

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 9, 2016		Sunday January 10, 2016	
4:30 p.m.	+Oliver & +Brenda McWilliams	9:00 am	+Franco Caronchia
	+Marie Curtis		+Stefano Finelli
	+John Fasciano		
		11:00 am	+Aires & +Maria Viveiros
			+Eugenio Pimpinella

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn continuously for 7 days
in honour of Antonina Rinella



Update for the Liturgy of the Word with Children and Volunteers

needed: Beginning in the 2016, there will be some positive adaptations and clarifications applied to the Liturgy of the Word with Children which takes place during the Sunday 11:00am Mass. These guidelines are in accordance with *The Directory for Masses with Children* from *Documents on the Liturgy*. In order to make the quality of the Liturgy of the Word more affective for children, volunteer leaders will be required to read and put into use the

document *Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children: Guidelines for Practice* issued by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2006. They will also use "The Complete Children's Liturgy Book" and "Liturgy of the Word with Children" (These resources will be supplied by the parish). Through these resources and under the guidance of Fr Donatello, leaders will be prepared with readings, reflections and prayers. The Liturgy of the Word with children will be geared for **children 4 to 8 years old only**. The Liturgy with children will not take place every Sunday. However, each month leaders will be given a schedule of which Sunday or Sundays the liturgy of the Word will take place. The scheduling of dates, when a separate celebration will take place or not, will be the result of taking in careful consideration the Scripture readings, Feast days, and homiletic topics. Also the Liturgy of the Word with children will take place, at times, in our St Brother Andre Chapel or in one of the designated rooms in the parish hall. As you know many of the ministries at our parish require dedicated volunteers **who attend Sunday mass regularly**. When a parishioner is moved to become a volunteer, or you are one presently, careful thought must be taken. Questions one can ask themselves: Do I practice my faith? Do I attend Mass every Sunday? Do I adhere and believe everything the Catholic Church teaches? Can I commit myself to follow a schedule every month? Will I attend Mass every Sunday even if I am not scheduled to volunteer? If you have answered 'yes' to all of the questions please consider volunteering! If you answered 'no' perhaps you should continue to pray and ask God to help you grow in these areas so that you can be a volunteer one day. When you dedicate your time to volunteer in a church you are representing what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. The same is required for those who minister to children celebrating the Liturgy of the Word. Liturgy leaders are active participants at mass and in the celebration of God's word. They have a specific role to fulfill and is taken seriously. If you are interested in volunteering as minister of the word with children and are able to be a committed leader please email Fr Donatello Iocco at pastor@stambroseparish.com or call the parish office at 416-251-8282. A volunteer screening form must be completed along with a police check.

Jubilee of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Toronto - The Jubilee of Mercy was announced by Pope Francis as a year to be lived intensely in each local Church throughout the world, allowing every person to encounter the mercy of God. The most evident sign of this pastoral care is the chance to open a Door of Mercy in every diocese. These doors, analogous to the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas in Rome, will allow people who cannot travel to Rome to make a Jubilee pilgrimage. After the solemn inauguration of the Holy Year – marked by the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica on December 8, 2015 – all locally-designated Churches throughout the world will open their own Doors of Mercy in communion with the Church of Rome as part of the Eucharistic celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday. The Holy Father has asked that special indulgences be available for the Faithful throughout the Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016). How to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence: For those able to make a pilgrimage to one of the Jubilee churches in Rome, that is certainly an option. Otherwise, Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches, each with a Holy Door of Mercy.

Designated churches for the Jubilee with a Holy Door of Mercy:

☐ St. Paul’s Basilica 83 Power Street, Toronto ☐ St. Patrick’s Parish 131 McCaul Street, Toronto
☐ Merciful Redeemer Parish 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga ☐ St. Anthony of Padua Parish
940 North Park Drive, Bramalea ☐ St. Patrick’s Parish 11873 The Gore Road, Brampton ☐ St.
Theresa’s Parish 2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough ☐ The Martyrs’ Shrine 16163 Highway 12
West, Midland. More information about the Jubilee of Mercy, including a link to an online space
with resources, will follow in the coming weeks.



CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO
Mass of Comfort and Light

The New Beginnings Ministry of St. Padre Pio Church invite you to attend an evening Mass of Comfort and Light on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016** at 7:00pm at St. Padre Pio Church, 5500 Major Mackenzie Dr., Kleinburg. The time immediately after the Christmas and New Year season can be very difficult for those among us who have experienced loss. Our invitation is to gather into the warmth and Light of Christ, finding support and courage in Him, the One who loves us. The Mass of Comfort and Light is a celebration of Faith, Hope and Love.

“An Evening of Taize Prayer, Song and Reflection”

On **Monday, January 18, 2016** at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre – 1155 Yonge St. 4th Floor, we will gather in God’s presence for Taize’ Prayer singing (chanting), listening to scripture readings and meditations with periods of silence. To this gathering, we bring our intentions, needs and in particular our experiences of loss.



Practice Random Acts of Kindness!

- 1) Spend half an hour in a hospital emergency room and do one random act of kindness that presents itself.
- 2) Offer to help people who could use the assistance to cross streets—seniors, the blind, small children...
- 3) Plant a tree in your neighborhood.
- 4) The next time someone speaks to you, listen deeply without expecting anything.
- 5) Find someone you’ve been close to and sit back to back with her. For a few minutes disclose the random acts of kindness she has done for you while she just listens. Then switch and listen to the wonderful things you have done.