

From the desk of Fr. Phil



Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Octave 8:00AM - Mass - Antonio Tolentino

Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Octave 7:00PM - Mass - Belmira Fumo争

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Wednesday, April 4th Easter Octave 9:15AM - Mass

Thursday, April 5th Easter Octave 7:00PM - Mass – Philomena Bednarczyk

- (Special Intention)
- Beata & Julian with families (Special Intention)

Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Easter Octave 8:00AM - Mass

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Octave 9:15AM - Mass



Happy <u>Easter!</u>

A special welcome to the new members of our St. Dominic Community received into the Church at the Easter Vigil last evening.

- ⇒ Shenese Gibson
  ⇒ Gary Grant
  ⇒ Stevan Kraguljac

Many thanks to Barbara-Anne Krampart, and Silvio Fernandes for their dedication and spiritual guidance in leading these new parishioners into the Faith in the RCIA program. Welcome to you all!

The Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. St Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians, (15:14), that if Christ has not been raised from the dead, our faith will be empty and useless. But the Resurrection of



Christ is not merely something "out there," not merely an historical fact at which we gaze admiringly. It is a present reality in which, through Baptism, we are intimately involved. "If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection" (Romans 6:5).

Our sharing in the crucifixion-Resurrection of Jesus brings about a mysterious change in our very being. Paul expresses it in a startling way: "I have been crucified with Christ, and the life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me" (Galatians 2:20). The English poet Andrew Young, in his poem "Nicodemus," arrives at the same conclusion: Why do I kneel before your empty tomb? You are not here, for you are everywhere; the grass, the trees, the air, the wind, the sky, Nothing can now refuse to be your home; nor I Lord. Live in me and I shall live.

This intimate union between Christ and ourselves calls for a new way of life. We must change our behavior. Saint Paul writes that we should put to death whatever in our nature is rooted in earth, (see Colossians 3:5), precisely BECAUSE we share the new life of Christ. Corruption and wickedness must yield to sincerity and truth. He invites us to put teeth into today's annual renewal of baptismal promises. Recalling our baptismal promises seriously, will challenge each of us in different ways. The goal is "Easter Living" all year long.

I sincerely hope that our Holy Week celebrations were meaningful for you. There are so many people to thank and I will do that in the bulletin next week.

Easter Is THE GIFT ... Easter is the gift of **HOPE** ... Easter is the gift of **PEACE...** Easter is the gift of LOVE.

Let us rejoice in Him, who gives all these gifts to us. May God bless you at Easter, and keep you all year through. May God give you all the faith it takes to make your dreams come true. May His love and wisdom always help to guide you on your way. May His light shine down upon you now to bless your Easter Day.

I wish each one of you, your families and friends all the joys of the Risen Christ. Happy Easter!

Fr. Phil

# March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Totus Tuus is COMING!

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) this summer from *July 15-July 20, 2018.* Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and college students travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechetical instruction, Mass, confession, songs and games! In short, we want to learn more about our faith and have FUN doing so!

The grade school program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday to Friday from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. The intermediate/High School program for Grades 7-12 runs Sunday – Thursday from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. To register or for more information, please contact our organizing <u>StDomsTotusTuus@gmail.com.</u>

We are hoping to be able to provide before and after care for those parents and guardians that require it, for a nominal fee. More information is available at <a href="http://www.totustuus@gmail.com">www.totustuus@gmail.com</a>.

We are looking for volunteers to help make the camp a success! Some of our requirements include:

- Two host families to provide housing and breakfast for our missionaries from Sunday afternoon to Friday evening.
- Adults and high school student volunteers needed for the day program.
- Adult volunteers needed for the middle/high school evening program

## Summer Student Job Opportunity

The Compass Food Bank & Outreach Centre is hiring a summer student! 40 hours a week starting mid-May to August 30.

If you have an interest in supporting people, love being a part of a great community and are returning to college/university in the fall then please go to our website <u>www.thecompass.ca</u> for the full job description. Resumes will be accepted until April 7th at info@thecompass.ca.

"Providing help for today and hope for tomorrow."

#### Sharelife

Amount raised 2017 \$ 6512.85 Amount raised as of March 17 \$ 11,825.85

# Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world

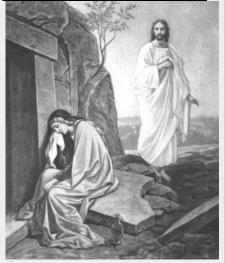
Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

#### April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

# Prayers for the Sick

We remember our parishioners for their recovery to health especially: Barbara Ptashinski, Denise Lamontagne, Peter Banken, Sean Seepaul, Ronie Scholfiled, Maureen Timms, Tony Fares, Reginaldo Emmerich, Louise Paquette, Anita Cottereau, Casimiro Piscione, baby Aaron James, Eric Holgan, Marilza Alvarez, Gary Baldassi, Flavia Silva, Colleen & Walter Popovic, Anne-Marie Cameron, Angelica Cagetano, Asia Tkacz, Michael Plante, Devon Hill, Larry Elmer, Andrew Calder, Arlene Ceccetto, Edith Ardito, Mary Melnik, Eva Lil, Paul Von Zuben, Rusty Von Zuben, Phyllis Horbatiuk, Joey Fares, Erna Go, Leo Hogan, Diane Ouellette, Aline

Vandewaeter, Philippe Paquette, Margaret Durnan, Rick Way, Christopher Faion, Paul McQuade, Jeff Gollob, Geraldine Jeans, Henry Kaluzny. Vocation Seeds



The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

email vocations@archtoronto.org

## www.vocationstoronto.ca St. Dominic's Seniors

*Fun for Seniors* Our Seniors Group has started its 14<sup>th</sup> Season.



- If you are a Senior 60+
- Love to play Euchre

• Engage in lively conversations, This is the group for you.

Come & join us on Tuesdays from 1 – 3pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome!

# LET US PRAY

#### For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.



For the Deceased: We pray for all the deceased in our community.

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS Weekend March 25, 2018

Offertory Collection: \$ 7677.95 Other Collection: \$ 586.05

Many thanks for your generosity Fr. Phil



