

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B – FEBRUARY 25th, 2018

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & FAMILIES

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Our **First Communion class Unit 2 (Chapters 3 & 4)** will be offered today Sun. February 25th at 10:30am or Sat. March 3rd at 4:00 pm

Our **Confirmation class Unit 3 (The call of Jesus to Mission)** will be offered Sun. March 18th at 10:30 am or Sat. March 24th 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 17/18, 2018
Total number of envelopes	227
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,680
Total loose donations	\$ 216
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 219
Weekly Total	\$ 3,113
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$-1,387 or 31%

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

**MARCH 11 / 18
FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK**

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**

On Friday March 30th 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.

Please note that you are now able to register online at 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 13th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

II DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA – ANNO B – 25 FEBBRAIO 2018

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

From **March 10th to 17th, 2018**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Confessions at our parish will be available on **Friday March 9th from 9:30-11 am, 1-2:30 pm and 6-7 pm.**

LENTEN COIN FOLDERS

Beginning last 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 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 weekend March 3/4. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

SAVE THE DATE & MARK YOUR CALENDAR – SUNDAY MARCH 18th, 2018

On Sunday March 18th, 2018, we will be blessing the historical Stations of the Cross at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Join us in the Parish Hall after each blessing ceremony and meet with the project team for further updates on the restoration progress.

As we prepare for Holy Week and the influx of visitors to the Good Friday procession, we will be launching the Restoration Campaign and Commemorative and Memorial Opportunities brochure on Sunday March 18th.

We will be giving our parishioners a sneak preview of the many items that are available as commemorative and memorial

opportunities for your intentions, special anniversaries and birthdays and remembering your dearly departed loved ones.

Donations will be recognized in the future Parish Hall for many years to come with a Donor Wall for those selflessly giving to the restoration of St. Francis of Assisi.

We thank you for your patience, prayers and support as we continue with the restoration work of our church. See you on Sunday March 18th, 2018.

MASS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 24TH TO MARCH 4TH, 2018

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

5:00 PM Fr. Lucius Annese OFM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

8:00 AM Fr. Lucius Annese OFM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

8:00 AM Fr. Lucius Annese OFM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

8:00 AM Fr. Lucius Annese OFM

7:00 PM Memorial Mass: Eleonora Silvaggio

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:00 AM Giuseppina Marrello

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

8:00 AM In onore del Sacro Cuore di Gesu

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD

5:00 PM Maurizio Cugliari

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

9:00 AM Maurizio e Illuminata Cugliari
Vincenzo Pietropaolo
Filomena Simonetta
Luigi Marchesano
Catenna e Giuseppe Galle
Bruno e Gina Ienerella
Carolina Scaturchio Marafioti
Maddalena Cioffi e famiglia
11:30 AM For Parishioners Intentions