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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Fr. Victor, Fr. Francesco and Deacon Joseph and myself, I would like to wish all of you a wonderful and blessed New Year! May this new year bring you more blessings than 2016.

I would also like to bring your attention that today is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. As we begin this new year, may we entrust all our cares into the hands of Our dear Mother that she may take care of all our needs.

Praying for you and your families!

In Christ,
Fr. Pawel

SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Monday, January 2nd, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen. St. Basil was born in 330. For a time, he led the life of a hermit but in 370 was made bishop of Caesarea. He fought against the Arians and wrote many admirable works, especially his monastic rule which many Eastern monks still follow. St. Basil died on January 1, 379.

St. Gregory of Nazianzen was also born in 330. He first joined his friend Basil as a hermit and was later ordained priest and bishop. In the year 381, he was elected bishop of Constantinople. He returned to Nazianzen where he died on January 25, 389 or 390. He was called theologus because of his outstanding teaching and eloquence.

First Thursday of the Month, January 5th. We honour our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest.

First Friday of the Month, January 6th. We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. Andre Bessette, Religious. Known to millions simply as Brother Andre, Alfred Bessette was born in Quebec in 1845 and orphaned by the age of 12. In 1870, he joined the congregation of the Holy Cross and in 30 years gained a reputation throughout the city as the "Miracle Man of Montreal." During his life, Brother Andre devoted his efforts to building 6th Otratory, which was to become the world's greatest sanctuary dedicated to St. Joseph.

First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



On Saturday, Dec. 10th, The Society for St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary Immaculate Conference held its **10th Annual CHRISTMAS OUTREACH LUNCHEON** for those in need of assistance within our parish boundaries. We would like to thank all of the parishioners and volunteers who helped setup the luncheon, build the gift baskets, serve the food and do all the various tasks needed to make this important event happen in our community. We thank our sponsors; Conair Canada, Elite Sweets, CMED/ Catherine Lillywhite, The Canadian Italian Golf Association and Bristol Truck Rental for their assistance at Christmas and all year round for our various events. Thanks to those schools who sponsored gift baskets and gift cards, St. Robert, St. Mary Immaculate, Corpus Christi, St. Theresa of Lisieux, St. Ann, St. Charles Garnier, and St. Mark. A special thank you for the students from Jean Vanier, the Knights of Columbus, the ladies from the CWL and our regular SVDP Conference volunteers who came out to help for the event. Their tireless work was greatly appreciated to support our outreach program. **THANK YOU** to those parishioners who donated gifts, gift cards, and personal hygiene products for our event. Our SVDP team was able to provide gift baskets, food vouchers and gift cards to over 135 families in the parish, a remarkable outpouring of God's Love to our neighbours.

SPECIAL NEED The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary Immaculate Parish is seeking help for a mature male parishioner who is in need of low cost housing. We are seeking an apartment unit, a basement apartment or shared accommodations to assist this parishioner with housing expenses. The parishioner needs to remain in the parish area in order to provide supplementary care for a disabled adult child but can no longer afford his current living accommodations. If you have housing available for this purpose, I would you to please leave a message and ask for Sal Crimi at 905-717-9827 or e-mail at svdpshmi@gmail.com.

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STEP #1: HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN PERSONAL PROFILE?

1. Visit the website www.formed.org.
2. Enter the parish code in the empty box: **DWMDQ7**
3. Create a personal profile by entering the requested info (e.g. name, address, email address, etc.). **IMPORTANT: Please note that you are required to create your own password in order to login after having created your personal profile.*
4. Check the box next to: "I have read & understood the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy."
5. Click on the button: "Submit Profile".
6. You're signed in! Feel free to browse the various programs on the site!
7. To log out when you're finished, click on "My Account" and then "Sign Out".

2017 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please write your name on the registration form next to the envelope boxes. **Please use current year's envelopes only to ensure your donations get credited to you.**

BEREAVEMENT PEER SUPPORT SESSIONS at **St. Padre Pio Parish, Woodbridge**. Facilitators: Deacon Curtis & Joanne Boon. For info, contact 905-893-7879 or newbeginnings.stpadrepiochurch@gmail.com



Fr. Pawel invites you to our Valentine's Gala on **February 10th**.

Tickets will be sold next weekend!

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY LA BEFANA will be on Saturday, January 7th. For more information, please call Antonietta at 905-737-3210.

SMI YOUTH GROUP meets on January 8th after the Sunday 4:30 p.m. Mass in the parish hall.

MOTHERS' GROUP Our parish is starting a Mothers' Group. Do you want to be refreshed? Inspired? Meet other Catholic moms? Then come out to our first meeting on **Tues., January 17th** in the Meeting Room at 7 p.m. Please call the parish office to pre-register.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!!! Our **Fr. Pawel Book Club** presents the "**3rd Book Review & Tea Time with Fr. Pawel**" at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18th in the Parish Hall**. Please secure a copy of the book to be discussed – "**7 Secrets of the Eucharist**" and "**A Biblical Walk Through the Mass.**". Available at the CWL Religious Store and at the Office. Please note the date change. Facilitator for this evening: Fr. Francesco

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY We will start our Bible study this month on Wednesday afternoons. Please call the parish office to pre-register as we need to know the number of workbooks to order.

