

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B – MARCH 4th, 2018

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & FAMILIES

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

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 24/25, 2018
Total number of envelopes	181
Total amount in envelopes	\$ 2,248
Total loose donations	\$ 162
Preauthorized Giving (PAG)	\$ 219
Weekly Total	\$ 2,629
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Income Deficit	\$-1,871 or 41%

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:
FLOWERS FOR HOLY WEEK - MARCH 11/2018
SHARE LIFE - MARCH 18/2018

PARTIAL CHURCH CLOSURE

Monday to Friday ONLY, from March 12th to March 16th & then from March 19th to March 23rd

The scaffolding dismantle will require the temporary closure of the church for the safety of all concerned and to expedite the dismantle ahead of Holy Week. This partial closure will only affect our weekday Mass schedule — Monday to Friday, the 8 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in the Work Sacristy which has been converted into a temporary chapel. When coming to Mass, during this closure on a weekday, please enter the church via the Mansfield Avenue entrance adjacent to the rectory. This entrance will give you access to the temporary chapel set-up in the Work Sacristy.

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 avvizi ufficiali.

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).



Thank You

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE
JOSEPH & MATILDA ZAMMIT
WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
YOUR KIND THOUGHTS
AND WORDS. YOUR CARE AND CONCERN ARE
GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WILL ALWAYS BE
REMEMBERED.

Fr. Jimmy, Paul, David & Family

We are having a memorial Mass for Joseph Zammit on Monday March 12th at 7:00 PM.

III DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA – ANNO B – 4 MARZO 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.**

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.

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY PROVIDING FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you are helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own.

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

IL VANGELO SI VIVE OCCUPANDOCI DEI GIOVANI SENZATETTO

Ogni sera, in tutto il Canada, 6mila persone, tra i 16 ed i 24 anni d'età, non hanno un posto che possono chiamare casa. Questo gruppo rappresenta il 20% del totale dei senzatetto. Alla Covenant House, il programma "Right of Passage" finanziato da ShareLife offre interventi che incidono positivamente sulla vita di giovani senza famiglia che vivono per le strade di Toronto. Il programma assegna un mentore ad ogni giovane per aiutarlo a sviluppare le proprie capacità e strategie di vita. Sostenendo ShareLife, aiuti giovani in pericolo ad affrontare la vita con le proprie forze.

Domenica, 18 marzo 2018 è una domenica di ShareLife Per favore, dona generosamente

MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 3RD TO MARCH 11TH, 2018

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

MONDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:00 AM Antonio & Michele Napoli

TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH

8:00 AM _____

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH

8:00 AM _____

THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:00 AM Carolina Scaturchio

FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH

8:00 AM _____

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH

5:00 PM _____

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH

9:00 AM Gregorio e Giovanni Callipo
Famiglie Carnovale e Simonetta
Angelo Barillari
Salvatore Amato e Defunti Famiglia
Madalena Cioffi e Defunti Famiglia
Maria Spina
Angelo di Santo
Domenico e Rosina Marafioti
11:30 AM For Parishioners' Intentions