



*Growing
in Spirit,
Community,
and Service*

*Mass Times
Sunday Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am,
12 Noon*

*Weekday Eucharist
9 am: Monday to
Friday*

*Ministry Centre Hours
By Appointment*

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*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2022*

Bonnie News

Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure

FAREWELLS AND WELCOME!

We bid farewell to Friar Dennis Mason as he begins his new ministries as Guardian at the friary in Ellicott City, Maryland, and as preacher/retreat director. We thank him for his pastoral leadership, especially his efforts to keep our community safe through the difficult years of the pandemic. We will miss his preaching, presidership in sacramental ministry, humour, pastoral sensitivity, and sincerity of faith.

We also bid farewell to Friar Tom Purcell as he begins his new ministry at Holy Trinity, Brooklyn. We offer our sincere gratitude for his foundational work of St. Clare Inn these past 17 years: developing the vision of ministry to homeless women with mental health issues, supporting a dedicated Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, creating a transitional home for woman in need, and the tireless efforts of fundraising to support the work of St. Clare Inn. His gentle presence in our parish will not be forgotten.

We welcome Friar Tom Reist as our new pastor. He is no stranger, having ministered to our community in 2018. We look forward to his leadership, guidance, and pastoral presence for our community.

Loving God, we thank you for your companionship on our journey. Keep us aware of your presence by all ways and means that You use as we strive to bring about Your Kingdom of love wherever we are. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LINDA'S WALK 2022 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

Linda's Walk 2022!

Join us for our 13th Annual Linda's Walk on Saturday September 24, 2022.

This year we are offering two walk options. The first is an in-person 5km walk around Don Mills that starts at St. Bonaventure Church. Sign-in for the day of the walk is between 9:00-10:00 am

The second option is a virtual walk, where participants can walk at home or in their neighbourhoods at their own pace.

For more information and registration forms, visit:
<http://www.stclareinn.com/events/>

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UPDATE ON THE COURTYARD CROSS TOWER

Jesus often used everyday things to get His message across. He talked about sheep to people who were shepherds and sowing seed to farmers. Once Jesus used an event that everyone in Jerusalem knew about. It happened in the southern section of the city, a neighborhood called Siloam. And the event was most unfortunate. Jesus asked the crowd: Do you remember what happened recently in Siloam? The tower there collapsed in a cloud of bricks and dust.

Several years ago, major repairs and renovations in the parish were accomplished according to a plan. Some of those projects were a new metal roof on the church, as well as a new roof on the parish centre, some washroom work. One of the projects was the cross tower in front. Although a preliminary study was conducted on the cross tower, several transfers in parish leadership (4 pastors) as well as the pandemic shutdown did not make it possible to address fully--until now.

Several advisors from the parish and I reviewed the preliminary study done several years ago, and the proposals that arose from it. Together we agreed that we needed to address the cross tower and that an up-to-date study was needed.

I formed a committee: 2 from Parish Pastoral Council, 2 from Parish Finance Council, 2 from a past Building Committee, Fr. Peter, Fr Tom Purcell (representing the Franciscan Order), and two members of the parish pastoral staff to address the cross tower and commissioned a study.

That study was extensive and was completed in April of last year. It noted that: The tower structure is original to the church. It was constructed in 1959. 62 years of wind, rain, snow and age have seriously affected it. Repairs have been done on the tower over the years but have proved to be ineffective. Sealed cracks continue to reopen. Up and down cracks continue to reappear. The major problems are cracks and corrosion.

All four faces of the tower have significant cracking going on. The gaps caused by the cracks are twice as large as they were a year ago. The up and down cracks are three times as long as they were a year ago.

There are two steel columns imbedded in the brick masonry- one on each side. The corrosion on these two columns is significant with some sections completely eaten away. This corrosion and loss is the cause of the cracking. Interior tie bars between the columns also show deterioration and corrosion. The cross relies on the tower for support. The entire structure is subject to torquing (it twists in the wind). The cross itself has also been significantly deteriorating. A fair number of years ago, a plastic casing was placed around the original cross. Unfortunately, it did not protect the structure as hoped. The degeneration has continued unabated.

