

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 26, 7pm

+Pat Moloney req by Antonietta Orecchio

Tuesday, February 27, 9 a.m.

+Sabina D'Souza req by the Keogan & Delvecchio Families.

Wednesday, February 28, 7 p.m.

+Mike Pulla req by Cesina Pulla

+Domenico Orecchio req by Antonietta Orecchio

+Lucia Tardivo req by Paola Polzl

+Marc Belcourt req by Mary Scott

Thursday, March 1, 9 a.m.

+Kunju Varkey 7 Kuria Kose req by the Joseph Family

Friday, March 2, 7 p.m..

+Oreste Zanutto req by the Manera Family

+Marc Belcourt req by Antonietta Orecchio

+Giuseppe Calabrese req by the Calabrese Family

Saturday, March 3

9 a.m. +Maureen Keogan & Wayne Scott req by Ted & Irene Misiaszek

5 p.m. +Maureen Keogan req by Gerard & Mary Lynch

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY for all of the sick members of our parish especially: Linda Vidulich, Jim Cushman, Reginald Wade, Grace Hancock, and Shirley Barrett.

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

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 to communicate periodically (approx. 6-8 times a 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 (MPPs) 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. Visit <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register yourself for this initiative. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOSPITALITY MINISTRY ~ COME JOIN US!



By now you have probably heard about the Hospitality Ministry at Holy Family parish. The words have been used frequently, but it has not always been clear what it means. We are told we are supposed to show hospitality to others, but why? And what does hospitality even mean?

Like many words, the story of the word 'hospitality' tells us a lot about its meaning. Two Latin words are

at the root of 'hospitality', each with very different meaning. 'Hostis' means enemy, and is where we get the word 'hostile' from. 'Hospes', the second word, in Latin means both guest and host. When put together, hospitality becomes the process of welcoming the stranger and making them into something more, they become a friend and a host to the host. If we want to really take it one step further, 'hospitality' is the process where a stranger/enemy becomes a friend. This transition, at its core, is the Christian message itself.

The heart of the Christian Gospel is something called the 'kerygma', the proclamation of the basic Christian message. That proclamation boils down to: we were made for a relationship with God; we sinned, turned away, making ourselves strangers and enemies of God - not because God is our enemy, but because we turned our backs on Him; God, as Jesus, came down in order to redeem us, to re-build that which was broken, and by doing so throws open the arms of divine welcome; now it becomes our turn to say 'yes' to Jesus. Jesus sacrificed everything so that we who were strangers to God, might become His friends. That is hospitality in the ultimate sense.

Serving in the Hospitality Ministry at the Church, in particular the Welcoming Team, I get to be a part of that drama. I certainly cannot take the place of Jesus, the one who threw open His arms for us, but I can offer my small heart and hands to take part in that mystery. By opening the door for others, by offering them a friendly greeting and sincere help, by making an effort to go downstairs for fellowship & refreshments and trying to meet just one new person, I am trying to make each person more open and able to meet Jesus. We are called, after all, to "pursue hospitality" (Romans 12:13). By trying to be 'hospitable' in all the little things, I am trying to help a newcomer, or even an oldcomer, become a friend of God. And maybe in the process making a new friend who will journey with me down the road to heaven.

If you are looking for a way to become more involved in your church, if you are feeling the searching in your own heart to connect with others in your parish, consider becoming part of our Hospitality Ministry. Please see one of our greeters after Mass for more information or to sign up.

Nathan Gibbard,

Co-Coordinator, Holy Family Hospitality Ministry

flocknote **WORD ON FIRE VIA FLOCKNOTE**

Word on Fire ENGAGE is an innovative new way from Bishop Robert Barron to reach many parishioners. Bishop Barron's videos have led to countless conversions and transformed lives. This is free to all parishioners. Father Laszlo will choose relevant messages and videos from the Word on Fire catalogue and they will be sent to your email addresses. You do not need to download anything or go anywhere. We will go to you, wherever you are.

If you have shared your email address with the parish in the past, then we have included you in the email list and you should already be receiving our daily Lenten Reflections via Flocknote. If you are not receiving our daily emails via Flocknote and you would like to, then you can give us your email address or **text hfwp to 84576** from your phone to subscribe to updates. Your information will be completely safe and secured and you can unsubscribe anytime!



