

### Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Mon. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>
Tues. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>
Wed. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>
Thurs. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>
Fri. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>
Sat. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>
8am +Josephine Phillips
8am +Ofelia Giavedoni
8am +Agnes Catania
8am +France Champagne
8am +Barbara Moher
9am +Filomena Petricca

# HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR NAME AND FULL ADDRESS ON YOUR <u>FIRST COUPLE</u> OF ENVELOPES FOR 2018?

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

Please DO NOT use last years' envelopes - as that number has been re-assigned to another parishioner.

#### EDGE AND LIFE TEEN

Life Teen will be meeting on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30pm

EDGE will meet next on Friday, January 26th 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.

### STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE - URGENT

The Steubenville Conference will be held at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa from July 13<sup>th</sup> - July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The conference brings together some of the best Catholic speakers and musicians in North America and provides opportunities for the youth to encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

Our parish will be taking a group of youth to the conference this year but it is urgent that you register if you plan to attend. Please speak to Fr. Marijan or forms can be found at this link - <a href="https://olgraceau.archtoronto.org/Ministries/youth-ministry/steubenville-youth-conference">https://olgraceau.archtoronto.org/Ministries/youth-ministry/steubenville-youth-conference</a>

#### 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.

### THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 to 25 marks the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Catholics join with Protestants and the Orthodox Church to pray for the healing of the divisions in the Body of Christ.

May we during this week make one of our prayers that we be a source of understanding and encouragement for the whole body of Christ.

#### THE MULTICULTURAL EVENING

The multicultural dinner will take place on Saturday,
February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### OUR CHURCH, OUR FUTURE

We have passed the \$700,000 mark in pledges to the capital campaign. Thank you to everyone who has organized their pledge to this point. We encourage everyone to give serious thought to doing the same. The campaign is doing well, but it will require the support of all parishioners is we are to meet our goal.

Packages are always available at the back of the church that will assist you to make a decision on how to respond.

#### FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS

First communion meetings for parents happened this last week. If you missed the meetings and have enrolled your child for first communion, you are now officially falling behind in the process. Please call and let us know that you are still interested in this process at this time.

#### \$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 amilies 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 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.

## 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

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## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple.

The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: March 2-4, 2018 (Four Points by Sheraton, Argentia Rd., Mississauga) For more information and application, please go to <a href="https://www.wwme.org">www.wwme.org</a> or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at <a href="mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com">gerard.marge@rogers.com</a> or (905) 792-1925.

#### AURORA COMMUNITY CAFE



The Aurora Community Cafe is a partnership involving local churches, Community Living Newmarket/Aurora district, and

Commons Coffee Newmarket. It is open Wednesdays 10am - 2pm at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Aurora. The purpose of the cafe is to offer job training to adults with disabilities in an inclusive environment and to create a space for the community to meet, connect, and enjoy coffee with a conscience. We are in need of volunteers to welcome guests to the cafe on Wednesday January 31st when Our Lady of Grace Church will be hosting. If you would like more information please contact Sandra at sandra@ourladyofgrace.com.

#### COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

We are looking for an individual, couple or family who will commit themselves to taking communion every week to one of our shut ins. We are hoping those who do this every week will build a bond of friendship with these important parishioners and members of our community.

If this is something you can do, please contact Sandra or Father Frank at the parish. It may be that one of our monthly visitors would be willing to take on this weekly commitment and that would be wonderful.