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### CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon,

7:00 PM

### Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit  
Call the office ext. 221

#### PARISH STAFF

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#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers  
Andrew O'Handley

Lectors:  
Maryanne Chard

10:00AM Choir  
Susan McElcheran  
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM

12:00 Noon Choir  
Antoine Pellerin

Ushers:  
Call the office

### CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

or by appointment.

#### BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the Religious Education office. Couples expecting a child are encouraged to contact the office before the child is born. Please contact ext. 221, for more information.

#### MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Dan at least one year prior to the planned wedding date.

#### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Monday & Wednesday mornings closed.

Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm  
6:30 to 8:30 pm

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
Please call Fr. Dan Callahan, ext. 226, for more information.

#### ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League  
See CWL Bulletin Board for Details

#### Children's Liturgy

10:00 AM Mass

Development and Peace  
www.devp.org  
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

#### Merry Makers

3rd Tuesday, 12:15 PM

#### Prayer Group

Wednesdays after mass

#### Parish Council

Every two months

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Sunday School (ages 3-6)  
During 10:00 AM Mass



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 25**

*1 Peter 5:5-14 Psalm 89*

*Mark 16:15-20*

5:30 pm For a Special Intention

**Tuesday, April 26**

*Acts 14:19-28 Psalm 145*

*John 14:27-31*

5:30 pm Concardia Valeria+

**Wednesday, April 27**

*Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122*

*John 15:1-8*

5:30 pm Fr the sick of our Parish

**Thursday, April 28**

*Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96*

*John 15:9-11*

5:30 pm Deceased Friars

**Friday, April 29**

*Acts 15:22-31 Psalm 57*

*John 15:12-17*

5:30 pm All Souls

**Saturday, April 30**

*Acts 16:1-10 Psalm 100*

*John 15:18-21*

5:30 pm Betty Westrik +

**Sunday, May 1**

*Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Psalm 67*

*Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

*John 14:23-29*

8:30 am Frank Orsini +

10:00 am The Parish Community

12:00 pm Alan Santolini +

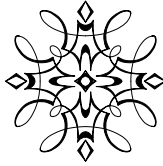
7:00 pm Carmela & Frank Camillieri

Monthly comparison for March

Offertory	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$ 19,027	\$ 14,093
Loose	\$ 7,111	\$ 4,461
PAG	\$ 6,663	\$ 6,722
Total	\$ 32,801	\$ 24,346

Building and Maintenance funds for March \$3,135.

Monthly comparison totals based on 4 weeks in 2016 and 5 weeks in 2015.



**The Pastor's Corner**  
**Peace and Goodness to All!**

As the Easter Season draws ever closer to the celebration of Pentecost, we remember the command of Jesus given to his first apostles, "Love one another as I have loved you." This commandment is foundational to the Church which gathers each week to remember the words and works of Jesus that are the life giving examples of how we are to fulfill His command in our own life and time. This week our parish celebrated the sacrament of First Eucharist for our children whose parents and teachers have instilled in them the meaning of this love by the word and example in their family lives as the gospel informs us and forms us as a Church. It has been a joy to witness the love and dedication of the parents and teachers of our First Communicants in the weeks and months that lead to this joyful day. Every time we gather as a Church for Sunday Eucharist we remember the life giving sacrifice of Love that Jesus gave us to free us from our sins and to demonstrate the love we are to have for one another. The Eucharist is indeed the source and summit of our life as a parish and is the reason that we Celebrate so joyfully this week as these young children receive the Blessed Sacrament of God's love for the first time. I want to thank the parents and teachers, Lori Carolan and Ana Da Costa whose time, life and dedication has been so beautifully spent in preparing the children to receive this sacrament that will sustain them through this life and prepare them for the eternal life that is promised in this Sacred Eucharist.

The Confirmation class continued to meet this week and prepared the banners which carry the name of the Saints these young people have chosen to be their patrons as they receive this sacrament and are "Sealed with the Holy Spirit". The preparation this class of 62 members has been engaged in learning about our faith, and living it in service to others in a way that inspires all of us to continue in our Christian lives as witnesses to the Love of God poured out in the Holy Spirit who empowers us to fulfill the commandment to love one another as Jesus has taught and shown us in his life death and resurrection. What a grace filled and beautiful time of year it is for our parish to celebrate these wonderful sacraments at this time. It is a testament to the faith being carried to yet another generation of faith filled Christians. The Confirmation class is supported by dedicated parents, teachers and sponsors whose Christian witness and teaching transmit our Faith in Christ with an authority that is important and powerful in the lives of the Confirmandi. Thank you to all who are a part of this good work of evangelization and grace.

