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From Deacon Joseph D'Amico:

The theme for the March for Life rally this year is:
"Life - we stand on guard for Thee".

St Mary Immaculate is proud to support the efforts of those from around our great nation who are dedicated to the protection of our most vulnerable.

Please join us this year by your presence and prayers for this most worthy cause on May 11, 2017.

"We stand on guard for her,

We stand on guard for him"

God bless

Deacon Joseph

Thursday, May 4th is a special day for Fr. Pawel as he celebrates his birthday. We thank God for the gift of his faith-filled life and pray for him, that the Holy Spirit strengthen him as he serves the Church. We are truly blessed to have him at St. Mary Immaculate Church. Happy Birthday Fr. Pawel.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tuesday May 2nd – Memorial – St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor.

Wednesday May 3rd – Feast – St. Philip and St. James, Apostles.

Saturday May 6th – Memorial – St. Francois De Laval, Bishop.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2017

Living the Gospel by helping families in crisis ...

Having experienced childhood sexual abuse, Tom originally sought counseling treatment for resulting depression at a local clinic. Since Tom had experienced the death of his wife, his increased drinking, drug addiction, suicidal thoughts, depression and financial loss had placed an immense strain on his relationship with his mother and two sons. Through the 12 step program and other counseling at Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, Tom has experienced a tremendous peace and healing in his family relationships. "Giving hope and saving lives is what this is all about," shares Tom, "I am very grateful to ShareLife for the funding they provide to Catholic Family Services of Simcoe." **Over 21,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported Family Services Programs.**

**Next Sunday, May 7, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously.**

LETTERS OF REFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC TEACHER APPLICANTS

: If you or one of your children are currently studying to become a teacher in our Catholic schools, part of the application process for the Board includes a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are from this parish and intend to ask for a reference letter, please note that you will have to be attending Mass here regularly before such a recommendation will be given. If you have a son or daughter currently in Teacher's College who intend to use Saint Mary Immaculate as the parish from which they will request a letter of reference but they do not attend this parish (because they are away at school), they will be required to obtain a letter from the pastor of the parish where they are attending while away at school.

THE TWO HEARTS ROSARY GROUP invite you to pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary, wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m. in Lady of Fatima chapel at SMI. Petitions welcome.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: We continue to look for organists, pianists, guitarists and cantors to help enhance the music at our weekend Masses. Interested musicians are asked to contact the office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be having their membership drive this weekend at all Masses. New members are welcome. The Knights will be at the church foyer to answer questions from single or married Catholic gentlemen of the parish and their spouses.

ADORATION on **Friday May 5th** will begin at 4:00pm instead of 1:00 pm.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – APRIL 30-MAY 5, 2017 – "WALKING FORWARD TOGETHER":

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2017, which runs from **April 30 – May 5**. For more than 165 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week visit www.goodnewsforall.ca.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY will be hosting a LOOKING AHEAD SEMINAR on **Saturday, May 6th, 2017** at 9:00 am. See poster in foyer for details or contact Holy Cross Cemetery at 905-889-7467.


SMI FAMILY BINGO NIGHT – **Saturday, May 6, 2017** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Hosted by the CWL. The first of many celebrations of St. Mary Immaculate Parish 160th Anniversary.

YOUTH GROUP: will be gathering on **Sunday, May 7th** in the parish hall at 3pm. All youth are welcome to attend.

HIS EMINENCE, THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS invites young men ages 14 and older along with their Pastor to join him for the Cardinal's Breakfast **Saturday, May 13, 2017** at 7:30 am at Arcadian

Court, 401 Bay Street, Simpson Tower, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario. Registration form is available in the office.

CWL - ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BEGONIA AND GERANIUM FLOWER SALES will be held the weekend of **May 13-14** after all Masses in the church foyer. This is in support of our ongoing charities.

 **MARK your CALENDAR**
PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER will be held **Wednesday, June 28, 2017** in the Parish Hall.
PARISH PICNIC - **Sunday, June 25, 2017** at Richmond Green Park.

TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA: Fr. Pawel is planning a tour to South Africa with an extension to Victoria Falls and Botswana, departing on **January 28, 2018**. For details please call International Heritage Tours, 416-444-6666, Stan ext. 339 or Halina ext. 315. Brochures available in the office.

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TERZA DOMENICA DI PASQUA

30 aprile 2017

Vivere il Vangelo assistendo le famiglie in crisi...

Dopo aver subito abusi sessuali da bambino, Tom aveva frequentato una clinica locale di consulenza terapeutica per combattere la depressione. Con la morte della moglie, il suo bere e l'abuso di sostanze stupefacenti è aumentato, insieme alla depressione, tendenze suicide e difficoltà finanziarie. Tutto ciò ha creato gravi problemi alle sue relazioni familiari con la madre ed i due figli. Attraverso la sua partecipazione al programma "12 steps" (12 passi) e a diverse sedute di consulenza terapeutica presso il Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County (Servizi Cattolici per la Famiglia della Contea di Simcoe), Tom è riuscito a raggiungere un forte senso di pace interiore e a risanare le proprie relazioni familiari. "Offrire una speranza e salvare vite umane è lo scopo di queste agenzie," afferma Tom. "Sono estremamente grato a ShareLife per il finanziamento dato al Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County."

