

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A - JANUARY 15TH, 2017

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2017

Second book - Preparing for Eucharist 1&2

This is just a reminder to our Grade 2 families preparing for First Communion that **the Unit 1 class (covering chapter 1 & 2) will be offered Sun Jan 22nd at 10:30 am and Sat Jan 28th at 4:00 pm**, for those who miss the first session. Class will be followed by a regularly scheduled weekend Mass so that the family can fulfill its Sunday obligation.

Also for **Confirmation the Unit 1 class (covering the Introduction and Unit 1) will be offered today Sun Jan 15th at 10:30 am and Saturday Jan 21st at 4:00 PM.**

Following these **Confirmation classes**, on Jan 15th & 21st, the Confirmation Candidates will be invited to participate at Mass in order to be enrolled with the Crucifix that will accompany them on their Confirmation Journey and remind us as a parishioner that these young people are preparing to be fully initiated into the faith.

Notices went out and phone calls were made to inform families that **Confirmation Books** were available for pick up - hopefully all of them have been picked up and our Candidates can do their preparation before class.

Parents – please remember to work with your children and **help them to fill out the pages of their work book**. Also, we ask that you **make sure the children's name, phone number and School are clearly written on the book** – it helps us contact the family when a book is left behind.

We ask you to **have your First Communion child or Confirmation Candidate wear his/her crucifix when coming to class and Mass**. This reminds our parishioners to pray for them and for you.



FAMILY OF FAITH - ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

As we go to print on **Thurs Jan 12th** the secretary of the Family of Faith Campaign tells us that we have pledges over the next five years totalling **\$438,530**. That is just an amazing amount of generosity and trust in Divine Providence.

We have parishioners and friends who have promised to pledge but have not yet made their commitment. In the coming days our volunteers will be following up with phone calls in the hopes of answering any outstanding questions. Two simple answers to remember are that this pledge is over a five-year timespan and that “yes” the Family of Faith Campaign Office will issue income tax receipts for the amounts given to The Family of Faith Campaign in 2016. These receipts will arrive at your address by late February.

We are standing at **over 97.45% of our goal of \$450,000**. After we met our standard goal of \$230,000, all the pledges arriving now are totally applied toward the projects here at St Francis - just look at the scaffolding. Now when you say yes, you are saying yes to St Francis of Assisi.



SLATE ROOF TILE SPONSORSHIP SPONSORIZZAZIONI DI UNA TEGOLA D'ARDESIA DEL TETTO

Many of you will be aware that we released pamphlets in English, Italian and Portuguese on our **Slate Roof Tile Sponsorship**. This provides present and former parishioners with an opportunity to sponsor a slate tile that will go on our new roof. Part of this includes a text written on the underside of the tile - a way of memorializing your living or dead family and friends - perhaps an anniversary, marriage, baptism or birthday?

Chiedeteci - ci sono dépliant tradotti anche in italiano con tutti i dettagli.

So far the response has been positive. Any amount arriving now will be part of your income tax receipt for donations in 2017. To clarify - this will be a ONE TIME donation of \$100 per tile.

Le tegole vanno per una cifra di \$100 l'una per un ricordo che deve durare per 100 anni. Tanti di voi già avete fatto la vostra offerta - grazie per la vostra generosità. Il Signore vi premierà!

You may find pamphlets in the various languages at the entrance to the church. Examples of the slate are in the baptismal chapel to the right of our main altar.

ONLINE DONATIONS

You can now donate online to the parish:

<https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=407>

When you choose the parish we are the fifth one on the list.

STAMPS FOR THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

Thank you to all of you that took the time to remove the postage stamps trimming leaving a border or 1 cm or half an inch. The last time I heard from “The Stamp Corner” of the Franciscan Missionary Union in BC they said that a few of the stamps they took to collectors were worth a fair amount of money. It all helps and in this case it helps our missionaries and the people they serve.

Please note that we continue to accept stamps. Feel free to put them in a clean envelope and drop them in the Sunday Collection Basket.

