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ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 28, 2017

Living the Gospel by providing a summer camp experience for young boys...

During his years as a young camper at Camp Ozanam, Niro experienced significant moments of personal growth in his life, which had a lasting impact on him. Later on, he became a staff counselor at Camp Ozanam, where he now has the opportunity to become involved in and positively influence the lives of current camp participants. "When you are with your brothers at camp, it is okay to show your feelings. These memories become important, because these kids really get to know each other and stand by each other. Thank you, ShareLife, for all the work you do to make this possible at Camp Ozanam!" says Niro. **Last year, ShareLife-supported Camp Ozanam provided a unique camping experience for 600 boys from underprivileged homes in the GTA.**

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PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, June 25, 2017 at Richmond Green Park.

PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER will be held **Wednesday, June 28, 2017** in the Parish Hall.



175 Years of Faithful Service:

The Archdiocese of Toronto is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the 175th anniversary, including a large-scale celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on **May 30, 2017**. Join us as we honour the past, energize our present faith community and look forward to an exciting future! The original 14 parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto have been designated as

pilgrimage sites and places of hospitality. Our parish, St. Mary Immaculate, is one of the original parishes. Pilgrimage site cards are available at the entrances to the church. Parishioners are welcome to visit each site and don't forget to have the card stamped at each parish you visit.

YOUTH GROUP: will be gathering on **Sunday, June 4th** in the parish hall at 3pm. All youth are welcome to attend.

CWL ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK DINNER will be held on **Thursday June 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favourite dish and feel free to wear your national attire. All Parishioners are invited to share in this special evening.

PAST RCIA "GRADUATES" have expressed a strong interest in meeting on a regular, perhaps monthly. Their desire is to continue the friendships that were formed and to nourish the commitments of this new faith. If you are a past RCIA member in our parish and wish to "come and see," please meet: **Thursday, June 8, 7:30 pm** in the Meeting Room (foot of South Staircase, outside Hall).

CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, June 13, 2017** beginning with Holy Rosary at 6:30 pm and Holy Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by the Meeting in the Parish Hall. All Members are encouraged to attend and we welcome the Ladies of the Parish contemplating on becoming a Member.

ST. ANTHONY: There will be an evening bilingual Mass in celebration of St. Anthony's feast day on **June 13th at 7:00 pm**.

St. Anthony was also known as the Wonder-Worker, Doctor of the Church and the patron saint of lost items. All are invited after Mass to the Church Hall for refreshments.

THE SMI 160 COMMITTEE is in the process of putting together a commemorative book to celebrate this event. We are looking for any pictures that you might have, and that you might have of any piece of the parish history and/or any of its events that took place over the years. If you do, could you please be so kind as to share them with us, by taking the pictures to the Parish office. The pictures will then be scanned, and the originals returned to you.

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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DOMENICA DELL'ASCENSIONE

28 maggio 2017

Vivere il Vangelo offrendo l'esperienza di un campeggio estivo ai ragazzi...

Negli anni in cui da bambino è stato ospite del campeggio estivo a Camp Ozanam, Niro ha vissuto importanti momenti di crescita personale che hanno inciso profondamente sulla sua vita. In seguito, Niro è diventato parte dello staff di Camp Ozanam e come istruttore ha la possibilità di essere partecipe e di esercitare un'influenza positiva sui bambini ora ospiti del campeggio.

“Quando sei al campeggio insieme coi tuoi fratelli, è normale mostrare i propri sentimenti. Questi ricordi diventano importanti, perché questi ragazzi si conoscono bene tra loro e si sostengono a vicenda. Grazie ShareLife per tutto quello che fai con il Camp Ozanam.” **L'anno scorso Camp Ozanam, grazie al sostegno di ShareLife, ha offerto un'importante esperienza di campeggio a 600 ragazzi di famiglie disagiate della GTA.**

Domenica prossima, 4 giugno 2017, è una domenica di ShareLife.

Per favore dona generosamente.

Ascensione del Signore – 28 maggio 2017

Nessuno pensi che l'Ascensione sia una dipartita di Gesù, una specie di allontanamento, sia pure nello splendore dell'ascesa al cielo. L'Ascensione è il modo nuovo di Gesù di essere presente tra i suoi, come scrive Leone magno: “Proprio allora il Figlio di Dio si diede a conoscere nella maniera più sublime e più santa come Figlio di Dio, quando rientrò nella gloria della maestà del Padre e cominciò in modo ineffabile a farsi più presente per la sua divinità, lui che nella sua umanità visibile, si era fatto più distante da noi. (...) L'Ascensione di Cristo significa anche elevazione per noi, e là dove è giunta in anticipo la gloria del capo, è come un invito alla speranza del corpo: per questo dobbiamo giustamente esultare”.

“Disceso dal cielo alle regioni terrestri, hai risuscitato con te, poiché sei Dio, la natura umana che giaceva in basso, nel carcere dell'ade, e con la tua ascensione, o Cristo, l'hai fatta salire ai cieli,

rendendola con te partecipe del trono del Padre tuo (cfr Ef 2,6): perché tu sei misericordioso e amico degli uomini! (Tropario dalla Liturgia bizantina).”

“Dio vuole salvarci nel popolo. Non vuole una salvezza isolata. Ecco perché questa Chiesa di oggi, più che mai, accentua il senso di popolo. E perciò la Chiesa stessa subisce conflitti, perché la Chiesa non vuole la massa, vuole il popolo. La massa è il mucchio di uomini: quanto più sono addormentati, tanto meglio; quanto più conformisti, tanto meglio... La Chiesa vuole stimolare gli uomini nel vero senso di popolo. Che cosa il popolo? Il popolo è una comunità di uomini in cui tutti contribuiscono al bene comune. (...) Questa è la missione affidata alla Chiesa, missione difficile: estirpare i peccati dalla storia, estirpare i peccati dalla politica, estirpare i peccati dall'economia, estirpare i peccati ovunque siano... La Chiesa deve soffrire perché dice la verità, perché denuncia il peccato, perché estirpa il peccato. A nessuno piace che gli tocchino una piaga, perciò sussulta una società che ha molte piaghe, quando c'è chi la tocca con coraggio (O. Romero, *La violenza dell'amore* pp. 43-4).”



Did you know.....

That the cornerstone of the second Church of St. Mary Immaculate, remains until this day, and is contained in a small wall around behind the back of the Church, along with the stone for Our Lady of Fatima School, which used to be there. This cornerstone, with its Latin inscription, was dedicated in June of 1894. The sermon that day, was given by none other than the first priest to be ordained from the Church, Fr. John Read Teefy.

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MASS INTENTIONS	May 27 – June 3
Sat. May 27 - 5:00 pm	+Antonio Lotto
Sun. May 28- 8:00 am	People of St. Mary Immaculate
9:30 am	+Benedetto Baccilieri +Matteo D’Addario +Bernardo Curtis +Scared Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Mary
11:00 am	+Giuseppe & Vito Millimaci
12:30 pm	+Ronald Stong
4:30 pm	+Philip Alieve
Mon May 29 - 8:00 am	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue May 30 - 8:00 am	Spec. Int, Jozsi Tardi
Wed May 31 - 8:00 am	+ Salvatore Mannella
Thur June 1 – 8:00 am	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. June 2 – 8:00 am	Thanksgiving for Sudjana Family
7:00 pm	+Members of the Roman & Wood Families +Herbert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton +Elisa Mazzoli
Sat. June 3 – 8:30 am	+Members of the Madden & Winton Families

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