

Monday, November 5, 2018

+ Leonardo & Caterina Renda 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Salvatore & Leonarda Paladino

+ Joe & Sam Renda

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Thursday, November 8, 2018

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Friday, November 9, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Edward Laughlan

Saturday, November 10, 2018

+ Saracino, Ruggiero & Loporco Families 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 11, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Mary Neill 9:30 a.m. + Thena Autea Ton 11:00 a.m.

+ Eugenio Giremonte

Continuation of Father David Series "Rejoice and Be Glad!"

The Pope believes that holiness is not only possible for everyone but that God calls all of us to holiness. Father David Warren will continue to lead us in an exploration of the Pope's letter on **Tuesdays**, November 6th, 13th, and 20th from **10:30 to** 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

EDGE is back at St. Edward's Fridays 7 - 9 p.m.

All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited! For more information and to register, contact Jessica Bews at: stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com

Month of November

During the month of November, parishioners are welcome to write the names of their beloved deceased in the Book of Remembrance in front of the altar. All the deceased will be remembered at all Masses throughout the month of November.

Cardinal's Dinner

The annual Cardinal's Dinner, which raises funds for various Catholic charities, will be held on Thursday, November 8th, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Tickets: \$200.00 Contact the parish office if you would like to attend.

NOVEMBER

The month of November offers us an opportunity to pray for our deceased. I am sure that each one of us can pause and remember those within our families or community who have gone before us to the Lord. As well, we are encouraged to pray for the souls in purgatory.

In addition, as we approach Remembrance Day, next weekend, let us pray for all who have given their lives in service to their country and for those who continue to serve in these turbulent times.

In recent weeks, we have heard about the unfortunate loss of innocent life, such as the attack on a synagogue in Pittsburgh or the airplane crash in Jakarta. These events remind us of the fragility of life. In our times, we also see how life is often taken for granted through use of abortion or euthanasia. This can be very discouraging! However, as people of faith let us always believe in the power of prayer.

As difficult as it might be, we also need to find a place in our hearts to pray for those who disregard the value of human life or who feel they can end it at any cost. May our prayers help them to discover and appreciate the meaning and value of all life, and how sacred each and every person is to God, the author of all life. Let us treasure each and every life!

> God Bless Fr. Pat

Children's Christmas Choir

Marc Michalak, Choir Director, invites young people, ages 6 – 14, to join a special Christmas choir that will sing on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th) at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Registrations and a Parent Meeting will take place at the first rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 1st, in the lower hall, at 12:00 noon.

Rehearsal Dates:

Sat., Dec. 1st 12:00 Noon (Parent Meeting) 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (Rehearsal)

Sat. Dec. 8th **3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** Rehearsal (Lower Hall) Sat. Dec. 15th **3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Rehearsa**l (Lower Hall) **3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Rehears**al (Lower Hall) Sat. Dec. 22nd

Contact Marc Michalak at: marcfmichalak@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners:

I recently offered a Mass for high-school students at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts in North York, which is the Catholic Secondary School within our parish boundary. I enjoy visiting the students and try to find time after each visit to see if any students wish to ask questions or simply offer any comments.

This past week, a few questions revolved around the theme of prayer. Like many of us, even students struggle to pause each day to focus on their daily prayer life.

Beyond a number of suggestions I offer on how to improve one's spiritual life, I often simply ask the students themselves on what helps them?

It is not surprising that many young people tend to read a lot. Often they find a prayer, even on the website that speaks personally to them, or that compliments their more familiar prayers. In particular, when they are going through challenging situations, certain prayers speak to them more than others. I, too, often come across a prayer or reflection that speaks to me.

Recently, our parish seminarian, Martin Lugo, found a prayer which he shared with the parish community at Mass last weekend.

Given the demands on our time and energy, the discovery of a new prayer is like a surprise gift from God! As such, I share with you the prayer discovered by our seminarian, Martin, and I trust it might be a spiritual enrichment to you. (The author of the following prayer is unknown.)

Praver

I asked for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom and God gave me problems to solve. I asked for prosperity and God gave me brawn and brains to work

I asked for courage and God gave me dangers to overcome. I asked for patience and God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait.

I asked for love and God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favors and God gave me opportunities.

I asked for everything so I could enjoy life.

Instead, He gave me life so I could enjoy everything. I received nothing I wanted, I received everything I needed.

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's reflection to be live-streamed this weekend November 4th, in the parish hall.

Theme: The Washing of Feet John 13: 1 - 20

Cathedral Vespers Choir: 6:45 pm Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm

The parish hall will be open from 6:00 p.m.; coffee, juice and water provided, prior to start of the event. All are welcome. There is no charge.

The Hanna Family

As you may recall, last June, our parish sponsored a refugee family who are originally from Iraq; they are settling into their new home. The three children are in school and the parents are also in school to improve English skills in order to secure employment. In Iraq, they had a religious supply store which was destroyed. They managed to preserve some of their religious articles. The children continue to personally make and design some religious items in their free time.

The Hanna Family will display the items they brought or made from Iraq next weekend, November 10th and 11th, following all the Masses. Parishioners are welcome to offer a donation for any of these items as a means of helping the family financially. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the Hanna Family.

Bundle Up for St. Vincent de Paul! November 17 & 18, 2018

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing; all seasons (men, women and children) to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support Special Works in the community. Please bring your donation on the weekend of November 17th/18th. A SVDP truck will be parked in the parking lot. Thank you for your continued support.

Note: November 18th is World Day of the Poor!

Senior's Christmas Luncheon

The Senior's Christmas Luncheon will be held on a weekend this year! Please note the date: **Saturday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m.** More details will follow. There is no cost for this event. Fr. Pat wishes to thank and honour the seniors of our community for their great work and dedication to their faith and to the Church.