

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### Mass Intentions

**May 14<sup>th</sup> - May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Mon. May 14 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Gerald Lesarge
Tues. May 15 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Luigi & Anna Maria Pompilio
Wed. May 16 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+David Boccus
	10am	Willows Estate
Thurs. May 17 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Jack Biggers sp. int.
	10am	Chartwell Park Place
	2:15pm	Chartwell Resthaven
Fri. May 18 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Theresa Marie Sullivan
	8:45am	Cardinal Carter C.H.S.
Sat. May 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+Ken Ryan

#### EDGE & LIFE TEEN

EDGE will meet next on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8pm in Lynett Hall.

Life Teen will meet on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Lynett Hall.

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who attended our Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 5. We would also like to thank our bakers, our sandwich makers and those who donated items for our raffle.

We are very pleased to announce that we raised \$2,125 which will be donated to Southlake's Love Lives Here Hospice Campaign.

#### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING CATHOLIC?

We always have within our community a certain number of people who are adherents, that is, members of the parish who have never been baptised or baptised in another church. There may come a time when these folks decide to be fully initiated into the church and become Catholics. If you are one of these people who are at the point of giving some serious thought to becoming Catholic let us know. We will probably have a "Becoming Catholic" group begin after the summer. We have a number of adults, all needing baptism at present who will be part of this process.

## SHARELIFE

To date we have raised \$85,220.90 which is 59.6% of our goal

#### LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS

In 2016, over 2,000 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Community Services of York Region, a ShareLife-funded agency. Often, clients sought help to address depression. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like Catholic Community Services of York Region, you're helping people find health and happiness.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> is the next ShareLife Sunday**

**Our goal at Our Lady of Grace this year is \$143,000**

#### Other Ways to Donate to ShareLife

You can make a one-time donation or arrange for monthly gifts, which can be automatically charged to your credit card.

You can also choose to have your online contribution attributed to the overall results for the ShareLife Campaign in our parish.

For more information please go to [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)

#### THE GIFT OF NURTURING

On this Mother's Day weekend let us give thanks for all the women who have had the power to nurture our lives. The kind word, the gentle touch and the vigilant presence in each of our lives has formed and strengthened us.

For all of our mothers and all women who played a nurturing role in our lives we give thanks to God this day.

### **PARISH PICNIC**



A reminder to mark your calendars for the parish picnic which will be taking place on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 4pm at Ada Johnson Park.

If you wish to help to make the picnic a success please let us know at the office at your earliest convenience. We can use help on the practical tasks of the picnic and during the picnic - face painters and folks to animate other activities.

Whether you volunteer because you recognize the value of these activities for the families of our parish or you are a student who is looking for some community service hours your presence will be valued.

### **FUNERAL CHOIR**



Do you have a good singing voice? No, not necessarily great, but good.

We would very much welcome your presence in the funeral choir. There are no auditions or rehearsals. The hymns are all familiar to you. This is an opportunity to do one of the corporal works of mercy, to bury the dead.

It is a great sign of community life when people come out so generously to assist in making the funerals at our parish meaningful and sacred.

Almost all funerals are at 10am, Monday to Saturday. If you can come sometimes but not always you are still more than welcome.

Please contact Madeleine Swain at 905-727-3328 or leave your name and number at the parish office.

### **VOTING INFORMATION FOR CATHOLIC RATEPAYERS**

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association has produced an information sheet called "*Voter Information for Catholic Ratepayers.*"

The information sheet, which is available at the back of the church explains the importance of ensuring you are registered as a separate school supporter and how to check if you indeed are.

### **MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS**

It is probably good to start by identifying who is a maturing adult. They are the largest contingent of people that we see at mass. Too often we as a church would define a maturing adult as the frail elder who is facing significant limitations in their life.

A maturing adult is anyone who is in the second half of life. It would include the fifty-five year-old who is anticipating retirement or the sixty something who has retired. Maturing adults may be in their early seventies and trying to find the things which will give their life new perspectives and purpose.

The reality of life is different than when you had a house full of kids or were meeting the stresses of work on a daily basis. Much of what our society promotes for maturing adults is entertainment. Nothing wrong with that, but surely there is more to this essential part of life as we reflect on how to live well and fully, physically, socially, mentally and spiritually as well.

**There will be a workshop on Ministry with Maturing Adults on Saturday, June 9 from 10:00 till 3:30 at St. Mary's Church in Barrie.** Attending does not commit you to take the lead on this ministry, but we want to have parishioners thinking about this ministry so that when we are beyond renovations we can start to embrace this work actively.

If you are interested in attending there is a form at the back of the church and in the office to be completed. The parish will cover the \$20.00 cost. Eduardo and Sandra will be attending so there may be some opportunity for carpooling. If you have questions speak to Fr. Frank.

### **AURORA COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

Aurora Community Cafe is a partnership involving local churches, Community Living Newmarket/Aurora district, and Commons Coffee, offering job training and support to adults with disabilities in an inclusive environment. Our Lady of Grace Church will be hosting the Community Cafe at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on May 23rd from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Come and join us for a coffee/tea and a baked good, or light lunch and show your support. Hope to see you there!