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## FAREWELL BBQ FOR FRIAR RICK

*Saturday, August 13, 6 pm*

Friar Rick last 'official' weekend will be August 13/14. Rather than a formal farewell dinner, Friar Rick has opted for a family style BBQ. This also happens to be his 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vows as a Franciscan. All are welcome to attend as we thank Friar Rick for the many gifts he has shared with us. Complimentary tickets are available at the Ministry Centre until August 6. **All are welcome!**

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Catholic Register Subscriptions

Each year our parish is required to provide a number of parishioners with a one-year subscription to the Catholic Register to support the Archdiocese of Toronto's outreach efforts. We rotate the subscriptions alphabetically. Parishioners with the last names Bruzon to Fellin will receive the Catholic Register on a complimentary basis from September 2011 to August 2012.

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## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

### Sunday Children's Liturgy

While the Parish Centre is under renovation, there will be no Children's Liturgy at the 10 am Sunday mass.

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## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



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### Join Friar Rick for Linda's Walk 5k Fundraiser, Saturday, August 13

*1300 Leslie Street, 8 am to 1 pm*

You can change a woman's life in just one morning. Donate a morning of your time to help homeless women rebuild their lives. Register at the Ministry Centre or [www.stclareinn.org](http://www.stclareinn.org). Your support will change lives in ways you can't begin to imagine.

### ShareLife Campaign Deadline

The deadline for donations is July 31. Our parish total to date is \$101,088. Donations can be made through our parish or online at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)

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## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Join the CWL Marathon Bridge

Bridge starts again in the fall. The group meets every few weeks at a player's home. New bridge players are welcome. Contact: Rosemary Howorth at 416-424-1101.

### Prayer Requests

Call Linda Etzkorn 416.510. 0264., or Friar Boniface, 416.447.5571, for private prayer.

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# “Consubstantial with the Father”

Daniel Merz, SLL

One of the more interesting changes in the revised translation of *The Roman Missal* occurs in the Creed, where a word that few would use conversationally occurs. In the second paragraph of the Creed, the phrase “consubstantial with the Father” will replace “one in Being with the Father.” Some may wonder why such an unfamiliar word needs to be used. On the other hand, it may just as easily be asked, whether we understand the phrase, “one in Being with the Father”? Both options attempt to put into words one of the great mysteries of our faith, that Jesus Christ is equal to the Father. The use of the term “consubstantial” has been carefully considered before being chosen. Admittedly, the term carries some

complexities with it. But the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments recommended its use with good reason. Let’s look at the word more closely.

The Nicene Creed originally was composed in Greek; the Greek word used in the phrase is *homoousios*. This is a compound formed from two words: *homo* (same) and *ousia* (essence, being). The use of this word in the Creed was revolutionary in its day because it is not a scriptural but a philosophical term. The greatest heresy of that day, Arianism, argued the Christ was not of the same substance of the Father, but only of a *similar* substance (*homoiousios*) and, therefore, was not equal to the Father. The Church Fathers wanted to be precise in the language used for such a great mystery, and the debates at the time were long and often acrimonious. From the very beginning, the Latin Creed translated this Greek word as *consubstantialem*, for similar precise philosophical and theological reasons. By breaking down the word con-sub-stantial, we can understand it a little better.

The root word “substance” (*sub*=under; *stans*=standing) is also a technical, philosophical term that refers to the most real part of a being. Literally, it refers to that which “stands under,” the base of a person or thing, that which is at the heart of someone or something. This is fine as long as we don’t equate



substance with the mere physical or external dimension. Today, we can use the word substance in reference to the essential, for example, “the substance of the matter,” but we can also use it in a rather mundane and materialistic sense, for example, “help me wash this grimy substance off my hands!” Within the liturgy, of course, the Church is thinking of the former. In the Eucharist, for example, we say that bread and wine are *transsubstantiated* into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The form or appearance of the bread and wine remain the same, but their inner substance, the reality *underneath* the appearance, is changed. This is why we don’t say the bread and wine are just *transformed*, but *transsubstantiated*.

The other part of *consubstantial* is the first three letters “con”—profound yet beautiful in its simplicity. It comes from the Latin preposition *cum* meaning “together with.” In the Creed, *consubstantial* means that Christ was of one substance with the Father, but it also implies one substance with our humanity. He is *co-substantial*, referring therein to the two natures of Christ—human and divine.

The previous translation “one in Being” does not portray this multivalence. Also, most would assert that this phrase is not as precise. The English word “Being” has a broader meaning than the philosophical term “substance.” “Being” commonly refers to all that is, which would include the appearance or form of a thing, and in relation to the holy Trinity, could mistakenly include *Personhood*. God the Son is not the same *Person* as God the Father, but they do share the same *inner* being, or the same *substance*. Both phrases, “one in Being” and “consubstantial,” are accurate when properly understood. In translating the Creed, however, it is important to be as precise as possible, and the Church believes strongly that the term “consubstantial” is a better choice in naming the Great Mystery that is the relationship of Jesus Christ to God the Father and to us, his adopted sons and daughters.

### Mass Intentions

Monday July 25	9:00 am	† Mr. & Mrs. MacDonald
Tuesday July 26	9:00 am	† Marija Markes
Wednesday July 27	9:00 am	† Nicole Savoie
Thursday July 28	9:00 am	† Michael Cope
Friday July 29	9:00 am	† Joseph Ouellette
Saturday July 30	9:00 am 5:00 pm	† Alicia Hernandez † William Francis
Sunday July 31	8:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	† Faustino Fabello Parishioners † Joseph Moroney

Sanctuary Lamps: Carlos & Lucy Veneracion

### Ministry Centre Summer Hours

The Ministry Centre will be closed in the evenings throughout July and August.

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### Parish Ministry Centre

416.447.5571

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6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
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SUNDAY 9:00 am - 1:30 pm - Limited Services  
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### Eucharist

SUNDAY 8:30 am, 10:00am, 12 noon  
SATURDAY 9:00 am, 5:00 pm (for Sunday)  
MON-FRI 9:00 am (10:00 am Civic Holidays)

### Baptism

*Celebrated Sunday afternoons, except during Lent, by appointment. Parents need to be registered in the parish and practice their faith on a regular basis. Download baptism request from web site.*

### Reconciliation (Confession)

SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm or by appointment

### Marriage

*Contact the Ministry Centre at least one year before the date you would like to be married. The bride or groom must be a registered member of the parish and both need to practice their faith on a regular basis.*

### Anointing The Sick

*Call for the anointing of those who are seriously sick; preferably before entering the hospital.*

### Funerals

*Download our funeral guide to plan a funeral.*

### Vocations

*Visit [Franciscans.org](http://Franciscans.org) for information on vocations to religious life and priesthood*

### Justice, Peace & Creation

- *The Franciscan presence at the UN*  
[www.FranciscansInternational.org](http://www.FranciscansInternational.org)
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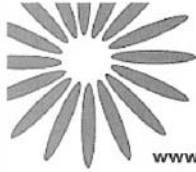
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