

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jan. 15th - Jan. 20th, 2018

Mon. Jan. 15 th	8am	+Mary Smith
Tues. Jan. 16 th	8am	+Luigi & Anna Maria Pompilio
Wed. Jan. 17 th	8am	+Tino Rossini
	10am	Willows Estate
Thurs. Jan. 18 th	8am	+Florence Short
	10am	Chartwell Park Place
	2:15pm	Chartwell Resthaven
Fri. Jan. 19 th	8am	+Anna Grimaldi
Sat. Jan. 20 th	9am	+Edna & Godfrey Dias-Karunaratne

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.

COMMUNITY LIFE MEETING

Our community life committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 7pm. If you are interested in joining this committee please feel welcome to attend this meeting to see what we are planning for the year.

EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

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

EDGE will continue their meetings on Fridays, 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>

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.

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 be 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.



SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN AT MANRESA PICKERING

Friday, Feb. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 18TH - 7 p.m. to 1 p.m. Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ, will facilitate the retreat, "Ignatian Basics Boot Camp" for men. We will pray with the central wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises: our Creation by a loving God, our salvation in Christ, our vocation to serve God and our neighbour with Christ. Cost: Suggested offering \$185 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. PHONE: 905-839-2864 EMAIL: pickmanresa@rogers.com WEB: www.manresa-canada.ca

\$25 LOBLAWS CARD

As many of you will know, Loblaws is offering a \$25.00 gift card to those who apply in reparation for price fixing that has occurred. If you wish to donate the card to the St. Vincent de Paul Society which helps many poor families in our area gain greater food security, that would be greatly appreciated.

How to apply:

1. Go to the Loblaws website - loblawcard.ca/en/register - and register for the \$25 gift card.
2. Wait for the gift card to be mailed to you, then bring it into the Parish office, or bring it to Mass and drop it in the St. Vincent de Paul box in the foyer of the Church.

Thank you for your consideration of this effort and the great support that you give to St. Vincent de Paul year in and year out.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - MARGARET BAHEN HOSPICE

The Margaret Bahen Hospice is a 10 bed residential hospice located in Newmarket.

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

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.

OUR FIRST BIG SETBACK

Early in the renovation process we had costing done by A. W. Hooker who came in with a price of just very slightly over 5 million for the parish project. After we had refined significantly what we were hoping to do we went back to them and they came in with detailed costing of 6.5 million.

By this time the site plan had been sent to the town who have made some significant requests in relation to what is expected on the site in relation to water management and a number of other expectations. Site plans need to be respected and we will be required to meet all expectations. The site plan has increased the cost quite a bit. The cost of renovating the house came in much higher than it was the first time around as did mechanical costs.

The renovation committee, so that we can keep within budget, has made some decisions. We will remove Lynett Hall and build the small addition on the house but delay renovating the interior of the house until later. We will also delay installing the windows in the sanctuary behind the altar.

There were a number of areas in the mechanical set up which can be altered to lighten the cost. We have also significantly reduced the amount of money on reserve for unforeseen costs.

None of these changes will affect the front of the church, access to the hall, the larger windows in the church, the replacement of carpet with more durable flooring and almost all else that is included in the proposal.

Of course, if the capital campaign turns out to be more successful than first anticipated then many of these things will be included or at least be completed in a more timely fashion.

LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR NEEDED AT OUR LADY OF GRACE C.E.S.

A hired position for supervising elementary school students from 11:30am to 12:30pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday is needed at Our Lady of Grace School - 120 Aurora Heights Dr. Please call the school for more information 905-727-5631.