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Brothers and Sisters,

It is already the Second Sunday of Lent. I hope you follow the Lenten calendar and we will be able to see you more often than during the ordinary liturgical season because of so many great things happening at St. Mary Immaculate.

This weekend you will get the financial report for the year of 2014. It talks a lot about your generosity and about sharing God's blessings with others. We are very fortunate in many different ways! Thank you for your support!!!

Also this weekend we will have a first 'Share Life' collection. So many times in our short time together you showed me that you care about the needs of others; that the needs of less fortunate are so important for you. Let's show them that there are God's Children and they can have a beautiful life!

We are so lucky with what we have and let's share this with those who are in need! Let's give them light of hope that life can be different and beautiful!

Thank you for your generosity!

Yours in Christ!

Fr. Pawel



LENTEN SOUP FRIDAYS starting at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall until 6:15 p.m. for a free will donation. This initiative is to enable our parishioners to have a little something to eat to

make it easier to be able to attend the Stations of the Cross. The donation received will cover our costs and the rest will go to help the poor.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:15 p.m. in English. 7:45 p.m. in Italian.

SHARELIFE *Working wonders in our community...*

We are all called to care for those who are vulnerable in our community. The ShareLife parish campaign gives us an opportunity to reach out in justice and love. Last year, ShareLife's 42 agencies and grant recipients provided over 381,000 services to over 114,000 people here in our archdiocese, and assisted countless others in developing countries around the world. In 42 municipalities, and in more than 20 languages, those in need received support and care as a result of our generosity. My prayer is that you will join me as together we work wonders to lovingly care for those who are in need around us. —Thomas Cardinal Collins
Our First ShareLife Collection is this weekend. Please give generously. You can work wonders.

LENTEN WRISTBANDS We have Lenten wristbands with the words "REPENT" available after the Masses next weekend or in the parish office during the week for a free will donation. Obtain one for yourself and / or for those you love as a reminder of our commitment during this Lenten Season. Proceeds to help the poor.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Come on out and share your ideas and do your part! Let your voice be heard. Any men interested in knowing more about or becoming a knight can contact either Richard or Roland at smirh.grandknight@yahoo.com.

VOCATION SEEDS If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997, email vocations@archtoronto.org or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick up at the main entrance of the Church.

LEGION OF MARY is looking for new members. They meet every Saturday at 9:30 - 11 a.m. in the Conference Room.



PILGRIMAGE Our Parish is having a pilgrimage to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families with the Theme: "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive" and for

the coming of our Holy Father Pope Francis to the Festival of Families and the Papal Mass happening in September 22 - 27th. We will have a coach bus with a limited seating of 56 pilgrims. Registration forms can be found at the entrances of the Church. Please submit your registrations as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. **For information on the World Meeting of Families 2015, please visit www.worldmeeting2015.org**

MARK your CALENDAR

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES – The Archdiocese of Toronto and Catholic Family Services invite you to a Lenten journey of hope and healing. Please join us **Thursday evenings** throughout Lent until March 26 at **7 p.m.** The talks will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery. Please enter through the Langstaff Road East entrance for our new Funeral Home. For info, please contact Catholic Cemeteries at 416-733-8544 or Catholic Family Services at 416-921-1163 or visit www.catholic-cemeteries.com.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY "The Happiness Factor" on **Saturday, March 7th from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front St. W., Toronto. Come and celebrate the 23rd annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally featuring Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck. Guest Speaker: Al Kresta. High Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Simultaneous Youth Rally (13-18) right next door (John Basset Theatre)! For tickets, and info, please contact 416-251-4255, 905-270-2510 or LJHR@rogers.com or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2015 All Parishioners and all CWL members are encouraged to attend this World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service on **Saturday, March 7, at 2:00 p.m.**, at St. Matthew's United Church located at 333 Crosby Avenue. Prayer service written by the women of The Bahamas with the theme: 'Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

SMI-CWL General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10**, starting with Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by Fr. Omar's Spiritual talk and a brief general meeting afterwards. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend and help discern if this Ministry is for you. Refreshments will be served.

BENOT AFRAID! John Paul II, Evangelical Catholicism, and Our Common Christian witness in Canada today. Hear the World's leading scholar on St. John Paul II on **Tuesday, March 17th** at 7:30 p.m. at Morrow Park, the very location His Holiness visited while in Toronto in 2002. In conversation with Fr. Raymond de Souza, George Weigel will speak on St. John Paul II's visit to Canada in 2002, his death in 2005, his role in reshaping history behind the Iron Curtain, and his vision for how Evangelicals and Catholics together can offer a bold joint witness in a secular age. To register, please call 905-528-8866 x 32 or conviviummagazine.ca/weigel.