At the staff meeting this week we reviewed the many details that are involved in planning and executing the celebration of these sacraments. It takes many dedicated volunteers to bring this all together. Thank you to all of you for your love and service to the parish community and especially to the young people who bring our Church into the future.

*May God bless you richly in the Joy and Love of Jesus*  
*Fr. Dan*

**Please pray for:**

**The Sick:** Andy Sapkowski, Neil Holloway, Mervis Worotyne

**The Deceased:** Tony Ten Kortenaar

**St. Joan of Arc Prayer Shawl Ministry**

A new ministry has begun here at St. Joan of Arc based on the centuries' old Benedictine Rule "Ora et labora" (Pray and work)

The natural awe and contemplation that produces the experience of the love of God in our lives, motivates us into fruitful gratefulness. This is what a group of parishioners would like to do; to integrate our love of God, membership into our community of faith by serving those in need of a soft, tender, healing, and loving touch.

In each and every stitch we pour our faith and prayers hoping that the love that has touched our lives may touch yours. We meet roughly once a month and share our prayers, designs, new ideas, current trends, our experiences struggles and triumphs.

We would like to start teaching our skills so a number of us are here and ready to teach anyone who might be interested to learn how to knit or crochet. Can you touch love? Can you touch prayer? Can you see it? We believe it is possible! "*He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.*"-*Psalm 147:3* To contact the prayer shawl ministry please e-mail Arturo Gonzalez: e-mail: r2rohgo@gmail.com

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Joan of Arc Conference**

\*We will be holding a Bundle Weekend, May 14 / 15, There will be a truck/trailer in the parking lot to accept your gently used clothing and household items over the weekend. See signs posted in the hall and church entrance for more details.

\* We have had a request for a slightly use couch. If you might be replacing yours and would like to help us help the less fortunate, please leave a message on the SVDP line ext. 232. We will arrange pick up and delivery.

**An Evening in Ethiopia** - Thursday, April 28th - 7-9p.m.

Join us for An Evening in Ethiopia in our Church Hall this Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 p.m. Ethiopia is currently experiencing their worst drought in 50 years. Hear about the D&P partners in Ethiopia and their work to cope and build a sustainable life there. We act in solidarity with our global brothers and sisters.

**Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide - It's Time To Act!**

On April 14, 2016, the federal government introduced Bill C-14 - legislation that, if passed, will amend the criminal code to make euthanasia/assisted suicide legal in Canada. Thousands of Canadians have contacted their elected officials, respectfully expressing their concerns. We still need your help. Visit [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca) to urge elected representatives to protect health care workers and institutions from having to provide or refer for euthanasia/assisted suicide. We are also asking Members of Parliament to expand palliative care & support for the vulnerable. Thank you for your ongoing support!



**This Week**

**Monday, April 25**

7:00 pm Youth Group

**Tuesday, April 26**

6:30 pm Religious Education

**Wednesday, April 27**

Staff Meeting

7:30 pm Bible Study / RCIA

**Thursday, April 28**

7:30 pm D & P Ethiopian Speaker

**Future Dates to Remember**

**Sunday May 1**

1:15 pm L'Arch Presentation

**Saturday, May 7**

10:00 am Spring Cleanup

**Saturday, May 14**

2:00 pm Confirmation

**CWL Scholarship**

Reminder: The 2016 St. Michael's Scholarship application deadline is May 31st. Young women in high school who meet the criteria are invited to apply for this \$3,000 Scholarship. All information can be found at [www.cwltoronto.ca/index.php/reference\\_documents](http://www.cwltoronto.ca/index.php/reference_documents) OR you may contact the office at St. Joan of Arc.

CWL National Bursary Funds are now disturbed twice a year and there are two application deadlines-May 31st and November 30th. The new application forms and details can be found at [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) under Resources-Forms.



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