

The Epiphany of the Lord



Jan. 8th - Jan. 13th, 2018

Mon. Jan. 8 th	8am	+Patrick & Eulalie Kinney
Tues. Jan. 9 th	8am	+Bill Glavin
Wed. Jan. 10 th	8am	+Mike McCartney
Thurs. Jan. 11 th	8am	+Gabrielle Duggan Legere
Fri. Jan. 12 th	8am	+Dominic Muirhead
Sat. Jan. 13 th	9am	+Luigi DeRose

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP



The play group will resume the fun on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:30am. We hope to see you there!

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC



The next blood donor clinic at Our Lady of Grace will be held in Lynett Hall on Monday, January 8th, 2:30pm to 7:30pm. Please call 1-888-2 DONATE to book an appointment. Let us share what we have to give.

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group at Our Lady of Grace Parish meets usually on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month in the large meeting room from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The meeting consists of praise and worship, talks, intercessory prayer and fellowship.

The schedule of meetings for 2018 is up on the bulletin board in foyer. All are welcome!

The Prayer Group will be having a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** starting from February 1st to 4th, 2018. The dates and times are as follows:
Thursday, February 1st - 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.
Friday, Feb 2nd - 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.
Saturday, Feb 3rd - 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, Feb 4th - 2 - 5 p.m.
For more information, please call Edwin or Anita at 905-727-2367.

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Kindergarten registration begins January 8th, 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.

EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

Life Teen will resume on Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm in Lynett Hall.

EDGE will resume their meetings on Friday, January 12th from 6:30 - 8pm in Lynett Hall.

There are new schedule sheets for EDGE youth group at the entrance to the church. We welcome new boys and girls to EDGE and new teens in the Life Teen youth group which is for grades 9-12.

We are looking for youth in grades 8-12 that are interested in going to Canada's largest youth conference. **The Steubenville Conference** will be held at the UOIT campus in Oshawa from July 13-15, 2018. For more information please contact Fr Marijan by email: olgyouthm@gmail.com or check out this link

<http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com/index.htm>

DEADLINE FOR 2017 DONATIONS

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 2017 with the anticipation of receiving a tax receipt for that year do so by Sunday, January 14th, clearly marking that this is a 2017 donation.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR NAME AND FULL ADDRESS ON YOUR FIRST COUPLE OF ENVELOPES FOR 2018?

Why not do it right now! Once we have your name and number together that is sufficient for this year.

HOW WERE CHRISTMAS MASSES?

Over all the attendance was very good and at the same time not chaotic with people unable to find seats. 8:15 was a little light, but if we cancelled it, it would make 10:00 overcrowded.

A FEW MORE THANK YOU'S

Our bulletins do not go out to the printer on a regular schedule like they do most of the year so you often feel like you are scrambling to keep up. The result is you do not have the time to review things as clearly as you may wish. The long and the short is that there were thank you's we missed last week.

To the folks who put up the outside creche each year with such ease, making what could be a complicated event such an easy one.

To all of the people who made decorations for the parish Christmas tree. The tree looks better every year.

To all of the folks who brought in poinsettias. We trust it is a consolation for you at this time when joy can be tinged with a certain sadness.

To all of those who made a particular effort at best wishes in the season. To those who gave cards and other tokens to mark the season.

For all of the good things to eat and yes, good things to drink which were dropped off for the holidays a very heartfelt thank you.

Finally, for those who organized the parish skate and those who came out to enjoy the time together. A particular thank you to the crew that served hot dogs and hot chocolate. It was a great evening for all.

THE MULTICULTURAL EVENING

The multicultural dinner will take place on Saturday, February 3rd after the 5 pm mass. All parishioners are invited to attend and bring a plate of what you normally eat in your family. It does not need to elaborate. Just prepare enough to feed 6 to 8 people.

We always end up with a lot more than we need at these events. Be sure to invite your friends in the parish who may be a bit shy about coming to an event like this. There is no cost involved.

SOCIETY OF ST 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 117 local families (158 adults and 92 children) with a Christmas gift package of gift cards and holiday treats. 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, Holy Spirit CES, St. Joseph CES, St. Jerome CES and the YCDSB staff at the Catholic Education Centre. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MARGARET BAHEN HOSPICE

Support provided by volunteers is vital to the daily operation of the Margaret Bahen Hospice. The Margaret Bahen Hospice is a 10 bed residential hospice, providing 24 hour palliative care services to all York Region residents at no cost to individuals at end of their life, located in Newmarket.

Volunteer opportunities include spending time with residents, preparing light meals, greeting visitors, providing complementary therapies and grief and bereavement support.

Volunteers complete 30 hours of Hospice Palliative Care training. Daytime, evening and weekend opportunities are available.

If you would like further information and to apply, please contact Ann Boden, Coordinator of Volunteers at volunteers@myhospice.ca or 905 967-1500 ext. 137.