

# Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday January 2, 2016</b>		<b>Sunday January 3, 2016</b>	
4:30 p.m.	+Ken Keeler	9:00 am	+Maria Donata Sbrocchi
			+Rosa Conte
			+Antonio Falcone
		11:00 am	+Stella & +Julian Puzio
			+John, +Frank, & +Sophie Puzio

### SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn continuously for 7 days  
in honour of Antonio Falcone & Joseph Andrezza



### 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](mailto: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.



**THANK YOU!** The Sisters of Charity would like to thank you all for your generosity towards the Christmas Food Drive!



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** May Jesus’ Light shine on you all year long. May you and your family have a Blessed New Year in 2016!



### Practice Random Acts of Kindness!

1) Your car is a place where you can make many courteous gestures with little effort. Sometimes smiling at the person in the car next to you or waving hello to a pedestrian in the crosswalk can really lift not only the others person’s spirits, but your own. 2) Visit a neighbor with a bouquet of flowers for no reason at all. 3) Send a letter to a teacher you once had letting her or him know about the difference they made in your life. 4) Ask an older person to tell you a story about his or her youth, such as what her favorite song was and why, or how he met his spouse. 5) Let the person behind you in line at the grocery store go ahead of you. 6) Say “thank you” to someone who helps you and really mean it. You might want to look into his eyes, smile, and, if he is wearing a name tag, say his name as well.