

**Mass Intentions**



**for the Week**

**September 16 - September 21, 2019**

Mon. Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Norma Malik
Tues. Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Maurice Conway
Wed. Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Stephanie Lewandowski
	10am	Willows Estate
Thurs. Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Thelma Lauzon
	2:15pm	Chartwell Resthaven
Fri. Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Ignazio Sardone
	11am	Chartwell Park Place
Sat. Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am	Kariza Reyes Spec. Int.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2020**

Letters regarding these sacraments will be distributed through the schools and in the parish in the later part of October.

This year first communions will begin after Easter, with enrolments completed in late January and Confirmations will be on May 30 and 31.

Confirmandi will be assigned a mass in February which will permit families three and a half months to organize their celebrations on the day they are assigned.

**CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP**

We would once again like to welcome all parents, grandparents and caregivers with children under the age of 5 to join us beginning Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday's from 9:30-11:30 upstairs in the 16 Catherine Ave house for Our Lady of Grace Children's Playgroup.

This group is a wonderful way to connect with families in the parish and community, while your children enjoy songs, crafts, and play. Peanut free snacks are provided. There is no cost for this program and all are welcome. We will continue to meet in the Catherine house for the remainder of the renovations and hopefully return to a renovated Parish hall in the new year!

**HURRICANE RELIEF**

Envelopes marked "Humanitarian Relief" are available at the entrances to the church for anyone who wishes to make a donation to assist the people of the Bahamas in wake of Hurricane Dorian. Give all pertinent information if you wish to receive income tax credit and put the envelope on with the regular collection. You may also give on line by contacting the 'Archdiocese of Toronto', [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or 416-934-3411

**REFLECTING ON THE PARISH**

We wish to have a number of evenings of reflection with a number of parishioners. The evenings will have a brief time of prayer and then discussion and refreshments.

These reflections relate to the idea of stewardship of the parish. They are an even share of acknowledging what we do well and what we hope to do better. We will be inviting folks, but anyone who may wish to participate can also email the parish and express their interest in participating.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

The process by which an unbaptized adult receives the sacraments of initiation or a member of a Protestant or the Orthodox Church is received into the Catholic Church is not one single process.

The needs, the knowledge and the experience of the individual is very much considered. There is also no beginning and no end that is common to everybody.

If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic or want to understand more about the process please call the parish and speak to Fr. Frank.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE'S FIRST PUB NIGHT**

Our Lady of Grace will have it's first pub night on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Father's Moustache, 15570 Yonge St. Aurora beginning at 8pm.

It will be a time for socializing and discussion on faith issues. The general topic will be, "What I Don't Understand about the Sacraments is....."

We will invite your questions in advance that Fr. Frank will strive to answer on the evening. More direction on how to submit your questions will be in future bulletins.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Our Lady of Annunciation Parish, 97 King Road, Oak Ridges welcomes anyone to join their Charismatic prayer group which meets every Tuesday at 8pm in the parish hall.

## PLEASE TAKE A BULLETIN HOME – September 14/15, 2019

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### THE NEW ICON

You may have noted that there is a new icon at the front of the church. This is the good work of Deacon Doug.

The tradition is that a new icon must be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time as part of its preparation to fulfill its ministry of calling people to a deeper relationship with Mary and through Mary with Christ.

### PIANIST FOR MASSES AT NURSING HOMES

We are seeking a volunteer pianist to play for our residents at our nursing homes before and after our monthly Mass.

A selection of familiar Catholic hymns will be available for anyone who is interested in volunteering. Those interested can call the parish office 905-727-4594

### ITALIAN ROSARY AT RESTHAVEN

The Italian speaking residents at Resthaven have expressed a desire to begin a Rosary group in their native tongue.

We are looking for a group of five or six Italian speaking parishioners who would be willing to lead the Rosary in Italian once a month on a weekday at 10:30 am.

If you would like to participate, please contact Sandra at [sandra@ourladyofgrace.com](mailto:sandra@ourladyofgrace.com) or call the office at 905-727-4594.

### READERS IN THE SCHOOLS

We have a parish program to support children who find school particularly challenging and maybe even stressful. It is the simplest of programs.

Parishioners volunteer for the school year to visit a specific school and a particular student who they read to, usually in the library of the school. The session is about a half hour.

Being read to has tremendous value for the child's self esteem. It is the simplest of kindnesses on the part of the adult visitor. If parishioners are interested in participating they should leave their name at the office and Fr. Frank will be in touch. Screening and police check will be required. We will help you with that.

### CHALICE TANZANIA MISSION

One of our parishioners, Dianne White, is participating in a mission to Tanzania in October, through Chalice, a registered Canadian Catholic charity focused on child, family, and community development with 57 sponsor sites, spanning across 15 developing countries.

She is seeking fundraising to support the communities the mission will be visiting. Dianne pays for all of her trip herself, including travel, accommodations and meals so all of any donation goes directly to Chalice.

Chalice's sites focus on educating and feeding children, sustainable agriculture and skills development.

The funds raised will go to support the communities served by the two Tanzanian sites: Mbinga and Neema Sites. 41 of the 360 children at this site are still in need of sponsors.

If you would like to sponsor a child or make a donation, you can do so online at [chalice.ca/travel-on-a-mission-with-us](http://chalice.ca/travel-on-a-mission-with-us), or by depositing money into a box that Dianne will have outside the Catherine Ave door after the mass on the weekend of September 28/29th

Envelopes will be available at the doors if you would like to receive a donation receipt.

### CLASSROOM VISITORS

We have a regular program of visits to all classes in the parish between grade one and eight. Last year there were 68 classes and we presume this year it will be around the same number.

Our visits center around readings from the Gospels. This year it will be parable stories.

To avoid the task becoming too onerous it is helpful to have a couple of laypeople to assist with this ministry. Retired teachers are an obvious consideration, but others with a love for the word of God and for children would be a great help.

We visit from October to May. Leave your name at the office soon if you would like to be considered.

### AURORA FOOD PANTRY

If your garden has produced more than you can use our local food bank is happy to accept vegetables. Please call the food pantry for drop-off days and times.