

GETTING READY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2017

We are asking families this year to “preregister” online before coming to the registration meeting. You will need your child’s baptism certificate before doing the preregistration. (Confirmation families whose children were baptized in other countries will need to provide a mailing address for the Church of Baptism - we have to follow up Confirmation with a formal note to that Church)

First Confession and First Communion children should be in Grade 2 or higher. Confirmation Candidates should be in Grade 7 or higher.

As we go to print we have 25 children preregistered for First Communion and 25 young people preregistered for Confirmation. If our numbers for past years are any indication, we expect about 50 families to enrol for each of these sacraments.

Parents - you often meet the parents of other classmates of your children - pass the word on to them.

Did you know that last year many parents simply used their smartphones to do the preregistration? Go ahead and try.

**Full Registration & Info Meeting for
Grade 2 and Grade 7 Student Families
Tomorrow, Mon Sept 26 at 6:45 pm**

**Pre-Register online before coming to the meeting
(You cannot complete registration
without Pre-Registering)**

**Baptism Certificates must be brought for those Children
baptized outside of St Francis**

**ADULT BAPTISMS,
WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS,
PREPARING ADULTS FOR
FIRST COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION**

Two of our parishioners recently attended a workshop on RCIA - the preparation of those who would like to become Catholic or those who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic faith. We now need to hear from people who are interested in exploring these possibilities. Are you or anyone you know thinking about taking a closer look at the Catholic Church? Please pass the word around.

Do you know that Confirmation is one of the “requirements” to stand as an official godparent for Baptism or Confirmation? If you have NOT been confirmed, don’t wait until someone asks you to stand as Godparent. The question is usually followed by a mad scramble to be Confirmed and it cannot always get done in time.

SVDP THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



With Thanksgiving around the corner and as we are entering into the cooler seasons we invite you to consider the poor and needy with your donations of canned goods. St. Vincent de Paul will use the canned goods to make emergency bags for when they go to visit the poor.

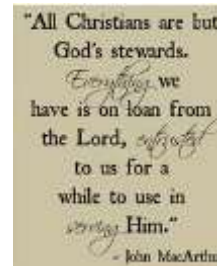
**CONTINUING REFLECTION ON PARISH NEEDS
RIFLETTIAMO SU I BISOGNI
DELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA**

We recently completed our six month (Jan - June) report on finances to the chancery. We did notice that for our summer months we were missing a lot of our parishioners support. Everyone needs their vacation. A growing number of our parishioners have subscribed to the Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Programme and that ensures that their contributions arrive all year round. The problem for us is that some of our members have not remembered to support the parish even when they cannot be personally present.

Our accountant carried out a study of the numbers. His letter is on the notice board at the entrance to the church. In order for us to meet our commitments and responsibilities, he tells us that we need to collect \$4,540 a week. Here are the numbers from July of this year.

July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
\$2,174	\$3,759	\$2,112	\$2,324

If our math is correct, that means that in July we were \$7,791 short of our operating expenses. By the beginning of Sept, the parish had to hold back on some cheques because our numbers were telling us that we were in the red. Need we say more?



Once again we invite you to re-examine your regular contributions to the parish - both the amounts and your regularity. PAG sign up forms are available for the asking.

Carissimi, come succede ogni anno, alla fine dell'estate ci siamo trovati sprovvisti nel campo delle finanze. Alcuni ci hanno pensato o prima o dopo le vacanze con una busta per coprire le loro assenze. Altri si sono iscritti nel programma PAG (prelevi pre-autorizzati) e così il loro contributo arriva ogni mese direttamente dalla banca. Un altro gruppo non ha considerato i bisogni della parrocchia durante il periodo estivo.

Il nostro ragioniere ha fatto una ricerca ed è arrivato alla conclusione che per coprire l'amministrazione ordinaria della parrocchia, c'è bisogno di un minimo di \$4,540 ogni settimana. Vedete dalle cifre per luglio, siamo mancate dalla somma dovuta.

PARISH HEAD COUNT OCTOBER 15/16 & 22/23, 2016

These four dates will be the annual weekend Mass attendance count for our parish. This helps to provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance to the archdiocese which has proven to be very helpful and informative.