RETOUVAILLE TORONTO: A CATHOLIC LIFELINE TO HELP TROUBLED MARRIAGES Retrouvaille is a program to help married couples through troubled times in their marriages. They may be experiencing difficulty or deep misery in their marriages. Retrouvaille is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Contact us for confidential information. Upcoming weekend: Friday, January 27 to 29th. For info, please call 416-281-6007 or visit www.torontoretrouvaille.com <http://bit.ly/jan2017retrouvaille>

1 gennaio 2017 – Solennità di Maria, Madre di Dio

"All'inizio di un nuovo anno, la Chiesa ci fa contemplare la divina Maternità di Maria quale icona di pace. La promessa antica si compie nella sua persona. Ella ha creduto alle parole dell'Angelo, ha concepito il Figlio, è diventata Madre del Signore. Attraverso di lei, attraverso il suo "sì", è giunta la pienezza del tempo. Il Vangelo che abbiamo ascoltato dice che la Vergine «custodiva tutte queste cose, meditandole nel suo cuore» (Lc 2,19). Ella si presenta a noi come vaso sempre colmo della memoria di Gesù, Sede della Sapienza, da cui attingere per avere la coerente interpretazione del suo insegnamento. Oggi ci offre la possibilità di cogliere il senso degli avvenimenti che toccano noi personalmente, le nostre famiglie, i nostri Paesi e il mondo intero. Dove non può arrivare la ragione dei filosofi né la trattativa della politica, là può giungere la forza della fede che porta la grazia del Vangelo di Cristo, e che può aprire sempre nuove vie alla ragione e alle trattative. Beata sei tu, Maria, perché hai dato al mondo il Figlio di Dio; ma ancora più beata tu sei per avere creduto in Lui. Piena di fede hai concepito Gesù prima nel cuore e poi nel grembo, per diventare Madre di tutti i credenti (cfr Agostino, *Sermo* 215, 4). Estendi, Madre, su di noi la tua benedizione in questo giorno a te consacrato; mostraci il volto del tuo Figlio Gesù, che dona al mondo intero misericordia e pace. Amen (Papa Francesco, 1 gennaio 2016)."

"Inneggando al tuo parto, l'universo ti canta qual tempio vivente, o Regina! Ponendo in tuo grembo dimora Chi tutto in sua mano contiene, il Signore, tutta santa ti fece e gloriosa e ci insegna a lodarti:

Ave, o «tenda» del Verbo di Dio, Ave, più grande del «Santo dei Santi». Ave, Tu «Arca» da Spirito aurata, Ave, «tesoro» inesausto di vita. Ave, diadema prezioso dei santi sovrani, Ave, dei pii sacerdoti Tu nobile vanto. Ave, Tu sei per la Chiesa qual torre possente, Ave, Tu sei per l'Impero qual forte muraglia. Ave, per Te innalziamo trofei, Ave, per Te cadon vinti i nemici. Ave, Tu farmaco delle mie membra, Ave, salvezza dell'anima mia. Ave, Vergine e Sposa!

Grande ed inclita Madre, Genitrice del sommo fra i Santi, Santissimo Verbo, or degnati accogliere il canto! Preservaci da ogni sventura, tutti! Dal castigo che incombe Tu libera noi che gridiamo: Alleluia! (Inno Akathistos)

AVVISI.

1. A tutti auguri per un felice anno nuovo apportatore di tante benedizioni.
2. 7 gennaio; Festa della Famiglia e Befana, con regalini per i bambini. Per informazioni, chiamate Antonietta (905-737-3210).

SECOND CHANCE MINISTRIES is available to help if you feel guilty or depressed about an abortion you had or encouraged someone to have. You can speak to Fr. Vince Heffernan at 416-261-7135 or Mrs. Angelina Steenstra at (905) 430-7990.

MASS INTENTIONS		Jan. 1 - 7
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	Pro populo
	9:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	Pro populo
	11:00 a.m.	Pro populo
	12:30 p.m.	Pro populo
	4:30 p.m.	Pro populo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	Thomas & Joan Alexander
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Nortberto Gomes
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Angela Mazzotta
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+ Concetta Mancini
FRIDAY	8:00 a.m.	+ Michaelangelo Montano +Davis Ahlowahlia
	7:00 p.m.	Roman & Wood Families Naughton Family Members +Ida Mancini
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	Madden & Winton Famlies +Davis Ahlowahlia +Kim MacNeil

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Mila Aquino, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Caitlyn, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Rose Chang, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Monica Cozzolino, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nicholas Di Cearare, Francesca Di Domenico, Donato Di Giorio, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Rafael Garcia, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Marcus Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Noah, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Rita McKinnon-Peel, Rita McLennan, John McNamara, Maria Medeiros, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Bill Myers, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Louise, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Victoria Ramirez, Esther Reyes, Christine Ribbons, Patricia Rybka, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Tiberio Simoes, Vincenzo Sorbara, Bruno Sposato, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Luigi Vittorio, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Terence Whelan

HOW YOU SPENT IT

If God granted you 70 years of life, you would spend:

- 24 years sleeping
- 14 years working
- 8 years in amusement
- 6 years at the dinner table
- 5 years in transportation
- 4 years in conversation
- 3 years in education
- 3 years reading
- 3 years at the television

If you went to Mass every Sunday and prayed 5 minutes every morning and night, you would be giving God 5 months out of your life. Five MONTHS out of 70 years!

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