

# The Feast of the Holy Family



**Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Tues. Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	David Boccius - sp.int.
Wed. Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	+David Cronin
Thurs. Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Patricia & Joe O'Hara
Fri. Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8am	+Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti
	7pm	+Albert Arcand
Sat. Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am	+Agnes McManaman
		+Maria & Mario Dinallo
		+Carmela Forgione
		+Vincenzo Forgione
		+Carmine Forgione

## JESSE TREE



Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Jesse tree this year. This is such a natural and easy undertaking in the parish and shows such a wealth of commitment to the poor. Thank you one and all for your magnificent work.

## EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

Both programs will be taking a break over Christmas. Life Teen will resume on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Lynett Hall. EDGE will resume on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8pm. Best wishes for a safe and Blessed Christmas.

## 2018 ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2018 are available in the foyer. As before you take any box, the number does not matter. **When you use the first couple of envelopes please put your name and address on the front so that we can issue a receipt.**

## FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Have you totally fallen out of the loop on first communion or confirmation? These sacraments are given to those in grade two or grade seven. Call the parish and we will help you get sorted out.

At this point very early in the new year would be appreciated.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, clearly marking that this is a 2017 donation.

## OUR LADY OF GRACE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

The play group will not be meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will resume the fun on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. We hope to see you there!

## GIFTS OF SECURITIES

You can now support the Church using securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds). You will not have to pay any capital gains and you will get a tax receipt for the full amount. For more information please contact the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-934-3411 or email: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

This Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12 noon until 7pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm. Our parish intention is for those who live on our streets at this difficult time of year.

## CLASSROOM VISITS

The topic of discussion when the pastoral team visit classrooms in January will be John 15, 1-5, "I am the vine, you are the branches".

Every class from grades 1 - 8 in the five elementary schools is visited each month.

## MASS ON T.V.

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council produces the Daily TV Mass each Monday to Saturday to keep the faithful connected, when it is not possible to get to their local parishes for Mass.

You can watch the Daily TV Mass on the following broadcast networks: Salt + Light TV at 11am or on VisionTV at 8am and 12 noon.

The Sunday Mass airs every Sunday at 8:30am on CTV (Toronto), and is posted online every weekend on the [Archdiocese of Toronto's YouTube channel](#).

### WALK IN COUNSELLING SERVICE

One of the great things that the Catholic Community Services of York Region does is provide walk in counselling. No appointment is needed. Just show up on Monday or Tuesday at the office at 21 Dunlop St. in Richmond Hill (3 lights north of Major Mackenzie Dr.) between 1pm and 7:30pm and you will be seen on a first come first served basis.

Cost is geared to income. Part of the meeting may be to create a strategy for future support with scheduled meetings. Often the one visit is enough to allow the client to recognize the strengths they possess and the supports they can turn to right now.

If more information is required call 905-770-7040 or 1-800-263-2075 ext. 241

### BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

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

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ENVELOPES

You may have noticed that on the cabinet in the foyer there are always St. Vincent de Paul envelopes.

Many of you regularly put some money in the boxes on the way out of church. Perhaps you would be inclined to make a larger donation with the possibility of receiving an income tax receipt at the end of the year. These envelopes are provided for that purpose.

### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Kindergarten registration begins January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions).

### THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL SEASON

We have only a few days of the Christmas season left. It seems like a suitable time to acknowledge the generous efforts of so many over the Christmas season.

To those who arranged our Advent evening of reflection at the end of November and shared their wisdom and insights with us, thank you.

We thank those who put up our Jesse Tree and kept sufficient tags on it. And of course all of those who kept taking the tags off and who returned with so much to support those in need, we thank you.

For the small army who came in before Christmas to clean the church, thank you.

Thank you to the folks in St. Vincent de Paul and Welcoming Arms who did so much to help the poor of our community at this challenging time of the year.

For all involved in music ministries in our parish whose service is so valuable at this time of year and all who support the liturgies in so many ways, thank you.

To those who work in our parish, Fr. Marijan, Sandra, Eduardo, Nancy, Pedro, Susan and to all the volunteers who help them realize their goals, thank you.

Finally, to our parishioners, who pray together, work together and are proud members of Our Lady of Grace, in every season may the year ahead be rich in blessings.

### OUR CHURCH, OUR FUTURE

We continue to move ahead in our capital campaign. To date 246 households have responded to the campaign. Thank you to each and every one of you. We now have \$2,054,035 on deposit with the diocese. Our pledges now total \$600,630. We have every reason to be optimistic about reaching our goal of \$5 million over the time ahead if all share to the best of their ability in the campaign.

**WELL DONE  
OUR LADY OF GRACE**