

FRANCISCAN REFLECTION

The hallmark of a Christian should be joy and peace, even in the midst of difficult times. We can become discouraged by the state of the world, the squabbling in our families, the economic difficulties we face, and even the dissension and scandals in our church. We need frequent reminders that God still has the world in his hands, even if we can't always see it. The world of first-century Palestine, the world into which Jesus was born, had its own conflicts and strife. But Jesus brought hope and peace to his world, and continues to bring the same to ours.

PILGRIMAGE - 2018

Join Fr. Michael Corcione
MEDJUGORJE, LOURDES & FATIMA

March 11th – March 21st, 2018

Total Cost: \$3,679.00 (per person)
(Deposit of \$1,000 with registration)



Included in price is:

Roundtrip airfare & transfers as per itinerary, daily Continental breakfast, daily dinner and 1 lunch drinks -1/4 lt wine and 1/2 lt mineral water per person at dinner, coffee / tea

Entrances/visits, local guides English speaking
Transfers/visits in a motor coach, portage/tips,

Not Included in the price :

Lunches, Insurance, alcoholic beverages & personal objects...Single supplement in a single room \$315

Single supplement in a double room \$808

For further details, visit the parish office to obtain a copy of the trip itinerary.

What's with the pink candle during Advent?



The usual liturgical color for Advent is purple (similar to Lent) to remind us that this is a penitential season. It is particularly an appropriate time for special prayers and fasting to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world at Christmas.

And it's not solely a remembrance or anniversary of when Christ was born, but a participation in an actual and ongoing event. It is a time to spiritually clear out our "stable" – or make room at our inn – to allow Jesus to be born anew in our hearts. This is something we do continually as Christians, but it is a special focus during Advent.

So why is there one Sunday (of the four) during Advent where we light a pink candle on the advent wreath? And the priest wears pink or rose (or 'salmon' as my priest likes to call it) instead of purple? That Sunday – the third Sunday of Advent – is called **Gaudete Sunday**. Gaudete means "rejoice" and is taken from the beginning words of the entrance antiphon for mass that day.

Gaudete Sunday is a reminder that while Advent is a penitential season, it is also a season of hopeful expectation. It is a celebration of our Christian Joy – a joy that transcends any trials or suffering we experience in our day-to-day lives. No matter how hard life gets our joy still overflows. No matter how many sacrifices we make, we know that they are more than worth it. Rejoice!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 17, 2017

MONDAY/LUNEDI DECEMBER 18

8:00am Mass Pro Provincial
7:30pm Messa Maria Palladini

TUESDAY/MARTEDI DECEMBER 19

8:00am Mass Sabella Grazia
7:30pm Messa Maria Giuseppina Sinopoli

WEDNESDAY/MERCOLEDI DECEMBER 20

8:00am Messa Antonio & Giuseppina Di Cienzio
7:30pm Mass Drago Lazar

8:15pm Messa Vincenzo Ieraci

THURSDAY/GIOVEDI DECEMBER 21

8:00am Messa Carmela & Giuseppe Di Pardo
Giuseppe Cappuccitti, Salvatore Di Bartolo

7:30pm Mass (Chapel) Dave Iacoucci

FRIDAY/VENERDI DECEMBER 22

8:00am Mass Michele Di Domenico
7:30pm Mass John Grande

8:15pm Messa Francesco Agostino

SATURDAY/SABATO DECEMBER 23

5:00pm Mass Genoveffa Ventola, Ellison Alexander
Sebastiano & Maria Rinella, Antonio Micoli
Gemma Masciotra

SUNDAY/DOMENICA DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:45am Messa Teresa Marchese
Maria Teresa Martino, Maria, Paolo & Antonio Forletta

9:00am Mass Maria & Gaetano Di Donato
10:30am Messa Pietro, Luigi & Antonino Gallo
Francesco Larizza

12:00pm Mass Dino Nasato, Lou Laise

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm Mass Family Mass – No Intentions
9:30pm Mass English Mass – No Intentions
12 (Midnight) Bilingual Mass – No Intentions

