
**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 today 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 this weekend - Saturday Jan 21st at 4:00 PM.**

Following **Confirmation class** on Sat Jan 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 have done 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 **Wed Jan 18th** the secretary of the Family of Faith Campaign tells us that we have pledges over the next five years totalling **\$445,690**. 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 99.05% 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.

TAIZE PRAYER INVITATION



“So you had not the strength to keep awake with me for one hour?” LK.26:40

Venue: **The Friary** – 15 Laxton Avenue (M6K 1K8)
in Parkdale (Queen & Lansdowne)

Telephone: (416) 537-0327
Limited Parking Available

Dates: Wednesday January 25th @ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday February 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 29th @ 6:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served

(You are invited to bring a non-perishable item for the Missionaries of Charity)

LA TERZA DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO- ANNO A - 22 GENNAIO 2017

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE

Did you know? Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. To learn more and to write directly to your elected member of Provincial Parliament please visit

www.CanadiansforConscience.ca

EUTANASIA/SUICIDIO ASSISTITO

Ora che il suicidio assistito o l'eutanasia è legale nel Canada, i medici nell'Ontario sono costretti ad impegnarsi ad aiutare ai pazienti desiderosi di morire. Un medico di famiglia o un chirurgo che si oppone a riferire un paziente ad un altro medico per consulto a riguardo del suicidio assistito o l'eutanasia, può essere multato, disciplinato o sospeso dall'esercizio della professione medica. In oltre, molti si vedono costretti a ritirarsi o a spostarsi fuori della provincia perché il governo provinciale non riconosce la loro libertà di coscienza. Per saperne di più o per scrivere direttamente al governo dell'Ontario, visitate:

www.CanadiansforConscience.ca

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On **Thursday, February 2**, the church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a special Mass on **Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica**, Toronto 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.

GIORNATA MONDIALE DELLA VITA CONSACRATA

Giovedì, 2 febbraio, la Chiesa celebra la **Giornata Mondiale della Vita Consacrata**.

Grazie a Dio, nella Diocesi di Toronto abbiamo tra noi oltre 900 religiosi, uomini e donne, dedito al servizio, da più di 100 diverse congregazioni religiose. La Giornata Mondiale per la Vita Consacrata ci offre l'occasione per ringraziare Dio per il dono dei religiosi fratelli, suore e sacerdoti e per invocare la benedizione di Dio su di essi nel loro impegno a vivere fedelmente i consigli evangelici mediante i voti di povertà, castità e obbedienza.

Domenica, 29 gennaio alle ore 3 p.m. presso la St Paul's Basilica a Toronto, si terrà una Santa Messa solenne presieduta dal vescovo, monsignore Wayne Kirkpatrick per celebrare le vocazioni e la testimonianza dei nostri religiosi, uomini e donne, i quali svolgono un ruolo essenziale e vitale nella vita e nel ministero della Chiesa nella nostra arcidiocesi. Siete tutti invitati a partecipare.

MASS SCHEDULE

January 21st to January 29th, 2017

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST

ST. AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR

5:00 PM Joseph Calleya

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23RD

8:00 AM Giovanni Olimpio

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR

8:00 AM _____

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

8:00 AM Parishioners' Intentions

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH

STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

8:00 AM _____

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH

8:00 AM Defunti Famiglia Marafioti

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR

5:00 PM Francesco Diodati

SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH

9:00 AM In onore della Madonna Addolorata
Rosa Cutuli e Giuseppina Natale
Rosanna Leone; Giuseppe Pirroncello
Bruno Giuseppe Macri
Antonia Teresa Vono
Giovanni Di Lecce & Maria Poveromo
Teresa & Bruno Malfara

11:30 AM Caterina Rizzuto

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Join us at Mary, **Mother of God School** for an evening of live music on **Saturday, January 28th, 2017, at 7:30 pm**. Our wonderful house band will take us on a journey through the 60's, 70's, 80's, and beyond! Tickets are \$20 (19 years old and older, please). Munchies, desserts and coffee (Cash Bar). For tickets, **please call: 416-531-7897**