PARISH MISSION The Seven Last Words Jesus Spoke to Us Before He Died and our Love Response this Lent of 2015. Msgr. Ken Leone from Denver Colorado will be conducting a Parish Mission here in our Parish. The mission will begin with homilies at all the Masses on the weekend of **March 21/22** and will continue for three consecutive nights from Monday to Wednesday (March 23-25) from 7-8 p.m. in the Church. There will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at each conference.

2a di Quaresima – 1 marzo 2015

Per mostrare [quale sarà] la trasformazione dei mortali * assunti nella tua gloria, o Salvatore, * al momento del tuo secondo e tremendo avvento, * sul monte Tabor ti sei trasfigurato. * Elia e Mosè parlavano con te; * tu chiamasti tre dei tuoi discepoli, * ed essi vedendo, o Sovrano, la tua gloria, * per il tuo fulgore restarono sbigottiti. * O tu che un tempo su costoro * hai fatto brillare la tua luce, * illumina le anime nostre (*Liturgia Bizantina*).

Ascoltatelo, lui che i misteri della Legge hanno annunciato, che la voce dei profeti ha cantato. *Ascoltatelo*, lui che ha riscattato il mondo con il suo sangue, che ha incatenato il diavolo e gli ha rapito le spoglie (cfr Mt 12,29), che ha lacerato il documento scritto del debito (cfr Col 2,14) e il patto della prevaricazione. *Ascoltatelo*, lui che apre la via del cielo e, con il supplizio della croce, vi prepara la scalinata per salire al Regno. Perché avete paura di essere riscattati? Perché temete di essere sciolti dalle vostre catene? Buttate via il timore carnale e armatevi della costanza che la fede ispira; è indegno di voi, infatti, temere, nella Passione del Salvatore, ciò che, per il suo aiuto, non temerete nella vostra morte. Si tratti allora di praticare i comandamenti o si tratti di sopportare le avversità della vita, la voce del Padre che si è fatta udire deve sempre risuonare alle nostre orecchie: *Questi è il mio Figlio diletto, nel quale mi sono compiaciuto: ascoltatelo* (*Leone Magno Sermone 38*).

La trasfigurazione, e non la sfigurazione, è il punto di arrivo dell'uomo e dell'universo. Il nostro volto non è quello disfatto dallo sfacelo della morte, ma quello trasfigurato della risurrezione (Lino Pedron).

AVVISI

1. Vi si ricorda le norme della Chiesa sull'astinenza quaresimale: Mercoledì delle Ceneri e Venerdì Santo sono giorni di digiuno ed astinenza; ci si astiene dalla carne e si consuma solo un pasto principale. Tutti i venerdì, e particolarmente quelli di Quaresima, sono giorni di assistenza dalla carne. Le norme sull'astinenza legano tutti coloro che abbiano raggiunto l'età di quattordici anni. Le norme sul digiuno obbligano tutti tra le età di 18 e 59 anni.
2. Durante la Quaresima, tutti i venerdì si prega la Via Crucis in inglese alle 6.15pm, ed in italiano alle 7.45pm.
3. Le ricevute fiscali per le offerte dell'anno scorso possono essere prelevate presso l'entrata principale della chiesa.

'SPRING FLING' DINNER & DANCE INCLUDING SILENT AUCTION on May 2, 2015. Proceeds to benefit the kitchen restoration project. Tickets are available in the church office or by contacting Roland at rcleandrosz@hotmail.com, Alan at alancook@sympatico.ca or Richard at smirh.grangknight@yahoo.com.

MASS INTENTIONS		March 1 - 7
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Maria Di Biase +Jack Healy +Josefina Montano
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Maria Sangoi +Andrea & Concetta Sangoi +Tony Capacchione +Luca Lopopolo
	11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	12:30 p.m.	+Maggie Lobo +Corrado Mosto
	4:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Robert Steward
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Sigismondo Posa & Fragesco
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Paolo & Maria Ditta
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Fr. Kenneth Decker
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Mary J. Paxton Deceased of the Ryan Family Roman and Wood Families +Giuseppe & Vincenzo Giraudi +Francis Andreacchi
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Raffaele Spagnuolo +Josefa & Stefan Miller

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Domenico Capacchione, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Milberg Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Ester Lin, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Luigi Nucci, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE on **Saturday, March 14**, at 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the International Plaza Hotel. Speakers include Cardinal Collins, Dr. Josie Lombardi, Gary Zimak, Ellen Gable Hrkach, Moira Noonan and Dorothy Pilarski. Early bird ticket \$40 (before Feb. 20th). Regular Registration \$45. **CALLING ALL GIRLS A Special evening for Mothers and Daughters** on Fri., March 13 7-10 p.m. To register, visit us at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or email us at dynamicwomenfaith@yahoo.ca or call 905-270-7702.

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