

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B – FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Our **First Communion class Unit 2 class (Chapters 3 & 4)** will be offered **Sun Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am or Saturday March 3<sup>h</sup> at 4:00 PM**

Our **Confirmation Unit 3 class (The call of Jesus to Mission)** will be offered today **Sun March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am or Saturday March 24<sup>h</sup> at 4:00 PM.**

**ALL FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FAMILIES**

We remind our parents that they need to **make sure the dates are on their family calendar and they need to bring their children to these meetings. The preparation work needs to be done at home-** this is part of the understanding and commitment you took on when you registered your child. As we hear in the Baptism rite - **you are the FIRST teachers of your child - may you also be the best of teachers.**

Also please remember that **your child should be wearing their crucifix** when they attend class and when they attend Mass. **We also expect families to stay for the Mass immediately following the class.**

Our **recommendation** is that families plan to attend the first class of the two opportunities for each unit. Flu season is upon us and the family may not be able to make the second meeting.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY STATISTICS**

Offertory	February 10/11, 2018
Total number of envelopes	137
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,181
Total loose donations	\$ 171
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 219
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,571</b>
<b>Weekly Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>
<b>Income Deficit</b>	<b>-\$1,929 or 43%</b>

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**FEB 17/18 CHURCH RESTORATION FUND**

**PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINE**

**Lent:** The penitential character of Lent is maintained; on these days, penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

The law of "abstinence from meat" binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

Please remember that it is our practice, especially during Lent, to abstain from meat on Fridays.

**GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION  
LA PROCESSIONE DEL VENERDI SANTO**

With the beginning of Lent **our parish community** begins its preparation for **Good Friday Procession**. In the days ahead the Parish Committee will begin its planning meetings. Please watch the bulletin for announcements.

Iniziando il cammino di quaresima, prepariamoci anche per **la processione di venerdì santo**. Nei prossimi giorni, il comitato parrocchiale inizierà l'orientamento per il programma di quest'anno. Vi chiediamo gentilmente di tenetevi informati per mezzo degli avvisi ufficiali.

**LENTEN FRIDAYS - WAY OF THE CROSS  
I VENERDI' DI QUARESIMA - VIA CRUCIS**

During the season of Lent we recite the Way of the Cross on Friday morning after the 8 am Mass. The Italian community usually leads this prayer but we encourage you to follow along in the English translation available on the page facing the Italian text. This affords you the benefit of both carrying out the devotion and of praying in community. It also helps us to prepare for the Good Friday procession through prayer and meditation.

**ASSOCIATIONS AND CHARACTERS FOR  
THE GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION  
YOU CAN REGISTER AT [stfrancis.ca](http://stfrancis.ca)**

On Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, we will be celebrating our **Annual Good Friday Procession**. For all parishioners and newcomers that are interested in acting as the characters of the Good Friday story, we ask that you send an email to [Goodfridaycharacters@gmail.com](mailto:Goodfridaycharacters@gmail.com).

Please note that you are now able to register online at [stfrancis.ca](http://stfrancis.ca). We will do our best to match you up with the character you have requested but if your application comes in late and someone has already been assigned your character, we ask you to consider making yourself available for whatever personality is needed to make this year's procession a success and to help bring the Gospel message to our streets. Please remember that in addition to your email contact info, it would also be helpful to have your daytime and evening telephone numbers.



If you are part of an Association that participates in the processions, you may also register online (see above).

**Procession Meeting  
for Associations, Groups & Participants  
Tues March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall**

## LENTEN COIN FOLDERS

Beginning this weekend, we have our usual Lenten Offering Folders available at the back of the church. For those who choose to use the folder, this is another way of giving up a little time each day reflecting on the 40 days of Lent. Families with younger children can participate in making this period of Lent a more meaningful experience. Please write your name, address and envelope number on the back of the folder.



Come abbiamo fatto gli anni scorsi, le Cartelle di Offerta Quaresimale sono disponibili all'entrata della Chiesa. Le Cartelle saranno poi raccolte su Santo giovedì. Per favore di assicurare che il suo nome, indirizzo e il numero della busta domenicale è riempito sul dorso della Cartella.

## SIGN-UP SUNDAYS! FEBRUARY 24/25 & MARCH 3/4. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**The Call for Conscience 2018 Campaign is underway.** Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please take a moment to provide your contact information at the back of the church on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4. Thank you for living a faith that acts!



**Our office is closed tomorrow, Mon Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, for Family Day.**

**L'ufficio parrocchiale sarà chiuso domani, lun 20 febb, nella ricorrenza di Family Day.**

## LENTEN RETREAT

At **Augustine's Seminary's Institute of Theology and Lay Spiritual Formation Program** presents the followings upcoming workshop/retreat: **"Vice and Virtue Lenten Retreat"** on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The cost is \$50 (lunch included) To register online go to [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca) or call 416 261-7207, ext 235.

## MASS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> TO FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 PM For Our Parishioners Intentions'

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM Giovanni e Carlo Barbati  
Vito Garisto; Guerrino Cattani  
Rocco Baldassarra e Antonio L'Europa  
Gildo e Maria Scarselletta  
Joseph e Matilda Zammit

11:30 AM Daryna Parkhomenko

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> FAMILY DAY

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Friars

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM Fr Arthur Lattanzi, OFM

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>

SAINT PETER DAMIAN,  
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 AM Fr Angelo Bucciero, OFM

7:00 PM Carmina Nero

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

8:00 AM Luigi Marchesano

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>

ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

8:00 AM Maria Rosa e Antonio Santaguida

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 PM Fr Lucius Annese, OFM

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM Rosa Virdo e Basileo Dileo  
Pasquale Gallippi  
Caterina Rizzuto  
Rosalia Didiamo  
Maddalena Cioffi e famiglia  
Domenico L'Europa e famiglia  
Luigi Marchesano

11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions