

Mass Intentions



for the Week

September 10 - September 15th, 2018

Mon. Sept. 10 th	8am	+Marcella Bachynski & + Jeanie Jablonski
Tues. Sept. 11 th	8am	Lourdes Halifax Sp.int.
Wed. Sept. 12 th	8am	+ David & Connla Boccus
Thurs. Sept. 13 th	8am	+Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti
Fri. Sept. 14 th	8am	+Luigi & Anna Maria Pompilio
Sat. Sept. 15 th	9am	+Filomena Petricca

SUNDAY TV MASS

Beginning Sunday, September 2nd, SUNDAY TV mass will be broadcast nationally on the following stations: Vision TV - 8:00 am, Joytv - 10 am, HopeTV - 2:30 pm, Yes TV - Ontario 10:30am.

Please note that weekday mass times and locations have not been changed. For any questions call: 1-888-383-6277 or go to www.dailytvmass.com

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

Once again we would like to welcome all parents, grandparents, caregivers and nannies with children under the age of 5, to join us beginning September 11th on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 am for Our Lady of Grace Children's Playgroup in the parish hall.

There is no cost for this program, and all are welcome. This group is a wonderful way to connect with other families in the parish while your children enjoy songs, crafts, and play. Coffee and tea for adults and peanut free snacks are provided for children. Starting September 25th, playgroup will move to Lynett Hall for the remainder of the year during our renovations.

AURORA FOOD PANTRY

If your garden has produced more than you can use our local food bank is happy to accept vegetables. Drop offs can be made Tuesdays from 8am - 4pm, Thursdays from 10am -8pm and Saturdays from 7am - 12 noon at 350 Industrial Parkway South, drive to the back of the building.

A RENOVATION UPDATE

It has been a couple of months since we had an update in the bulletin. There have been some challenges and some good news too.

The tender for the project came in higher than we hoped and anticipated, putting the cost at about 5.9 million dollars. The successful company is MRP. The diocese in any event has told us to go ahead. We will just have a greater debt for longer, unless of course there is some great response in the second and third phase of the capital campaign. There have been some very generous people come forward on the first round.

We have a commitment from the town to have all paperwork complete so that we may begin construction on September 24th.

It can prove quite a challenge to continue ministry while a space is being renovated. We will not need to leave the worship area until after Easter 2019. This is a great relief. We will need to be more creative on how we get in and out of the church. After Easter, mass for four or five weeks will be in Lynett Hall and then for a couple of months in the hall under the church.

We will be dealing with weddings and funerals on an ad hoc basis. This will relate to accessibility and in the time we are out of the church we will be seeking space in other Catholic churches for weddings and funeral masses.

We will be doing confirmation earlier than in other years and will be communicating this to the families through letters in mid-September. We will also need to be more creative in the way we are doing first communions.

We do not know exactly when specific areas of the facilities will be impacted by construction, but we encourage the leaders of all groups to be attentive to the fact that there may be times when your normal space for meeting will not be available for a period of time. We will try to accommodate groups, but space may be limited on certain evenings. Some space will be available in the Catherine St. house. It is important that all groups contact Nancy well in advance of meetings so that space is available and not double booked. So happily, we are moving forward.

Thank you to all who are supportive of this important effort on the part of our parish.

ROSARY AT RESTHAVEN

Rosary with the residents at Chartwell Aurora Resthaven began over the summer. It has been a great success! Thank you to the wonderful parishioners who have volunteered to lead this prayer group, and thank you to the 15+ residents who have come to pray with us.

An open invitation stands for all parishioners who would like to participate in this rosary group which is gathering at 10:30am on the last Monday of each month in the George Street 2nd floor common room.

Moving forward we are hoping to have the rosary two Mondays a month to honour Our Lady and connect with our parishioners in long term care.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

September seems like a good time to ask. We have a Becoming Catholic group that meets regularly to learn about the faith and reflect on it. It is a very open process so we welcome folks at any time during the year. If you are an adult who has never been baptised or baptised in a Protestant or Orthodox tradition and now would like to be part of the Catholic church leave your name and contact information at the parish office.

SHARELIFE RESULTS

Our final ShareLife total was \$149,178.02 Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

We were slightly lower than last year, but not to the extent that we should go in search of answers.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The second phase of the capital campaign will begin this fall. Thank you to everyone who has made a three year pledge or donated. We have a commitment for over \$700,000 from 232 parishioners. Your parish will need the support of everyone who is part of Our Lady of Grace to meet our goals with as little debt as possible. Thank you to everyone who has responded to date.

LETTERS FROM THE HOLY FATHER AND CARDINAL COLLINS

The Holy Father and Cardinal Collins both wrote letters in response to the ongoing struggle of the church to deal adequately with the issue of abuse. Both letters are at the back of the church on the cabinet for you to take.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League will be meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 pm (there will be no mass prior to the meeting) in the large meeting room adjacent to the parish hall.

Our special guest speaker will be Father Marijan who will be sharing his journey into the priesthood with us. All women of the parish are most welcome to attend.

BIBLE STUDY

In October we will begin a Bible study, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer that offers the simplest way to understand the Bible. Dates and times to be decided.

Please sign up to reserve your book at the back of the church (\$40 each). We need to know the number of people attending ASAP to order the necessary materials.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to help your community and grow in your relationship with Christ? Do you need volunteers' hours to graduate? If interested, please contact Fr Marijan at olgyouthm@gmail.com

EDGE is our Youth Ministry program for our youth in gr. 6-8. Dates to be decided. We are looking for **Catholic adults and high school students** to serve as Core members in this ministry. High school students will be given community service hours.

Life Teen is our Youth Ministry program for our youth in gr. 9-12. It will be on Mondays beginning in October. **Catholic adults** are needed to serve as Core members in this Ministry.

JOIN EDGE OR LIFE TEEN!

To register your children and teens for these programs and for more details talk to Fr Marijan or email at olgyouthm@gmail.com.