
**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 2 class (covering chapters 3 & 4) will be offered Sun Feb 19th at 10:30 am and Sat Feb 25th 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 2 class (Seeking God in Prayer) will be offered today Sun Feb 12th at 10:30 am and Saturday Feb 18st at 4:00 PM.**

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 Feb 9th** the secretary of the Family of Faith Campaign tells us that we have pledges over the next five years totalling **\$456,695.00** 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 101.5% 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.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR
THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul, Saint Francis of Assisi Conference, is looking for new members to serve the poor. If you feel that you are being called to serve the Lord but don't know what you should do, here is your answer!

Our Saint Vincent De Paul Conference **sees on average 5-6 people/families per week-** often providing them with food and clothing vouchers. We also donate beds and furniture that The Society's central warehouse delivers.

Our mission entails not only donations but you have a chance, as the apostles were commanded to bring the Lord's word to those who are hungry but unable to hear. It is so fulfilling knowing you just helped a family in need get past a difficult time. We hope you will join us and begin your service with Jesus Christ by helping the poor, sick and downtrodden and feel the Holy Spirit move by bringing His kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.

Call [416.536.8195](tel:416.536.8195) and leave a message in **the Saint Vincent De Paul voicemail box** or email Marion da Ponte at mariondaponte@gmail.com and we will help you get started.

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.

Resources for couples, parishes, and widowed, separated and divorced persons are available online

<https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>

The Cardinal's letter to married couples is available at the entrance to the church in English, Italian and Portuguese.

LA SESTA DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO– ANNO A – 12 FEBBRAIO 2017

Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

Saturday, February 18, 2017 9:00 am to Saturday, February 18, 2017 4:30 pm. Serviam Ministries is hosting its 2nd annual men's conference. Join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montreal, Christian Lépine, for a day of prayer and fellowship, and the chance to be emboldened and challenged in your faith by becoming the man God created you to be. For more information see the following:

WEB: www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/ **PHONE:** 1-888-522-2070 **EMAIL:** info@serviamministries.com

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY

The New Beginnings program is a Ministry for people who have suffered loss through, separation, divorce or death by providing support and hope. By offering a safe and informative group environment to accompany individuals on their journey, we hope to be instruments in bringing God's presence, healing and love. There are two groups being offered:

- 1) For those suffering the death of a loved one - St. Peter's Parish Centre in Toronto (across from Bathurst station) at 830 Bathurst Street. Tuesdays 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm.
- 2) For those who are suffering loss through divorce or separation - St. Peter's Parish Centre in Toronto (across from Bathurst station) at 830 Bathurst Street. Saturdays from 1-3pm.

Parish Contact: [416-534-4219](tel:416-534-4219)
contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca

HEATING COSTS – FEB 4/5 - RISCALDAMENTO

Many of you will be interested to know that the heating bill from Enbridge Gas during the period November 1st 2014 to January 31st 2015 came to a total of **\$6,461.61**.

A year before that for the same period, i.e. November 1st 2013 to January 31st 2014, heating expenses were a total of **\$4,773.21**.

From Nov 1st 2016 to Jan 31st 2017 our heating expenses came in at **\$8,321.20**

Thanks to those who were generous with us in last weekend's Heating Collection. If you have not already done so, please remember to bring in your Heating Expenses envelopes with your next weekly offertory envelope. Thank you.

Dal 1° nov 2014 abbiamo speso \$6,461.61 a confronto del \$4,773.21 dell'anno precedente. Dal 1o novembre 2016 al 31 gennaio 2017 la spesa e' diventata **\$8,321.20**. C'è una busta una volta all'anno per venire incontro alla spesa annuale. Vi ringraziamo in anticipo per la vostra generosità domenica scorsa – se non avete ricordato domenica scorsa, troverete una busta apposita nelle buste per febbraio che sono arrivati a casa vostra.

MASS SCHEDULE

February 11th to February 19th, 2017

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

5:00 PM Italo Maceroni

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

9:00 AM Angelo Di Santo
Salvatore Amato e def famiglia
Famiglia Carnovale e Simonetta
Domenica, Nicola, & Peter Vinci
Giuseppe e Rosalia Didiano
Bruno Macri & Family
Michele Nigro
Marina & Ciriaco Mirabella
11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

8:00 AM John DiFlorio

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

ST. CYRIL, MONK, AND ST. METHODIUS, BISHOP

8:00 AM Domenica Vinci (1 Yr Death Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

8:00 AM Rev. Angelo Bucciero OFM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

8:00 AM Antonio Gagliardi

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

ST SCOLASTICA, VIRGIN

8:00 AM Alvio DiFlorio

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

5:00 PM Joseph Calleya

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

9:00 AM Domenico e Maria Teresa Pileggi
Giovanni, Carlo & famiglia Barbati
Rocco Baldassara e Antonio L'Europa
Vincenzo e Immacolata Del Duca
Francesco D'Urzo, Domenico, Anna &
Rosario Moscato
Antonietta Giangualano
11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

Delle volte, alcuni nostri parrocchiani lamentano che non trovano un posticino per un'intenzione per i loro cari defunti. Se avete notato, dall'inizio dell'anno corrente abbiamo avuto diversi spazi vuoti. Se vi sentite spinti a ricordare i vostri cari defunti, non lasciate passare queste opportunità.