

Greetings from Father Sam

I had a very relaxing and entertaining 10 day vacation with my friends in N.Y.C. Thank you for your prayers for safe and on time flights. All priests and the Archbishop will be on retreat from Monday April 30 to Friday May 4. Every year we have this time for spiritual renewal. Please pray for us as we renew ourselves for service to the people of God. Weekday masses are cancelled from Tuesday May 1- Friday May 4. Our retreat director will be Archbishop Gerard Pettipas. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will give him the wisdom to lead us where we need to be as priests of God. May God bless us all this week with peace.

Father Sam's Volunteer Appreciation Evening IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This year Father Sam's Volunteer Appreciation will be held on Friday, May 11, 2018 in our newly renovated CHURCH HALL. We can no longer afford to provide a full course meal at The Centro. Father Sam does not want to give up our appreciation night but we have a financial responsibility to watch how we spend our funds. This year we will have a Pizza and Wine Evening. Celebration of the Eucharist will be at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:15 pm. A Music Man will provide dance music until midnight.

Invitations have gone out to all the ministries. If you are a volunteer and have not received your invitation please let us know.

Please remember to R.S.V.P.! 204 284 5140

**** PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE ASSIGNED SEATING.

Please let office know of special requests prior to May 4th.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S AUXILIARY DINNER MEETING & REGISTRATION MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

Mass at 6:00 p.m., Dinner to follow Registration is \$10.00, dinner \$15.00.

Please remember to bring in Layette Items A special Invitation is extended to all women 18 years of age and older. Please contact the office if you wish to attend and are not presently a member.

Parish Financial Support Weekend April 22, 2018

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Envelopes, Loose Cash, Good Friday, SGG, Heating, Least Coins, Initial, Easter Sunday, Church Repairs & Maint.

Festa dei Santi

The church basement was bursting at the seams on Saturday for the Festa Social - Dinner and Dance. The event was a HUGE success - over 260 people attended with a profit of \$5,870.00.

We have many people to thank for our successful evening: The organizers for all their hard work in planning and setting up the hall, Salvatore Curcio and his group with Pasquale Putari for making the sausages and cooking our meal, Incoronata Ziffarelli and members of the Saints Committee for preparing the salads and vegetables and arranging the donated baking. The Saints' representatives for donating the baskets, Mosaic Funeral Cremation & Cemetary Services for supplying our Saints placemats each year, Liliana Anania-Falvo for donating the beautiful flowers for the tables and for the Church, La Grotta - Piazza de Nardi for donating the buns, Father Sam for donating the gelato, and our wonderful caretaker Luis Matos for setting up the hall for us.

Special thanks to our adult volunteers Ron Sanders and John MacPhail who worked so hard and spent the whole evening washing pots and dishes. Thank you to the Bari Club for cleaning up after the event. (We need a volunteer for next year.)

A great big thank you to Salvatore Curcio and Rosa Alecci who together sold almost half the tickets!!

Holy Rosary Church Picnic

The Holy Rosary Church Picnic will be on Sunday, June 17th from 12:00pm to 6:00pm and will take place at the Croatian Community Centre on 22 Skazyk Rd.

Outdoor Mass will be at 12:30pm. Further details to follow

Saluti da Padre Sam

Ho avuto una vacanza di 10 giorni molto rilassante e divertente con i miei amici in N.Y.C. Grazie per le vostre preghiere per voli sicuri e puntuali. Tutti i sacerdoti e l'arcivescovo saranno in ritiro da lunedì 30 aprile a venerdì 4 maggio. Ogni anno abbiamo questo tempo per il rinnovamento spirituale. Per favore pregate per noi mentre ci rinnoviamo per servire il popolo di Dio. Le messe del giorno della settimana sono annullate da martedì 1 maggio a venerdì 4 maggio. Il nostro direttore di ritiro sarà l'arcivescovo Gerard Pettipas. Per favore pregate che lo Spirito Santo gli dia la saggezza per guidarci dove abbiamo bisogno di essere come sacerdoti di Dio. Che Dio ci benedica in questa settimana con tanta pace.

Tabs for Winnipeg Harvest

Bob Malo continues to collect drink can tabs for Winnipeg Harvest. To date he has 323,907 tabs. Should we set a goal of 330,000 for beginning of May. Please ask your friends and neighbours to help you collect. Thank you! Grazie

Oak Table Inc.

Oak Table Volunteers were the recipients of the 2018 MAYOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD for giving of their time, talent and energy to improve the well-being of their fellow citizens. We are so proud of our volunteers, past and present, who make it possible to provide a Community of Compassion and Hope for our guests. Each of the 11,000+ volunteer hours contributed to Oak Table this year, have made an impact. Our volunteers make our guests feel welcome, listened to, and loved! Thank you to each and every volunteer on the front lines and behind the scenes. We couldn't do it without you! Oak Table Spring Fundraising Dinner is just days away. If you still want a ticket, there are a few left. Please ask Allison Wilcox after the service, or call the office at 204-691-8787 or email otadmin1@shaw.ca. There will be wine for sale as well as silent auction tickets at the event. Betty Sanguin and Evelyn Cruise will be honoured at the event for their long time service and contribution to Oak Table Inc.

Campaign Life Coalition

Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday May 12, 2018 at Canad Inns, 1824 Pembina Hwy and will feature Marie-Claire Bissonnette who will speak on RU486 - the rest of the story. In her current role as Youth Coordinator for Campaign Life Coalition, Toronto, Marie-Claire speaks about the realities of abortion to youth in high school and youth groups, manages summer interns and organizes events such as the Youth Conference at the March for Life in Ottawa. Regular tickets are \$50.00, Student tickets are \$40.00, and table of 8 is \$350.00. Call 204-452-2459 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

Catechism Update

Our Children's Catechism program depends on volunteers to ensure our children receive faith formation. We have several volunteers that are leaving our program this year and therefore are in need to fill several positions.

If you have these qualifications we need you: *love working with elementary age kids *love to share your faith with others *want to learn more about your faith *able to commit to teaching every Sunday September to May *able to follow the program we use *must attend the Safe Environment workshop *submit a criminal record check and child abuse registry Our church community needs you to ensure we continue to share our faith with future generations. The volunteer positions is perfect for future educators, parents and young adults.

Note we also need several youth helpers for our program.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Julia Stiller at julia.stillerhr@gmail.com Don't delay do it now!!!!

Catechism News

Our Catechism program is coming to an end. The last day of classes will be April 29, 2018. We want to thank all families for your commitment to bringing the faith to your children. We also want to thank all our volunteers for their dedication to helping our children deepen their faith.

Online registration for September 2018 will open soon. Please check the bulletin, website and Facebook for updates.

See you all in September!!!

First Communion Dates

Date: May 6 and 20, 2018, Time: 12:00 noon Mass

Confirmation Date

Date: June 24, 2018 Time: 12:00 noon Mass

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

- 1. Gianfranco Leuzzi 2. Isabella Consiglio 3. Monti Bell