Please note that the statistics gathered over these weekend in all of Toronto are used to measure the vitality and needs of the parish.

HAVE YOU MADE AN OFFERING TO COVER THE SUNDAYS YOU WERE AWAY FROM ST FRANCIS THIS SUMMER?

SOME PARISH UPDATES

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKEND



Sat Oct 1st - 3 pm - St Francis Blessing of Creatures - south lawn of the church.

This is a great event where people can bring their pets and see them blessed. Invite your neighbours and let them know - even though they might not be parishioners or even Catholic.

Sat Oct 1st - 5 pm According to a tradition among the Franciscan and Dominican Friars, **Fr Darren Diaz**, prior of the Dominicans in Toronto, will preside over and preach at this feast day weekend St Francis of Assisi Mass.



Sunday November 13th - 9 am Mass in Italian for "The Fallen" - War Dead.

ALCUNI AGGIORNAMENTI A RIGUARDO DELLA PARROCCHIA

FINE SETTIMANA DI SAN FRANCESCO D'ASSISI

Sabato 1° Ottobre alle 3 pm - La benedizione delle creature nella ricorrenza del tempo festivo di San Francesco.

Sabato 1° Ottobre alle 5 pm - Seguendo un'antica tradizione, il priore dei frati domenicani, Fra Darren Diaz celebrerà la Santa Messa festiva in inglese.

Domenica 13 novembre alle 9 a.m. - **Santa Messa in italiano per "i caduti in guerra"**.

LE SANTE MESSE - 2017 - MASSES

Our bookings for 2017 Masses will begin on Thurs Oct 6th. The first two days will have a lot of Italian Speakers in attendance. Please respect our office hours.

Il registro per le SS Messe 2017 sarà a disposizione **dal giovedì 6 ottobre**. Giorno 6 e 7 sarà presente una persona per facilitare le prenotazioni in lingua italiana. Vi chiediamo la gentilezza di rispettare in nostri orari. Per piacere, **non chiamate prima per saltare la fila**.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL REDEDICATION CELEBRATIONS

Friday September 30, 2016 12:00 PM there will be a **public** Mass of Appreciation for Workers/Trades/Guests, **no RSVP required**, seating first come, first served. 1:00 – 4:00 PM Street /Party on Bond Street.

MASS OF WELCOME FOR BISHOP ROBERT KASUN, C.S.B.

All are invited to a special Mass of Welcome for the newest Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Bishop Robert Kasun. The celebration will take place on **Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.** at **St. Michael's Cathedral** (65 Bond St.). The new bishop will be responsible for the pastoral oversight of the Central Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Most recently, Bishop Kasun served as a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Alberta.

MASS SCHEDULE

September 24th to October 2nd, 2016

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

ST. PACIFIC OF SAN SEVERINO, FRIAR PRIEST

5:00 PM For Parishioner's Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

9:00 AM Vito e Domenico Corrado
Salvatore Amato e Famiglia
Gilda & Gina Cosentino
Adelina e Vincenzo Quadrini
Rocco Baldassara e Domenico L'Europa
Restuta e Adolfo e Baldassara
Rocco e Maria Farella
Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi
Angelo & Grace Calaminici

11:30 AM Vito & Domenico Corrado

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

**STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS,
JEAN DE BREBEUF AND ISSAC JOGUES PRIESTS,
AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS,
SECONDARY PATRONS OF CANADA**

8:00 AM Giovanni Olimpio

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28ST

ST. WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

8:00 AM Cataldo Aprea

7:00 PM Maria Battaglini Memorial Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29ND

SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

8:00 AM In onore di San Michele e tutti i Santi

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30RD

ST. JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

**ST. THÉRESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR
OF THE CHURCH**

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

9:00 AM Giuliano, Domenico e defunti famiglia
Mariano e Fiorina Greco
Salvatore Amato e famiglia
Giuseppe e Rocco Renda
Giuseppe e Calogera Caro
Antonio Fragale; Pietro Cugliardi
Domenico e Maria Rosa Bellissimo

11:30 AM For parishioner's Intentions