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**GETTING READY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
AND CONFIRMATION 2017**

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We are asking families this year to “preregister” online before coming to the registration meeting.

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 **38** children preregistered for **First Communion** and **38** 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.

**Final Full Registration & Info Meeting for  
Grade 2 and Grade 7 Student Families  
Wed Oct 12 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**

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

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**WHAT IS RCIA?**

It is an initiation process by which individuals are received into the fullness of the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.



It is a journey of conversion comprised of four stages and Rites, a time of formation, a faith journey, and a time to discuss how Jesus has worked in one's life.

The format includes prayer and instruction in Catholic traditions and teaching, along with discussion. RCIA provides the opportunity for one to come to know Christ personally through the Catholic Christian Community.

**WHO IS THE RCIA INTENDED FOR? ... someone who**

- Has never been baptized and desires to learn more about the Catholic Church and its teachings, with the goal of becoming a Catholic Christian.
- Was baptized in another Christian faith-tradition and desires to be in full communion with the Catholic Church
- Was baptized Catholic and desires completion of the Christian Initiation Sacraments: CONFIRMATION and/or Holy Eucharist.
- A Returning Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while and desires to become fully reconciled in order to once again receive the Sacraments.

*Text borrowed from St Anthony Abbott Parish, Brooksville, FL*

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**FATIMA PILGRIM MADONNA VISITS TORONTO  
LA MADONNA DI FATIMA FA PELIGRINAGGIO DA NOI**

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The **travelling image of Our Lady of Fatima** from the shrine in Portugal is visiting Toronto from Oct 6 - 14. The full schedule is posted on our bulletin board at the entrance to the church but some of the highlights, closest to our parish are the following:

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| Mon Oct 10   | 4 pm - <b>St Agnes</b> - Rosary with the elderly Eucharist and Vigil                |
| Tues Oct 11  | 9 am - <b>St Helen's Church</b> - Eucharist   |
| Thurs Oct 13 | 7 pm - Solemn Eucharist - <b>Cardinal Collins</b> at <b>St Matthew's</b> Schoolyard |
| Fri Oct 14   | 9 am - <b>St Mary's</b> at Adelaide - Eucharist, Vigil and Farewell                 |

Nei prossimi giorni arriverà fra noi l'immagine della Madonna di Fatima, conosciuta come la Madonna Pellegrina. Ci saranno diversi momenti in cui la Madonna sarà nelle parrocchie adiacenti a noi. Per vedere un programma intero, consultatevi con la bacheca all'entrata della chiesa.

Viva la Madonna di Fatima!

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

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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 weekends in all of Toronto are used to measure the vitality and needs of the parish.

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**SVDP THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

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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.

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING - BUON RINGRAZIAMENTO**

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Our office will reopen at 10 am Tuesday.

Auguri per la festa del Ringraziamento. L'Ufficio parrocchiale riaprirà martedì alle 10.

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

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## XXVII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO – ANNO C – 9 OTTOBRE 2016

### SOME PARISH UPDATES - AGGIORNAMENTI

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

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

### PLANNING TO BE A CATHOLIC TEACHER?

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning TO apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is highly recommended you contact the pastor before Thanksgiving. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

### LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING

The Office of Formation for Discipleship will be offering the Lay Pastoral Visitors Training beginning on October 29, 2016 for three weeks. This training is designed to prepare lay persons to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our parish communities. Participants are required to attend all three Saturdays. Please bring your own lunch. There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. For further information, please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops> or call (416) 934-3400 ext. 523

### 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MASS TO END WOMEN ABUSE

There will be a special mass dedicated to ending abuse toward women on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM** at **Nativity of our Lord Parish** 480 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke for more information contact Mary Benincasa at 416 921-1163.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION, OCT 23, 2016

This year, World Mission Sunday will take place on October 23. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church that provides emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural and health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on *World Mission* Sunday.

Quest'anno la Giornata Missionaria Mondiale si terrà domenica 23 Ottobre. Si tratta di una colletta che si svolge in tutto il mondo a favore della Chiesa missionaria, la quale fornisce aiuti umanitari in caso di catastrofe, aiuti ai profughi nei paesi dilaniati dalla guerra e cure mediche e trasporti in zone rurali a sacerdoti, catechisti e operatori religiosi e laici. Offre ai missionari il sostegno necessario per far fronte ai bisogni quotidiani. Vi invitiamo a pregare per le missioni e a donare generosamente durante la Giornata Missionaria Mondiale.

### LOST AND FOUND

A kindle reader was found in the Church. If you have lost it please come and claim it at the office.

### MASS SCHEDULE

October 8<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST. PASCIFIC OF SAN SEVERINO, FRIAR PRIEST

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM Giuseppe, Antonio Bertucci e defunti Famiglia  
Famiglia Simonetta e Carnovale  
Maurizio e Antonietta Cugliari  
Nicola, Filomena Villani e Famiglia  
Pasquale, Maria Pia & Maddalena Cioffi  
Candido e Vincenza Longo  
Nicola e Domenica Vinci  
Pietro Vinci e Margaret Hall

11:30 AM Silvana Fera

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

#### STS DANIEL AND COMPANIONS, FRIAR MARTYRS OF MOROCCO

8:00 AM Living and deceased Friars

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE, III ORDER

8:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM Antonio Fusillo

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_

9:30 AM School Mass of Thanksgiving

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST. CALLISTUS I, POPE & MARTYR

8:00 AM Tony & Sebastian Urcioli

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

#### ST. TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM Basilio e Francesco Dileo  
Giuseppina Froio e Teresina Gulli  
Giuseppe, Carmela, Giorgio e Annunziata  
Nasso  
Agostino Lanzeroti e Famiglia Fazari  
Francesco and Maurizio Dileo  
Basilio Dileo; Emilio Bartelli  
Domenico e Maria Polerà  
11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions