

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

*******MARK THE DATE - SKATING PARTY TOMORROW*******

Monday January 2nd (a national holiday)

from 2PM-4PM Aurora Family Leisure Complex on Industrial Parkway. Hot dogs & hot chocolate at the church 4PM on.



FIRST COMMUNION

If you have a child for communion, please pick up the form before or after mass from one of the priests or Sandra and return in a timely fashion to another Sunday mass.

CONFIRMATION

We are forming the classes for confirmation masses in late May and early June. The forms are available before or after mass on Saturday or Sunday.

2017 ENVELOPES

Envelopes for this coming year are available today! As in previous years you take any box, the number does not matter. When you use the first couple of envelopes please put your name and address on them. That will be your number for 2017.

DEADLINE FOR PARISH DONATIONS 2016

Each year we need to set a date on which we cut off donations for the previous year. We will ask that all people making a donation for 2016 with the anticipation of receiving a tax receipt for that year do so by Sunday January 8th, clearly marking that this is a 2016 donation.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

The next blood donor clinic at Our Lady of Grace will be held in Lynett Hall on Monday, January 9th, 2:30 to 7:30. Please call 1-888-2 DONATE to book an appointment. Let us share what we have to give.

OUR PARISH EUCHRE

You are always welcome at the parish euchre on Mondays from 1pm to 3pm, downstairs in the large meeting room. All are welcome to come every Monday or just from time to time. There is a nominal cost per person. The euchre goes every Monday except on national holidays like January 2nd. You are promised a warm welcome.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Family members sometimes waste a lot of time when someone is sick in trying to locate a priest. This is especially true if the situation is grave. Southlake and MacKenzie Health can get you a priest quite efficiently if you tell the staff. There is always a priest carrying a pager for each hospital and they will respond when paged by the hospital.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Are you yearning for a closer relationship with God? Do you wish to deepen your prayer life? Is your heart weighed down with anger, resentment and hurts? The Life in the Spirit Seminars call people to a deeper relationship with God. The seminars will be offered here at Our Lady of Grace beginning January 12th. For those who wish to know more contact Deacon Pat Colangelo at 905-727-8737 or Edwin or Anita Andrade at 905-727-2367. They will be happy to discuss with you in advance any questions you have or just give you a more complete description of this eight-week process of prayer and reflection.

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Kindergarten registration begins January 9th, 2017, in all York Catholic schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the gospel of Jesus Christ. You may register your child at your local Catholic school or at the Catholic Education Centre in Aurora. For more information, visit our website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions.

VILLANOVA COLLEGE - OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 12th, 10am to 12pm
2480 15th Sideroad, King City
PHONE: 905-833-1909 www.villanovacollege.org

MASS INTENTIONS

January 2nd – January 7th, 2017

Mon Jan 2nd 9am+Mara & Morando Diversi
Tues. Jan. 3rd 8am+Ian Nairne
Wed. Jan 4th 8am+Elfrida Pereira Alves
Thurs. Jan 5th 8am+ Elfrida Pereira Alves
Fri. Jan 6th 8am Mary Bastedo, Sp Int.
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 12pm-7pm
7pm + Domenic & Antonietta
Mastradonato
Sat. Jan 7th 9am+Patrick & Eulalie Kinney
+Maria & Mario Dinallo
+Winifreda & Jesusito Lim
+Maureen Montpetit
+Gladys Ghany

ADORATION FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th

As we begin a new year let us make prayers for peace in our world our special parish intention.

These who can commit to an hour sign up at the back on the clipboard.

All others are invited to come for the time you are available between 12pm and 7pm on Friday, January 6th.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for helping us to help others...

The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support of our Christmas Hamper program. This year, in partnership with Welcoming Arms, we were able to provide 120 local families (158 adults and 84 children) with a generous hamper package which included gift cards, Christmas treats and a stocking for each child on our list. We couldn't have done this without the support of the members of our parish and our local Catholic schools. A big thank you to Cardinal Carter CHS, St. Maximilian Kolbe CHS, Our Lady of Grace CES, Light of Christ CES, St. Joseph CES, St. Jerome CES and Holy Spirit CES.

Special thanks also goes to the York Catholic Teachers - OECTA and the Aurora Minor Hockey Association. Your overwhelming generosity is truly inspiring, and on behalf of the families we support, we would like to thank you for making a difference. Please know that you helped bring joy and comfort to many, and your kindness will be remembered in the hearts of those you have touched this Christmas season.

ASSISTING THE COMMUNITY

During the last year our facilities have aided many organizations in our community. Many we have provided space for gratis or at a minimal cost.

These include: Women's Centre (weekly classes) "Making Changes" Program, Blood Donor Clinics, Cubs from the United Church, Book Club from the United Church, Women's AA Group, Special Olympics - Bocce Ball, ALS Society of Canada, Theatre Aurora, Mindful Project, Prayer Breakfast, Monthly Planning Meetings, Rise & Shine Breakfast, Our Lady of Annunciation Confirmation Retreat, Faith Day events for Cardinal Carter & St. Maximilian Kolbe Teachers, Diaconate Continuing Education Meetings/Retreats, Knights of Columbus Regional Fourth Degree Installation, CWL Regional Meeting, Hymn Sing Concert, Aurora Youth Soccer Club, Northwood Dance, Aurora Filipino Canadian Association, Wycliffe Property Management - Condo Owners Association, Ontario Music Teachers Association and the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Program.

DO YOU KNOW OF CATHOLICS THAT ARE SHUT IN?

If a parishioner of Our Lady of Grace is unable to get out to church because of infirmity, we can arrange to bring them communion at home. There are a good number of parishioners who do this work in private homes and the care facilities of the town. Call the office if you wish to discuss this further.

BECOMING EXPERTS IN HUMANITY. FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

Saturday, January 7th 9:30am to 2:30pm.

St. Augustine's Seminary

2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

In this St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation workshop, Dr. Josephine Lombardi will explore some of the factors that frustrate freedom and our ability to do God's will. Day includes Mass in the seminary chapel. COST: \$50, includes lunch WEB: www.staugustines.on.ca PHONE: 416-261-7207, ext. 235.