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## Served by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

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On Thanksgiving,  
Give thanks to the Lord  
for His many Blessings



## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday, October 12**

*Romans 1:1-7 Psalm 98*

*Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 13*

*Matthew 7:7-12*

Thanksgiving No Mass

### **Tuesday, October 13**

*Romans 1:16-25 Psalm 19*

*Luke 11:37-41*

5:30 pm Int. of Edna

### **Wednesday, October 14**

*Romans 2:1-11 Psalm 62*

*Luke 11:42-46*

5:30 pm Mass of Thanksgiving

### **Thursday, October 15**

*Romans 3:21-30 Psalm 130*

*Luke 11:47-54*

5:30 pm For the Canonization of Fr. Paul Wattson

### **Friday, October 16**

*Romans 4:1-8 Psalm 32*

*Luke 12:1-7*

5:30 pm Backus Mill Pond Group+

### **Saturday, October 17**

*Romans 4:13,16-18 Psalm 105*

*Luke 12:8-12*

5:30 pm Deceased Friars

### **Sunday, October 18**

*Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm 33*

*Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45*

8:30 am The Parish Community

10:00 am Spiwak & Hoehn Families+

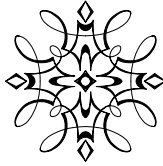
12:00 pm Brendan Optis +

7:00 pm Int. of the Friars

### Monthly comparison for September

Offertory	2014	2015
Envelopes	\$ 13,571	\$ 13,339
Loose	\$ 4,418	\$ 5,166
PAG	\$ 6,405	\$ 6,444
Total	\$ 24,394	\$ 24,949

Building and Maintenance funds for September: \$8,112.00



## The Pastor's Corner

### *Peace and goodness to all!*

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Weekend to all of you, your families and friends who will gather to give Thanks to Almighty God for the many gifts given to us in love and providence. This time of harvest and transition into the colder months of winter gives us pause to share our gratitude with one another for God who loves us so abundantly. It is also a time to be mindful of those who are alone and lonely and to pray for those who are in need. May you all have a blessed holiday weekend!

October 7 was a big feast for the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement as we celebrated the 118th anniversary of the Covenant between Fr. Paul Wattson, and Mm. Lurana White which established the Society of the Atonement. The SA after our names signifies the Society that includes both of these Franciscan Communities. Let us continue to pray for the Canonization of Fr. Paul who was recently declared a Servant of God, a major step in this process.

Monday the Youth Group gathered in good numbers to plan activities and events to happen in the coming year. It is a joy to see these enthusiastic young people becoming so involved in the life of the parish. Please stay tuned to participate in their activities. Development and Peace gathered for their monthly meeting and continue their efforts to "Create a Climate of Change". Materials to explain this year's efforts are available on their bulletin boards. We are grateful for their engagement in important activities as they keep us informed of social justice issues for our times. On Tuesday evening the Building Committee met to discuss the many projects they have underway including the oversight of the Building envelope study, the renovation of the sacristy, and general oversight and upkeep of our facilities. Thank you to all who participate in this committee. They and the gardening committee will sponsor the Fall clean-up day at the end of the month, please see the bulletin and come on out to be a part of this effort. We continue to receive new members of the Bible Study/ RCIA program group on Wednesday evenings. Anyone interested in participating in this group is welcome to come to the parish meeting room at 7:30 PM.

Friday evening, I was in Buffalo at St. Teresa's Church to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our class graduation from grammar school. It was great fun to see so many of the folks who grew up together in South Buffalo. All these kids were now like grown-ups, elderly grown-ups, how did that happen? It was great fun to see so many return for this celebration.

The Family of Faith Campaign continues to make progress, we are now at 88% of our goal and it is my hope that perhaps we can reach 100% by the end of the month, when I go to the annual priests gathering to meet the other pastors. Thank you to all who have made the sacrifices in making your pledges and donations. There are pledge cards at the doors of the Church and the members of the Family of Faith Committee will be happy to assist anyone who wishes to donate to this worthy cause. Thank you again to all who have participate in this. Please consider making a pledge to help us reach our goal, and pray for us that we may bring this campaign to a successful conclusion.

