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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### FIRST COMMUNION – UNIT TWO

Sun Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the church OR

Sat Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 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.)*

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## SVDP BUNDLE UP COLLECTION - JAN 23/24

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing, shoes, household linens, and small household goods to be given to those in need or to help support our Special Works in the community. Please bring your donation to the Society's truck on this weekend of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> and share with others in the community. **The truck will be in the rectory driveway.**

The truck will be open all day Saturday until after the 5:00 Mass and all day Sunday until 6:00 pm. *Please do not bring any items before or after that weekend.*

**Thank you for your continued support!**

Oggi (Sabato e Domenica 23/24 gennaio) la nostra conferenza della **Società di san Vincenzo da Paoli** ha organizzato un camioncino per accogliere indumenti, biancheria di casa e cucina e piccole cose. Sarà aperto **sabato** 23/1 da mattina fino a dopo la s Messa delle 5 e poi **domenica** 24/1 da mattina fino alle 6 di sera. *Vi chiediamo di non portare cose ne prima ne dopo le date stipulate.*

**Grazie per la vostra generosità!**

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## 9th CATHOLIC SINGLES SOCIAL FRIDAY

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February 5 – 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Newman Centre Catholic Mission

89 St. George St., Toronto

Join Catholics in your area for a night of casual conversation and laughs. We typically have around 100 people at these events. Space is limited so register soon!

WEB: [www.catholicssinglesocials.com](http://www.catholicssinglesocials.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/catholicssinglesocials/>

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## CONSECRATED LIFE MASS (ST PAUL'S BASILICA)

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**On Sunday, January 31 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica,** there will be a special Mass to close the Year for Consecrated Life. **Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick** will preside at the Mass in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

### MESSA PER LA VITA CONSACRATA – BASILICA DI SAN PAOLO

**Domenica, 31 gennaio alle 3 p.m. presso la Basilica di San Paolo,** si celebrerà una Santa Messa speciale in occasione della chiusura dell'**Anno della Vita Consacrata.** La Messa sarà presieduta dal **Vescovo Wayne Kirkpatrick** ed è dedicata alle vocazioni e alla testimonianza degli uomini e delle donne religiose che svolgono un ruolo integrale nella vita e nel ministero ecclesiale della nostra Archidiocesi. Siete tutti invitati a partecipare.

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## CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE SUNDAY

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The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate **Marriage Sunday** in our parishes the weekend of **February 6/7, 2016.** On Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. couples from across the archdiocese will gather for A Celebration of Marriage with Cardinal Thomas Collins at St. Andrew Kim Parish (849 Don Mills Road, North York). A reception will follow Mass.



Reserved seating will be provided for couples celebrating special milestone anniversaries – 25th, 40th or 50+ anytime throughout 2016. Please RSVP by February 1, 2016. Any questions may be directed to Dane & Anne MacCarthy at: 416-964-8694.

### CELEBRAZIONE DELLA DOMENICA DEDICATA AL MATRIMONIO

**Durante il fine settimana del 6 e 7 febbraio, in tutte le parrocchie dell'Archidiocesi di Toronto, si festeggerà la Domenica del Matrimonio.** Sabato, 13 febbraio, 2016 alle 4:30 p.m., le coppie in tutta l'archidiocesi potranno riunirsi assieme al Cardinale Thomas Collins per partecipare ad una celebrazione dedicata al Matrimonio, presso la Parrocchia di St. Andrew Kim (849 Don Mills Road, North York). Un piccolo ricevimento seguirà dopo la Messa.

Dei posti sono riservati per le coppie che durante il 2016 festeggeranno un anniversario importante come i 25, 40 o 50 anni e in più di matrimonio. Per partecipare si prega di rispondere entro l'1 febbraio, 2016. Per ulteriori informazioni, siete gentilmente pregati di contattare Dane e Anne MacCarthy al: 416-964-8694.

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## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD- FESTA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE DEL SIGNORE

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**Candlemas**

**FEBRUARY 2**

Centile of Simeon

Lord, how let your servant go if people's word has been fulfilled. My eyes have seen the salvation, the hope, the joy of every people a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.



**Tues Feb 2nd** is the feast of the **Presentation of Our Lord.** The Church celebrates this feast, The Feast of the Purification, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day for the traditional blessing and distribution of candles on that day. It is customary to bring candles from home (candles for the family altar, Advent candles, etc) to be blessed that one uses for devotional purposes and candles to be lit when the priest visits the sick to bring them Holy Communion or administer the Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick.