Dal 16 al 24 dicembre

**Novena
di Natale**

**8am
nella
chiesa**



ST. PETER'S CHRISTMAS



MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Thursday, December 21st : 8pm
Saturday, December 23rd : 8am – 12noon

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sun. Dec. 24th)

The Sunday morning Masses will be celebrated according to the regular Sunday schedule:

7:45am & 10:30am Italian
9:00am & 12noon English

Family Mass – 5pm

English Mass - 9:30pm

Bilingual Mass – 12 midnight



CHRISTMAS DAY (Mon. Dec. 25th)

English Mass - 9am & 12noon

Italian Mass – 7:45 & 10:30am

FUNERALI

Sono ritornati alla casa del padre:

**MARIA RUTIGLIANO
VITO NICOLA BATTISTA
ANGELINA AIELLO
BARBARA CUCCHIARA
IDA CAPPUCCITTI**

Le condoglianze piu sentite alle loro famiglie.



THIS WEEKEND!

Pancakes With Santa

Saturday Dec. 16th
(after 5pm Mass)

Sunday Dec. 17th
(after 9am & 12noon Mass)



We invite everyone to come and enjoy pancakes, sausages, and of course some time with Santa himself!

Where: Parish Hall

Cost: Adults \$5.00 and Children 12 years and under \$3.00

SEE YOU THERE!!

ASSISTENZA PER ANZIANI

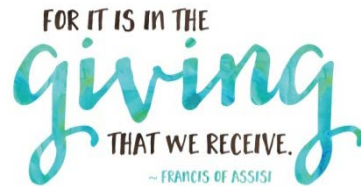
CAREGIVERS (ITALIAN SPEAKING)

Personale italiano specializzato come badante

- Preparazione dei Pasti (cooking)
 - Pulizie di casa (cleaning / laundry)
 - Autista per appuntamenti con esperienza (driver for appointments)
- Telefonate a Foss: 647-703-9129
Paula: 416-912-8314

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We invite parishioners who are interested in helping our parish food bank to contribute by purchasing Food Vouchers (eg. Walmart gift certificates) rather than food items. Any given amount will be greatly appreciated and will be credited to your Sunday offertory envelopes.



PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

We are **NOW** accepting registrations for the second pre-marriage course. The second course applies **only** to couples being married in the months of **August to December 2018**.

The course will begin on Sunday, January 14th, 2018 to Sunday, February 25th, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please come to the parish office to register. **Fee is \$100.00 per couple.**

Couples who wish to choose other courses outside the parish, may do so. Kindly inform the parish office of your choice as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday, January 14th 2018, there will be an opening Mass ceremony at 12:00 noon and then continue with the program until 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Parents are also welcome to attend the Mass. Same is with the last class on February 25th, 2018.



2018 **ST. PETER'S** 2018
NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE (Sun. Dec. 31st)

Family Mass – 5pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Mon. Jan. 1st. 2018)

7:45AM NO MASS

English Mass - 9am & 12noon

Italian Mass – 10:30am



WIN GREAT PRIZES!

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2018. The Theme for this coming year is "**Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power**" (cf. Exodus 15:6). Students should read the Scripture passage Exodus 15:1-21 and respond to the following question in the essay: **Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.** First prize is an iPad Pro (128 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O Edition 2, and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 8, 2018**. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number and the name of your school on the front page of the essay). For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 403 or 1-855-441-4077. Don't miss this opportunity!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

As of January 1st, 2018 all weekend offerings using an offertory envelope **dated 2017 WILL NOT BE CREDITED TO YOUR NAME.**



The parish office kindly asks all parishioners who are currently using the weekend offertory envelopes to STOP using their old 2017 envelopes and ensure they are now using their new 2018 envelopes.

If you have used offertory envelopes in 2017 and have not picked up your 2018 envelopes, please note that they are currently available for pick up next to our parish office in order of LAST NAME.

Offertory envelopes for 2018 are NOW available for pick up! The envelopes are **in order of LAST NAME!** Only parishioners who currently have offertory envelopes will be able to pick them up. If you would like to receive them and DO NOT currently have them, please visit the parish office. **It is most important however, to ensure that you are a REGISTERED member of the parish if you live within the boundaries and attend St. Peter's church.**