As your pastor, I give thanks to God and to all of you who make this parish a holy place of welcome and worship for so many as you share your many gifts and talents to create a community of love and grace. Thank you to all of you who enrich the life of the parish with your love and prayerful presence..

You are a blessing!

*In the love and joy of Jesus,*

*Fr. Dan*

**Please Pray for:**

**The Sick:** Mary Litzenberger, Maria Barcelos

**Deceased:** Rita Dillon, Amadeo Petrocco

**YOUTH GROUP**

MEETINGS at 7:00pm. We welcome all Youth from Grade 8 to Grade 12 to join us for our weekly - No sign up - Just COME and JOIN IN! ALL ARE WELCOME - JUST SHOW UP!

**The Family of Faith Campaign** is gaining momentum at St. Joan of Arc. Through the efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers, **we already have reached 88% of our parish goal!**

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total
<b>\$505,000</b>	<b>\$126,250</b>	\$ \$442,695.

While The Family of Faith campaign is designed to support parishes, it also has other priorities. Some of our parish churches face daunting expenditures to maintain facilities that are safe and secure. Some parishes do not have the financial capacity to preserve these historic sacred spaces and we have the responsibility to ensure their maintenance for years to come.

Please continue to pray for the success of the campaign, both in our parish and throughout the archdiocese.

**World Mission Sunday October 18**

There will be a collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as "World Mission Sunday." This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church. World Mission Sunday is our opportunity to assist Catholic communities in need throughout the world. Envelopes are available for your use at the entrances of the church.

**Winter Welcome Table** is returning....the program to feed the homeless and marginalized of the inner city. .Primarily in the annex area....will start again November 2. All interested volunteers are asked to attend an Orientation meeting will be held on October 27 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of St Peters Church (door under archway entry). All inquiries should be sent to Frank frankis23@hotmail.com or 416 720 8663 or Marie Parise 416 531 3846.

**25th Annual Mass of Memory Sunday** 25th October 3.00pm at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. (Queen St. East at Power St.) To Remember: To Never Forget: The Generosity of the people of Toronto who in the summer of 1847 as a population of approx. 20,000 inhabitants welcomed upwards of 40,000 Irish Refugees fleeing the Irish Famine of 1847. Included in those who paid ultimately with their lives in the service of the sick and the dying Irish were Bishop Michael Power, First Bishop of Toronto, Dr. George Robert Gresett, Chief Medical Officer, Head Nurse Susan Bailey, Edward McElderry Triage Officer.. over 1100 Irish Refugees died in Toronto in the summer of 1847. We the Irish Community owe a great debt to the people of Toronto of that time. Info Mairead 416 264 5363.

**This Week**

**Monday, October 12**

No Activities

**Tuesday, October 13**

No Religious Education Classes

**Wednesday, October 14**

Staff Meeting

7:00 pm AA steering Committee

7:30 pm RCIA

7:30 pm SVDP

**Thursday, October 15**

6:00 pm Baptism Prep Class

7:00 pm CFS Marriage Prep Class

**October 17 & 18**

Blessing of Musicians

**October 17 & 18 & 25 & 25**

The Archdiocese has requested that we do a Parish Head Count. Each parish across the Archdiocese will be participating in this count. We hope you are all here for those two weekends.

**Future Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday, October 20,**

12:30 pm Merrymakers Lunch

Doors open at 12:15 pm No Mass

**Saturday, October 24**

10:30 am Building & Garden Clean-up

**D & P**

Did you know that to help combat climate change you could plant a tree! A single tree will absorb 1 ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime. Shade provided by trees can also reduce your air conditioning bill by 10 to 15%. TreeCanada.ca has information on offsetting carbon through tree planting. Trees are a great way not only to reduce the effects of greenhouse gases and improve the environment but also to provide habitat for birds and animals.

Happy  
Thanksgiving



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