Grazie per i francobolli cancellati che vanno a beneficio delle Missioni Francescane. Tagliate un pezzo della busta per non danneggiare il francobollo e mettete dentro una busta pulita per appoggiarla dentro il cestino la domenica.

LA SECONDA DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO- ANNO A - 15 GENNAIO 2017

EUTHANASIA/SUICIDIO ASSISTITO

Nel giugno del 2016 il governo del Canada ha approvato una normativa per legalizzare il suicidio assistito o l'eutanasia. Nonostante la formulazione di tale normativa intesa a tutelare i medici e le istituzioni sanitarie, il "College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario" (il collegio dei medici e dei chirurghi dell'Ontario) obbliga agli operatori sanitari di collaborare all'uccisione intenzionale richiesta dai loro pazienti. In nessun'altro paese del mondo succede questo. Neanche le altre province del Canada fanno così. Invece il governo dell'Ontario rifiuta di proteggere i medici che si oppongono a porre fine alla vita dei loro pazienti. Per saperne di più o per scrivere direttamente al governo dell'Ontario, visitate:

www.CanadiansforConscience.ca

(The English version of this was in last weekend's bulletin-you may check it out online at www.stfrancis.ca)

NEW BEGINNINGS - MON JAN 16 @ 7 PM

Monday, January 16 @ 7 p.m. - New Beginnings Talk at 1155 Yonge St., Toronto - 4th Floor, entitled,

"Identifying the Innermost Root Source of our Chronic Problems".

Speaker: Dr. Ken Fung, MD, MB FRCS

"The evening will be about reclaiming one's authentic identity as a child of God, 'Imago Dei' and uncovering the 'root cause' of our chronic problems, praying for inner healing."

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - JANUARY 18-25

Around the world from January 18-25 we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. This week of prayer encourages Christians from all denominations to meet, pray together and participate in various liturgical activities so that as Christ desires all may be one.

SETTIMANA DI PREGHIERA PER L'UNITA' DEI CRISTIANI - 18-25 GENNAIO

PREGHIERA ECUMENICA

Dio ricco di bontà, dona alle nostre comunità e alle nostre Chiese la forza dell'annuncio della riconciliazione. Guarisci i nostri cuori ed aiutaci a diffondere la tua pace. Dove è odio, fa' che io porti l'amore, dove è offesa, che io porti il perdono, dove è discordia, che io porti l'unione, dove è dubbio, che io porti la fede, dove è errore, che io porti la verità, dove è disperazione che io porti la speranza, dove è tristezza, che io porti la gioia, dove sono le tenebre, che io porti la luce. Te lo chiediamo nel nome Gesù Cristo, per mezzo dello Spirito Santo. Amen.



FRANCISCAN MISSION COLLECTION - SUN JAN 15TH

Please be generous today with our Missionary Friars and the people who they serve in Central America.

COLLETTA PER LE MISSIONI FRANCESCANE - DOM 15 GENNAIO

Oggi vi chiediamo un'offerta generosa per le opere missionarie dei nostri frati nell'America Centrale.

MASS SCHEDULE

January 14th to January 22nd, 2017

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

5:00 PM Serafino Lio

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH

9:00 AM Salvatore e Elisabetta Giuliano
Bruno Valela; Angelo Di Santo
Vito & Domenico Corrado
Beate Hepperle; Vincenzo Pietropaolo
Nazzareno Carnevale
Domenico Ionadi e Nancy Tolomeo

11:30 AM Maria Spina

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH

8:00 AM

1:30 PM School Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

8:00 AM Friars' Intention

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH

8:00 AM Friars' Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

8:00 AM Friars' Intention

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH

8:00 AM Friars' Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21TH ST. AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR

5:00 PM Joseph Calleya

SUNDAY JANUARY 22TH

9:00 AM In onore di Santa Lucia
Domenico e Maria Teresa Pileggi
Alessia Rosa Renda; Pasquale Gallippi
Giovanni, Carlo e Famiglia Barbati
Defunti Famiglia Piazza
Rosetta Russo e Famiglia
Eugenia e Mario Franco
11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions