



St. Bonaventure's Parish continues to build on our success ~ we're now at 38% of our goal! Already, 22 parish families have pledged \$389,500!

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total
\$960,000	\$240,000	\$389,500

The Family of Faith campaign is a collaborative effort between our parish and the Church of Toronto. For our parish to thrive, it is essential that our facilities be maintained and that we provide programs for children and adults. With our parish share, we plan to expand the faith formation programs, expand our youth ministry as well as provide programs for the maturing adults in our parish community.

There is an important parish meeting about the campaign, scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7 pm in the Main Hall.

Our parish will need an army of volunteers to reach all of our parishioners. If you are interested in making phone calls and you are willing to help, please plan to attend the meeting.

You will hear more about the Family of Faith campaign and how we can make it a success for our parish. Please continue to pray for our parish, and for the success of the campaign.

**Heavenly Father**  
*We ask you to be with us as we work together as a family of faith, sharing and following the example of your son Jesus in loving service. May we be inspired by your divine love, as we share our time, talent and treasure to strengthen our family of faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Stay in touch with the campaign at [www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca](http://www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca)



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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2015**



**CHRISTMAS LITURGIES**

**Christmas Eve**  
**4:00 pm** Children's Mass with Pageant  
**4:15 pm** Mass in the Parish Centre  
**7:00 pm** Mass  
**9:30 pm** Festival of Carols and Poems  
**10:00 pm** Evening Mass  
**Christmas Day**  
**10:00 am** Mass

**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT  
 ST. BONAVENTURE**

**WEEKDAY LITURGY:** Monday to Friday, 9 am  
**SATURDAY:** 9 am  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:** 9 am  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday, 4 pm  
**SUNDAY LITURGY**  
 Saturday Vigil: 5 pm  
 Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

**MINISTRY CENTRE HOURS**

**Monday to Thursday:** 9 am to 4:30 pm  
**Friday:** 9 am to 3 pm  
**Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm**  
**Saturday:** 2 pm - 6:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 9 am - 1:30 pm

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS — 9AM**

Mon. Nov. 30 †Fernando Pedrosa  
 Tues. Dec. 1 †Ann Diebold  
 Wed. Dec. 2 †Luis Nino  
 Thurs. Dec. 3 Friar Canice Connors  
 Fri. Dec. 4 †Jose Layno  
 Sat. Dec. 5 †Bessie Peets, †Tom McAleese,  
 †Dave Prendi, †Michael Scaletta, †Noeline,  
 †Frank Galle, †Evelyn D'Mello, Vocations

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. Dec. 5 5:00 pm †Leonides, Analine & Dondy Jagures  
 Sun. Dec. 6 8:30 am †Hugh Canning (father & son)  
 10:00 am Parishioners  
 12:00 pm †Silvestru Moraru

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Sanctuary Lamp: **Rubin Marlue**  
 Vigil Lamp: **Chua Family**  
 For the Sick: **Deacon Sal Badali**

**PRAYER NETWORK:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact: **Lois Theriault** 416-447-7466

**Private Prayer:** Contact **Friar Boniface** at 416-447-5571 ext. 500

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, November 30**  
 6:15 pm Sparks: Parish Events/Bonaventure Room  
 6:45 pm Brownies: Parish Events/Francis Room  
 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/Church  
**Tuesday, December 1**  
 9:30 am Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life/FR  
 11:30 am Family of Faith Campaign/Francis Room  
 6:30 pm CWL Executive Meeting/Francis Room  
 7:30 pm Bible Study/Oak Room  
**Wednesday, December 2**  
 6:30 pm GRASP group/Oak Room  
 7:30 pm Family Choir Practice, Church  
 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous/Francis Room  
**Thursday, December 3**  
 1:30 pm Sr. Mary Rose Marrin Life Story/Oak Room  
 6:00 pm Knitting for the Homeless/Main Hall  
**Saturday, December 5**  
 9:30 am Al-Anon/Bonaventure Room  
 9:30 am Meditation Group/Oak Room

**LITURGY**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
 Fridays of Advent, Following the 9 am mass concluding at 10:30 am with Benediction.

**Diocesan-wide Day of Confessions**

Friday, December 18, 9:30-10:30 am, 12 - 1 pm, 7:00-7:30 pm All priests in the Archdiocese have been asked to hear confessions several times throughout the day. This is not meant to replace parish reconciliation services but to deepen the experience of this healing sacrament.

**Liturgy of the Word with Children (Ages 3 to 11)**

We rely on a dedicated team of volunteers at the 10 am Mass to lead this important ministry. There is a schedule that enables a generous rotation: normally, leaders serve one Sunday per month. The more volunteers we have, the greater the flexibility with scheduling. We are looking for a few more volunteers.

If you are a parent of a child participating in the Liturgy of the Word or a parishioner that would be able to lead a group of children (we especially need leaders for children ages 4 to 6 and ages 9 to 11), then please contact Greg Beath at the Ministry Centre, ext, 258.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Confirmation Preparation**  
 Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the registration of parishioners for Confirmation. If you have not registered, please contact Greg Beath at 416 447 5571 ext 258

**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

**Project Hope**  
 We are now at the midpoint of "Project Hope" the 100-day emergency refugee sponsorship campaign. We would like to provide you with a short update on progress to date. We are at \$1.7 million of our \$3 million goal. If you haven't already done so, please consider making a donation. Any questions regarding Project Hope call 416-934-3411 or visit [www.archtoronto.org/projecthope](http://www.archtoronto.org/projecthope)

**News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
 "All human persons-all of us-are important in God's eyes." ~ Pope Francis

Please remember the needy this Christmas. Visit the Giving Tree or consider the poor as you leave the church. Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP — A WAY OF LIVING

### November 22 Offertory Collection

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection: \$9,086

Pre-Authorized Giving: \$3,175 Donate Now: \$449

Maintenance Fund: \$340

Project Hope: \$525

Shepherds' Trust: \$1,607

### Maintenance Fund Offering

There will be a second collection for the maintenance fund Sunday, December 6, 2015.

### Canadian Food For Children

December 6 weekend we will be accepting donations of soap to support the work of Dr. Simone.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life

Tuesday, Dec 1, Francis Room.

Series will be hosted by Sr. Mary Rose Marrin CSJ. Brochures are at the back of the church. Register at [adamscote@rogers.com](mailto:adamscote@rogers.com) or call 416.491.2360

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Knitting for the Homeless

Thursday, 6:00 pm Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, Main Hall

Once again we will be knitting for our less fortunate brothers & sisters. Help us prepare by donating your left over yarn & knitting needles or sponsor a knitter. Call the Ministry centre for details.

### CWL Advent Luncheon

Sunday, Dec. 6, 1:00 pm, Main Hall

Come to our Annual Advent Luncheon. This is a perfect opportunity to renew old friendships, renew membership for 2016, join for the first time, and learn about the coming events for 2016.

### Keeping Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus will be raffling a Christmas Crib valued at \$150.00. Price per ticket is \$5.00 with limited number of tickets available for sale and the draw will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Knights of Columbus Sock Drive

The knights welcome donations of new, unwrapped socks and underwear for the guests at the Good Shepherd Centre. Please place your sock donations in the box marked "Advent Sock Drive" at the back of the Church.

### Giving Tree-First Sunday in Advent

Bring the spirit of Christmas to someone in need. We invite you to take an "ornament" from our Giving Tree. The back of the ornament will indicate the type of gift needed and whether the gift is to be wrapped. We appreciate you returning your gift as soon as possible so that we can ensure all requests for help are answered-December 12/13 at the latest. Your gifts will support those who seek help through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, residents at Thompson House Retirement Home, Greenview Lodge Nursing Home and The Community Share Food Bank.

### Annual Christmas Concert

*"Christmas, Christmas time is near!"*

Come join the Seraphim and Cherubim Chorus' singing the Christmas songs you love as part of their 'Baby, It's Cold Outside' concert series. A mix of old favourites and twists on classics, with a bit of Disney flare! Please join us at St. Bonaventure on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Advanced tickets available on line at [www.seraphimandcherubim.ca](http://www.seraphimandcherubim.ca) Proceeds in support of Romero House.

### St. Michael's Choir 50 years of Christmas concerts

Celebrate 50 years of tradition with St. Michael's Choir School and special guests Michael Colvin, Lori Gemmel, True North Brass and the SMCSSA Jubilee Choir. The concerts are conducted by Dr. Jerzy Cichocki, Maria Conkey, Jordan de Souza and Teri Dunn with accompaniment provided by St. Michael's Cathedral organist William O'Meara. Saturday & Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm. Tickets available from Massey Hall box office: [www.masseyhall.com](http://www.masseyhall.com) or 416-872-4255

### Eco-Art Program by Orfe

Thursday 4 - 6 pm, Parish Centre

December 3 for Ages 6 - 9;

December 10 for Ages 10 - 13

This program emphasizes environmental awareness and allows students to create art work using recyclable and organic materials. Students will be introduced to different artistic elements and techniques. Spaces are limited! Please register at [orfemillan@gmail.com](mailto:orfemillan@gmail.com)

### Nativity Pageant

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm

During mass we recall the first Christmas with re-enactment of the Nativity.

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