

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday February 18, 2018



Mon Feb 19		Sat Feb 24	
8:00 am	<i>For all the Parishioners of St. Ambrose</i>	4:30 pm	+Domenico Maraio (Maria Ancona) +Stan Ritchie (Mary Ritchie) +Valerie Lockyer Halley (Linda DeAbreu)
Wed Feb 21			
8:00 am	+Felicia DeCotiis (Antonietta Lombardi)		
Thurs Feb 22		Sun Feb 25	
8:00 am	<i>For all the Souls in Purgatory</i>	9:00 am	+Filippo Trigiani (Filippo Finelli) +Felicia DeCotiis (Tony & Carmela Russo) +Giuseppina Ronca (Tony & Carmela Russo)
Fri Feb 23			
8:00 am	<i>For all the Parishioners of St. Ambrose</i>		
7:00 am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	11:00 am	+Luisa Picio (Lupe Picio) +David Furtado (Maria Botelho) +Francis Kwok (Elizabeth Slone) In Thanksgiving (Leonila Nerizon)
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The Marian Lamp burns for 7 days
in memory of Jack Piazza



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for 7 days
in memory of Randy Hill



FAMILY DAY - The office will be closed for Family Day on Monday, February 19th and will re-open on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful long weekend.



VIA CRUCIS: The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent until **Friday March 23rd at 7:00PM.**

DAYS OF PENANCE DURING LENT – The time of Lent and all Fridays of the year are, throughout the universal Church, days and times especially appropriate for spiritual exercises; penitential liturgies; pilgrimages as signs of penance; voluntary self-denial, such as fasting and almsgiving. Abstinence from meat (or some other food) or another penitential practice, according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops, is to be observed on each Friday of the year unless it is a solemnity. Fast and abstinence from meat are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence. All adults (eighteen years or older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by a law of fast or abstinence are educated nevertheless in an authentic sense of penance. It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observances of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast or abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety and missionary works.



ALMSGIVING DURING LENT

We will be having a **Lenten Food Drive for the Canadian Food for Children**. Please bring in your non-perishable items the weekend of **Saturday March 17th & Sunday March 18th directly in the Parish hall**. Items required are, canned goods, for example, vegetables, soups, etc...also pasta, flour, rice, cereal, cookies, crackers, jams, and cooking oil. **PLEASE NO FRESH OR FROZEN FOOD.** **Canadian Food For Children** is a registered charity with the Canadian government. Our goal is to feed the poor. All donations collected go towards feeding the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world. Thank you for your generous support!



RE: CHARGE PRAY & PLAY

RE: Generation is hosting **RE: Charge a Pray and Play** event this year, and we are welcoming **ALL YOUNG ADULTS!** Are you caught up in the chaos of life, struggling to find time for prayer and meaningful time with Jesus? Do you need to take a step back from your everyday and let off some steam with some games? Join us for an evening of Adoration with our Lord Jesus Christ, followed by a night of games and meeting cool people! Please bring a friend and all games are welcome! Snacks and beverages will be included! We hope to see you there! **Time: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm (Adoration, confession, community, games) March 1st 2018, Thursday: St. Ambrose Parish**



Come and See Weekend – Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary:

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent. For more information, please contact, Fr. Donatello Iocco or the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org



SIGN-UP SUNDAYS! Call for Conscience Campaign

February 24/25 & March 3/4. We Need Your Help! Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-

8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community. The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017. Please visit <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register yourself for this initiative. Thank you for living a faith that acts!