PRAYER REQUEST BOX & INTERCESSORY PRAYER

If you are in need of prayer, we encourage you to use our **Prayer Request Box** located in the back of the church. Simply fill out the provided Prayer Request Card and leave it in the box. Or send us your request using the parish app. Once your prayer request is received, the Holy Family Intercessory Prayer Group will pray for you. All requests are sacred and you can be assured that your prayers will be kept strictly confidential.

If you feel in your heart that you are being called to pray for the needs of others then we encourage you to please come and join anyone of our Intercessory Prayer Groups. We have groups that meet as follows: Thursdays 7pm (CWL room) and Fridays 1pm, 2pm & 7:30pm (upstairs in the church).



"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." This week at EDGE, we'll be looking at the greatness of Jesus' Ascension and understanding how we wait for the day that we see Him face to face! At Life Teen, we'll be continuing to scratch through the surface of this "Who is the Holy Spirit?" mystery!

Life Teen: meets every Monday from 7-9 PM for high school students.

EDGE: meets every Thursday from 6-8 PM for students in grades 5-8.

YOUTH LENTEN REFLECTION

Jesus stayed in the desert for 40 days as He resisted temptation and focused completely on the Father's love. Throughout Lent's 40 days, how are you depending on God's love? Have you given up something that gives you more time to focus on Him, or did you give something up "just because"? And remember: prayer does not just strengthen your relationship with God; it IS your relationship with God!

For more information about our youth ministries, Steubenville Conference (July 13-15), EDGE Camp (Aug 26-30), and Life Teen Camp (Aug 11-16), please email me at hfwym91@gmail.com. Camille, Holy Family Parish Youth Minister.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent, the Holy Rosary will be recited at 6:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. Mass will follow at 7:00pm.

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux**, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 or visit their website for more information. www.vocationstoronto



MINISTRY FAIR SUNDAY MARCH 4 IN THE CHURCH HALL

Join us for our Ministry Fair on Sunday March 4 in the Church Hall after each Mass. We have over 20 Ministries that support the Holy Family Parish Community. This is a great opportunity to discover the many activities and services our Ministries offer. You will be given a passport to travel to each Ministry Table; learn about each ministry's mission and spiritual support to grow in our involvement with Holy Family Parish. This is a wonderful opportunity to join any one of the ministries of your interest and spiritual need. Please join us and attend the Ministry Fair to learn about the goodness and continuous support our Fellowship Ministries offer our great Holy Family Parish Community.



PARISH LENTEN RETREAT ~ THE SPIRITUAL COMBAT

"Lent is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." --- Pope Benedict XVI.

Please join us for our Lenten Retreat entitled 'The Spiritual Combat'. The Retreat will be conducted by **Fr Giuseppe Scollo of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary** and will take place on Monday March 12, 7pm Mass, Tuesday March 13, 7pm Mass & Wednesday March 14, 7pm Mass. Lenten Reconciliation will follow the Mass March 14th. We hope to see you there.

START USING THESE APP FEATURES TODAY!



With this handy app you can receive daily quotes, inspirational messages from Father Laszlo, homily 'teasers' and stay on top of all the happenings at Holy Family! You can even see our weekly bulletin. Use the 'groups' feature to join one of our many groups and engage in meaningful conversations with other parishioners. The 'Prayer' button will direct you to a list of traditional prayers, allow you to set prayer reminders and even has a link so you can send us your prayer request directly. In the 'Reflect Daily' feature you will be able to read, ponder and reflect on the daily Gospel. All this and so much more at the click of a button! Visit myparishapp.com and download on your mobile device.



NEW APP FEATURE FOR JUST FOR LENT

Watch for this new 'Lenten Reflection' button to appear on the app well as a new temporary background in observation of the holy seasons of Lent and Easter.



ALPHA IS BACK!

There will be another Alpha Session starting **Thursday March 8th**, we will offer morning (10:30am) and evening (7:30pm) sessions. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church after all Masses. If you have questions about faith, or are searching for the meaning of faith in your life, then this is a great place to be for good small group discussions with others!