up the internal nativity scene and eventually arranging the poinsettias around the altar to warmly welcome the image of the Infant Jesus that is processed in during our Christmas Eve Masses.

Our choir begins practising in the weeks ahead – you can often hear Christmas hymns being secretly sung in preparation for the great season of the incarnation. Song sheets and programmes are printed and everyone settles in for the celebration of the mystery of our redemption.



Cogliamo l'occasione per ringraziare tutti i nostri volontari per la loro grande collaborazione nella preparazione dell'esterno e interno della chiesa per le feste natalizie. Non c'è modo di ringraziare le anime generose per tante ore di lavoro, tante volte nascosto. Noi arriviamo a celebrare in una chiesa preparata senza accorgerci del sacrificio fatto dai nostri parrocchiani. **Grazie dal cuore!**

THE GREAT DISMANTLE! SMANTELLIAMO!

Next Sun Jan 10th will be the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marking the end of Christmas Season and the return to Ordinary time. Could you spare some time to help dismantling the two trees, the Christmas Altar, the inside nativity scene and to pack away decorations? **Please dress in comfortable clothes and congregate near the altar right after the 11:30 Mass.**

2016 ENVELOPES – BUSTE DELL'ANNO NUOVO

Now that we have started a new year, we would kindly remind you to use the **new** 2016 offertory envelopes. Those who have not yet received the 2016 envelopes may call the parish office.

Per evitare confusione nella nostra contabilità, vi chiediamo di buttare via le buste vecchie del 2015. Adesso dobbiamo usare solo quelle del 2016 – Felice anno nuovo!

**BUON ANNO
2016**

MASS SCHEDULE

January 2nd to January 10th 2016

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND

**SS BASIL THE GREAT &
GREGORY NAZIANZEN,**

BISHOPS & DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM In onore di Santa Rita

Matteo e Teresa Ceddia;

Antonio De Mastro;

Salvatore Amato e Defunti Famiglia ;

Rosetta Russo e Famiglia;

Giuseppe Caro e Calogera Caro;

Rosanna e Antonio Seone;

Caterina e Salvatore Ierullo

11:30 AM Elisabetta e Francesco Gagliardi e Fam

MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH

ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

8:00 AM Domenico Giuliano e Def. Famiglia

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

ST JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

8:00 AM Fr Alban Montella, OFM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:00 AM Fr Alban Montella, OFM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH

ST ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

8:00 AM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH

8:00 AM In onore del Sacro Cuore di Gesù

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH

5:00 PM For Our Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 AM Rosa Verdò e Basilio Dileo;

Maddalena Cioffi, Rocco e Lucia

Amato; Angelo Barillari;

Raffaele Macri; Caterina Polerà;

Annunziata Rao e Famiglia;

Eugenio Del Tufo; Pasquale Greco

11:30 AM Filomena Prioriello