Parishioners are invited to bring their own candles to be blessed at the start of the Mass.

(We will also have boxed pairs of 51% beeswax candles available to those interested for a minimum donation of \$5 to offset actual cost to the parish.)

Martedì 2 febb sarà li ricorrenza della festa della Candelora in cui si celebra Cristo come luce che illumina le genti e debba essere posto nel contesto del mistero pasquale, la forza redentrice della morte e risurrezione di Cristo. All'inizio della Santa Messa si potrà compiere la benedizione delle candele, secondo il Rito del Messale Romano.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)  
PRELIEVI PRE-AUTORIZZATI  
PER LA VOSTRA OFFERTA ALLA CHIESA**

Thank you for all you do in support of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of parishioners like you. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, parishioners have been asking about the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. PAG is a new and convenient way you can support your parish. On the weekend of Jan 23/24<sup>th</sup> a staff member, Elvira Foronda from the Development Office of the Archdiocese will visit to tell you more about the program.

Grazie per tutto ciò che fatte per sostenere la Parrocchia di San Francesco d'Assisi. E' solo attraverso la vostra generosità che riusciamo a venire incontro alle spese della Parrocchia. Con l'arrivo del 2016 riflettiamo su quanto il mondo sia cambiato così come il nostro modo di vivere. Alcuni di voi ora mandate le vostre offerte mensilmente tramite assegni inviati per posta. Per tale motivo, proponiamo di dare ai nostri parrocchiani la possibilità di fare questa loro offerta mensile tramite un prelievo diretto dal loro conto bancario di una somma autorizzata dall'offerente. Una rappresentante della curia di Toronto, Elvira Foronda, verrà prossimamente a fornire degli ulteriori dettagli a riguardo di tale metodo di donare la propria offerta, il quale è già utilizzato in varie parrocchie da alcuni anni.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION REMINDERS**

Please bear in mind these three special Sunday Collections:

- (1) Thank you last weekend for your donations directed to the Franciscan Missions. \$981 came in the baskets and we expect that a few more will be coming in this week.
- (2) **First Sunday of the month - Feb 7th - Church Improvement Fund.** This week we called in two plumbers to fix some problems in the men's and women's washroom downstairs. We also had to call in someone to work on the church boilers - although we bled the rads ourselves, we were still not getting heat. Did you know that the hourly rate for the boiler work was \$95 (plus tax) an hour?
- (3) **February 7 - Church Heating Expenses.** Besides the work on the boilers and rad that we spoke about in #2 above, there are also the energy expenses. On the bulletin board at the entrance of the church you will see a photocopy of our most recent Enbridge bill. Coming in at \$2,622.42 for the last month, you begin to realize how appreciated your assistance is in the regular offertory and in special collections such as "Church Heating Expenses."

You will have envelopes for each of these offerings in your parish envelope packets, or you may use one of the pink envelopes at the back of the church and indicate that it is for a particular collection.

It really helps us to have you **include your envelope number** on any donation not made via the packets you receive at home. The person on the computer will otherwise need to stop the process and do a search for your name and number. You will appreciate that this is sometimes complicated when the person does not recognize the handwriting. Thanks for your understanding.

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 AM Rosa e Vito Botticella;  
Marina e Ciriaco Mirabella;  
Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi;  
Domenico, Maria Santa e Francesco De Stefano; Nazzareno Carnevale;  
Pasqua Conseglio; Maria Santaguida;  
Pasquale Cioffi, Maria Pia Cioffi & Maddalena Cioffi

11:30 AM Caterina Rizzuto

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

8:00 AM Giovanni Olimpio

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**SS TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS**

8:00 AM Luigi De Fazio

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST ANGELA MERICI, THIRD ORDER RELIGIOUS**

8:00 AM Michele, Vincenzo & Rosaria Nigro

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST &  
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:00 AM

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 AM

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST HYACINTHE MARISCOTTI, VIRGIN**

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

9:00 AM Franco Chiocca; Elsa e Angelo Azzoli;  
Giovanni, Carla e Famiglia Barbati;  
Giovanni Di Lecce; Antonio Furcillo;  
Angelo e Grace Calaminici;  
Eugenia e Mario Franco;  
Vincenza e Candido Longo

11:30 AM Antonio Maneli

**PLEASE NOTICE THAT THERE ARE FREQUENT INTENTIONS  
AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEK.  
NOTATE LE INTENZIONI VUOTE  
DURANTE LE SS MESSE FERIALI**