

We are reminded today that spreading the word about Christ did not go smoothly in the early church. Understanding and accepting Jesus was a slow and often unsuccessful process. It may seem different now, but if we consider our own questions and struggles with faith, we realize that our commitment is not formed overnight. It is often subject to life circumstances that challenge our faith. There is still work to be done in spreading the good news. If we want to contribute to the effort, we might begin with ourselves.



"Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?"—John 14:9

First Reading from Acts 6:1-7

Challenges in the early Christian community

Second Reading from 1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the true foundation

Gospel from John 14:1-12

"You have faith in God; have faith also in me."



(Ages 18-39)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 15, 2017 @7:00pm-St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute presents:
 Conscience Rights in a Faith Context. A Catholic response to euthanasia and physician-assisted death.
 Guest speaker Cardinal Gerhard Muller.

May 19, 2017 @7:00pm- St. Ignatius Demeerton
 Retreat Centre (Sideroad 20 N., Mildmay, Ont.)
 Youth Teams of Our Lady (YTOL) in Canada presents:
"The Universal Call to Holiness: Vocations (Purposeful Singlehood, Religious Discernment and Marriage).
 Guest speaker Patrick Sullivan.
 More Info Contact: Lukasz Jach (226.868.0355)

May 29, 2017 @7:00-9:00pm-Duke of York Pub (39 Prince Arthur Ave.)
Theology on Tap: Serving with Absolute Respect and Unconditional Love.
 Guest Speaker Bruce Rivers (Covenant House)

Please join us in welcoming our new Lead Team (Eastern Region Young Adult Ministers):
Hillary Arulnesam, David Paul, Chanelle Robinson and Klaudia Rychlincka



Saturday	May 13, 2017
5:00 PM	ANTONIO BERCASIO (RIP)
Sunday	May 14, 2017
11:15 AM	JOSEPH & MARIA CARTURELLO (RIP)
1:00 PM	CAROLYN NEARY (RIP)
Thursday	May 18, 2017
8:30 AM	ROMEO MACABULOS (RIP)

IMPORTANT

Help keep costs down by keeping outer Parish doors closed!

Heating Bill (April 2017) \$919.35
Hydro Bill (April 2017) \$1,118.18

SUNDAY FOOD DONATION SCHEDULE

May 20-21

Last name starting with **S**

May 27-28

Last name starting with **T,U,V**

You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works.

— Pope Francis —

NEW AND EXCITING PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Presented by
Catholic Family Services of Toronto

Posted on our Community Bulletin Board

May 14, 2017

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S MINISTRY WITH
MATURING ADULTS**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Half Day Presentation by
RIA KINGHORN**

Iconography?

Learn what is an icon? How is it different from a picture and what makes an icon an icon? This beautiful form of sacred art has become increasingly recognized as a wonderful focus for prayer and meditation.

COME JOIN US!

APRIL 6-7, 2017

WEEKLY DONATIONS

\$4843.25 (282 ENVELOPES)

SHARELIFE

\$11065.00

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY! GOD BLESS US ALL.**



**FROM THE HUMBLE MILK BAG TO THE
TRESURED BED OR THE FASHION BAG...WE
ARE COLLECTING THE OUTER MILK
BAGS. PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH,
FOLDED NOT CRUMPLED, and place them in the
box in the washroom lobby.**

The milk bag mats offer people an invaluable, durable and washable alternative to sleeping on the ground. Used by health-care professionals as a make-ready substitute for operating bed/table. It takes approximately 400 milk bags to make an adult sized mat. Donated to the homeless in Canada, Syrian refugees in Greece and other disaster stricken countries. Canadian milk bags don't disintegrate or retain moisture, are very strong, UV resistant, are washable and have a life span of 25 years. It has empowered the women in the Third World Countries to make money to support their families by creating many products from floor mats to hand bags.



You can work wonders!

OUR PARISH GOAL IS: \$56,000.00

TOTAL COLLECTION TO DATE IS: \$23,240.00

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need ...

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. One of the ways that we do this is through our annual ShareLife appeal, which provides resources to agencies serving the poor and marginalized not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world. ShareLife is a tangible way that we can put the Gospel value to love one another as I have loved you into action, and I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the Catholic church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife." —*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

Next ShareLife collection is: June 4, 2017

Thank you for your generosity.

**For donations in cheque please make it out
to: St. Bartholomew Parish – SHARELIFE**



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW MINISTRY WITH
MATURING ADULTS**

**SATURDAY June 24, 2017 @ 12noon
Come and Meet Your Fellow Maturing
Parishioners. Make New Friends and
Rediscover Your Past Friends!**

**PURCHASE TICKETS IN LOBBY OR
CHURCH OFFICE \$5/PERSON**

**FALLSVIEW CASINO BUS-TRIP
JUNE 10, 2017**

**BUS LEAVING ST.BARTS 8:45am. RETURN 7:45pm
ONLY 27 TICKETS AVAILABLE IN PARISH OFFICE
\$20 EACH with FREE \$10 PLAYCARD
(2 HOUR STOP AT NIAGARA OUTLET MALL ON
RETURN TRIP)
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. BART'S BUILDING FUND**