

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 23/24 **Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church.** Please use your envelopes and please be generous.

Mary Benincasa from Catholic Family Services of Toronto will be on hand at the **September 23, 24 Masses** to tell us about some of the agency's programs and Walk-in Counselling Services.



*Alle Sante Messe del 23/24 settembre accogliamo **Mary Benincasa** che ci darà un messaggio a nome dei servizi sociali cattolici (Catholic Family Services). Si tratta dei loro diversi programmi e dalla possibilità di frequentare i loro uffici per un parere saggio.*

Oct 7/8 we will celebrate our **St Francis of Assisi Feast Day weekend.** We will speak about St Francis at weekend Masses.



Sat Oct 7th - 3:30 pm - **St Francis Blessing of Creatures** on the south-east lawn of the church. Because of construction it will take place **on the lawn near the rectory and the outdoor statue of the seated Blessed Mother and Child.**

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Birthright, a pro-life crisis pregnancy service, needs your help. Volunteers, men and women, are needed to assist those facing an unplanned pregnancy, to provide support and comfort as well as practical solutions. Training is provided.

For information call [416 469-1111](tel:416-469-1111)
or email toronto@birthright.org

WELCOME FR ALBERT MICALLEF, OFM AND FR RALPH PAONESSA, OFM

This weekend, in the midst of our celebrations, you will meet **Fr Albert Micallef**. Many of you know him from past times. If you don't know him, you will begin to know him as he settles in.

Fr Ralph Paonessa, OFM, Chaplain at Villa Colombo, is joining us for the Mass and Procession today.

Diamo benvenuto a un nostro confratello e nuovo vice parroco, **P Albert Micallef**. Tanti di voi l'avete conosciuto nei tempi passati.

Siamo lieti di avere **P Raffaele Paonessa** tra di noi oggi per le nostre celebrazioni.

WELCOME! BENVENUTI!

GETTING READY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2018

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.**

Parents - you often meet the parents of other classmates of your children - pass the word on to them. Maybe you can take them a copy of this bulletin?

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

www.stfrancis.ca

Please note that all parents are invited to an info meeting and to complete their child's registration on

Mon Oct 2nd at 6:30 pm in the church.

Thanks to all the families that came out to the meeting on Thurs Sept 14th.

We will communicate with you via the email address/es you use while doing the pre-registration.

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

This is just a first announcement that we are hoping to gather anyone interested in exploring the Catholic Faith to join our **RCIA Programme.** Please start passing the word around.



This is open to people who want to learn about our faith. It also provides a place of preparation for Catholics who are missing their First Communion and/or Confirmation. We also welcome others from different Christian Communities who feel the gentle prompting of the Spirit to explore Catholicism.

PARISH INSURANCE COLLECTION

At the end of the summer our Church Insurance bill came in at **\$14,368.47.** Last year we began taking up a collection to defray the costs. This year it was scheduled for this month. As of last Sunday we collected a total of: **\$160.**

Alla fine dell'estate è arrivata la bolletta dell'assicurazione per il nostro fabbricato - **\$14,368.47.** Le buste della colletta speciale sono arrivate alla somma di **\$160.**

XXIV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO – ANNO A – 17 SETTEMBRE 2017

PARISH CELEBRATION OF
STS COSMAS AND DAMIAN,
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI,
ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
ST PADRE PIO

Today, Sunday Sept 17th
Solemn Mass in Italian at 2:30 pm
Procession at 3:30 pm

Oggi, domenica 17 settembre.
Insieme celebreremo la festa dei
nostri santi protettori.

Santa Messa Solenne in italiano
alle 2:30 pm
Processione alle 3:30 pm



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. Please bring your **non-perishables** on the weekends of **Sept 30/Oct 1** and **Oct 7/8**. PS usually rice is a better choice than pasta.

La nostra conferenza della **Società di san Vincenzo de Paoli** vi chiede di pensare ai poveri come preparazione per la festa di ringraziamento (Thanksgiving). Potete portare scotolamene per i poveri nelle **prime due domeniche di ottobre**. Così i volontari possono portare con loro qualche sacchetto di provvisione d'emergenza. Cercate di vedere il volto di Cristo nei poveri. **Notate bene - evitate la pasta. Per i poveri, il riso è più consigliato.**



ONE-DAY RETREAT; PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Sat Oct 7th - 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
St Francis Centre for Religious Studies,
208501 Hwy 9, Caledon

Doors open at 8:30 for registration and welcome snack.
\$40 all inclusive. Please bring indoor shoes.

Prayer, Reflection/Group Discussion/Sharing, Audio Visual, Fraternal Lunch, Holy Hour with Mediated Rosary, Confessions, free time, concludes with Holy Mass (Sunday's Liturgy).

For safety reasons we have to confine ourselves to 90 people, so please do book in advance at **519-941-1747**, or email: stfranciscentre@rogers.com or book online through the website: www.stfranciscentre.net

MASS SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 16TH TO SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
THE MARTYRS: ST. CORNELIUS, POPE,

& ST. CYPRIAN, BISHOP

5:00 PM Maria Barbato

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
FEAST OF THE STIGMATA OF
OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

9:00 AM Domenico e Maria Teresa Pileggi
Giovanni, Carlo e famiglia Barbati
Adelina e Vincenzo Quadrini
Rocco Baldassara e Domenica L'Europa
Adolfo e Restituta Baldassara
Pasquale Gallippi; Marco Riga;
Nicola Vinci

11:30 AM Living and Deceased Franciscans

2:30 PM Feast Day Mass of *Our Holy Protectors*
Santa Messa Festiva dei nostri *Santi Protettori*

3:30 pm *La Processione esterna*
(circa) *Our outdoor Procession*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO, PRIEST

8:00 AM Angela e Vito Donato

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

ST. JANUARIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

8:00 AM Antonio Fusillo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

STS. ANDREW KIM, PAUL CHONG &
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

8:00 AM For Parishioners' Intentions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8:00 AM Raffaele e Maria Teresa Marchese e fam.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:00 AM Giovanni Bertucci

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRELICINA, FRIAR PRIEST

5:00 PM For Parishioners' Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

9:00 AM In onore Santi Cosmas e Damiano
Pietro Petrini; Caterina Rizzuto
Salvatore Amato e defunti famiglia
Gina e Gilda Cosentino; Rosa Donato
Defunti Spagnulo; Joseph Maio
Vincenza e Candido Longo

11:30 AM Joseph Calleya