Oltre 21.000 persone sono state aiutate a mettere ordine nella loro vita dalle agenzie di Servizi alle Famiglie sostenute da ShareLife.

La prossima domenica di ShareLife è il 7 maggio 2017.

Per favore dona generosamente.

3a di Pasqua - 30 aprile 2017

"Trovo una grande pace nel pensare al momento in cui il Signore mi chiamerà: di vita in vita! Per questo mi sale spesso alle labbra, senza alcuna vena di tristezza, una preghiera che il sacerdote recita dopo la celebrazione eucaristica: *In hora mortis meae voca me, et iube me venire ad te* - nell'ora della morte chiamami, e comanda che io venga a te. E' la preghiera della speranza cristiana, che nulla toglie alla letizia dell'ora presente, mentre consegna il futuro alla custodia della divina bontà. «Iube me venire ad te!»: è questo l'anelito più profondo del cuore umano, anche in chi non ne è consapevole.

Dacci, o Signore della vita, di prenderne lucida coscienza e di assaporare come un dono, ricco di ulteriori promesse, ogni stagione della nostra vita. Fa' che accogliamo con amore la tua volontà, ponendoci ogni giorno nelle tue mani misericordiose. E quando verrà il momento del definitivo "passaggio", concedici di affrontarlo con animo sereno, senza nulla rimpiangere di quanto lasceremo. Incontrando Te, dopo averti a lungo cercato, ritroveremo infatti ogni valore autentico sperimentato qui sulla terra, insieme con quanti ci hanno preceduto nel segno della fede e della speranza. E tu, Maria, Madre dell'umanità pellegrina, prega per noi "adesso e nell'ora della nostra morte". Tienici sempre stretti a Gesù, Figlio tuo diletto e nostro fratello, Signore della vita e della gloria. Amen" (San Giovanni Paolo II).

Il Signore è stato conosciuto; e dopo essere stato conosciuto, mai più ricomparve. Si separò da loro con il corpo, colui che era trattenuto dalla fede. Per questo infatti il Signore si assentò con il corpo da tutta la Chiesa, e ascese al cielo, perché si edificasse la fede. Se infatti non conosci se non ciò che vedi, dove sta la fede? Ma se credi anche ciò che non vedi, godrai quando vedrai. Si edifica la fede, perché si respinge l'apparenza. Verrà ciò che non vediamo; verrà, fratelli, verrà: ma, attento a come ti troverà. Infatti, verrà ciò che dicono gli uomini: Dove, quando, come, quando sarà, quando verrà? Sta' certo, verrà: e non soltanto verrà, ma verrà anche se tu non vuoi.

AVVISI

1. Venerdì, 5 maggio: adorazione eucaristica dall'1 alle 2pm.
2. Sabato, 6 maggio, nella sala parrocchiale, Serata di Bingo, organizzata dalla CWL.
3. Durante il mese di Maggio, ogni mattina, dal lunedì al venerdì alle 9am, si recita il Santo Rosario nella cappella della Madonna.



Did you know.....

That the Parish of St. Mary Immaculate has had three Churches. The Original Church, which was part of a Mission Parish was opened in 1857, and was located on Mill Street, between the High School and Lucas Street. Hall Street, north of Mill Street, was not open yet, and the Historical Atlas shows the location of the spot as being closer to the High School than to Lucas Street. The Second Church, still a Mission Parish, opened in 1894, in the same location of where the present Church stands. It officially became a Parish in 1918. The present Church, was opened and dedicated to the memory of Fr. McGinn, pastor of the Parish from 1942 - 1964, who was instrumental in the building of this third Church, in 1968

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MASS INTENTIONS		April 29- May 6
Sat. Apr 29 - 5:00 pm	+Angelina Macchione & Marietta Perciasepe	
Sun. Apr 30 - 8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate	
9:30 am	+Benedetto Baccilieri +Domenico & Pasqualina D’Agostini +Egidio Baldassarra +Maria & Rinaldo Ciotolo & Antenati +Umberto Fiorino +Caterina DeGrano +Cesira Perciballi +Catherine Eke Mudama	
11:00 am	+Sergio Ferraro	
12:30 pm	+Babies Ma +Butrus Pio	
4:30 pm	+Antonio Lotto	
Mon. May 1 - 8:00 am	+Catherine Eke Mudama	
Tue. May 2 - 8:00 am	+Catherine Eke Mudama	
Wed. May 3 - 8:00 am	+Catherine Eke Mudama	
Thur. May 4 – 8:00 am	+Catherine Eke Mudama +Severino Bucci	
Fri. May 5 – 8:00 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory	
7:00 pm	+Members of the Madden & Winton Families +Hebert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton +Roman & Wood Families Spec Int. Olive Mendonca	
Sat. May 6 – 8:30 am	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory	

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