Since previous repair work has proved ineffective in halting the deterioration, the committee considered two options: rebuild the existing structure or deconstruct the existing structure.

1. To fix the tower- that means to do some deconstruction, purchase new materials, do reconstruction with replacement of major parts. The estimated cost would be \$485,000- almost one half a million dollars.
2. To deconstruct would cost about \$280,000. Given the deteriorated and continuing deteriorating state of the existing structure, the cost involved, the need to address it sooner rather than later, *the committee recommended that we proceed to deconstruct the tower and cross.*

The reasons are:

- First and foremost- safety. The consulting engineers express concern in this area. The committee and I share that concern. The structure needs to come down sooner than later. We don't want to have a Siloam situation.
- Cost- the estimates are, of course, higher now than they were several years ago. Costs will only increase as time goes on.

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- Deterioration will also continue- previous attempts to halt deterioration proved ineffective. Jesus once talked about not sewing a new patch onto an old cloak- they both get ruined. We do not want to expose the structure to continued weather.

Members of the Parish Finance Council agreed with this recommendation and noted that we have the funds to cover it without incurring debt. The cost will be shared equally by the Franciscan Order and the Parish. Some funds are still unused from the parish renewal project; the parish's balance will come from the maintenance fund. The committee's discussion to deconstruct the tower included ideas for re-designing the courtyard to make it more functional and to construct a new structure in some other place on the property. This would open the courtyard to provide more space and provide a new artistic piece on the property.

That is for the future, though. The first step is to attend to the cross tower in the quickest, most efficient and cost-effective manner. It will be the first major project we have undertaken in several years.

Thank you, as always, for your support of our parish. I have always appreciated your goodness. ~ Fr. Dennis

CONGRATULATIONS TONY DE MELO ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

In the second letter of Peter in the New Testament, the Scripture says. "In the sight of God one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like one day. Not one day, not 1000 years but 50. 50??? Really? Yes really.

This year Tony DeMello marks 50 years of service here at St. Bonaventure Parish. For half a century Tony has labored to keep our campus clean, well-tended and beautiful. His work is a reflection of his heart. Congratulations and thank you, Tony, for 50 years of service to God and God's People at St. Bonaventure. We hold you high in our hearts.



SUPPORTING EACH OTHER IN PRAYER

Prayer Network

Network members pray daily for intentions which are held in confidence. Let the Prayer Network know when a situation is resolved, and members will offer prayers of thanks.

New members are welcome! Call Julie Flood with your intentions, 416.391.0238.

Remembering Loved Ones

In our charity we remember those who are ill and all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers. We commend to the Lord the members of our parish who have died recently:

+ Geoffrey Allan Rochard, + Leslie Rolko, + Catherine Hogg, + David Sullivan, + Ann Hartford,
+ Evangeline Beltran, + Maria Evidente, + Frank Horgan Jr., + Marilyn Murphy, + Phia Hibbeln,
+ Douglas Peters, + Myrna Haverty, + Gordon Owens, + Paul O'Connor, + Terrance Wolff,
+ Frances MacDonald, + Lili Draws, + Frank Polansky, + Ralph Stukator, + Nimfa Chua,
+ Antoine Bonello, + Karl Kremer, + Rosemarie Perkins, + Marie Turnbull,
+ Wendy Azzarello and + Paul Lynch

May heaven be theirs and may peace belong to those who mourn their passing.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Thank you to our loyal benefactors who have continued their donations throughout the pandemic; to those parishioners who contributed clothing and footwear during our recent Bundle Weekend; and to all who remember our **Poor Boxes**. Every donation allows Vincentians to assist our neighbours in need with grocery gift cards. Our confidential helpline is: [416-447-5571 ext. 570](tel:416-447-5571) for those who need assistance. Thank you!

Your donations to our poor box, cheques, and online donations through Canada Helps do make a difference and allow us to put compassion into action. Our confidential helpline is: 416-447-5571 ext. 570 for those who need assistance. Thank you! There are three ways to give:

At Mass by designating your donation in an envelope marked SSVP and indicating your name and address if you desire a receipt for income tax purposes.

By mailing your donation, clearly marked SSVP, to the church at:

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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 22	9 AM	+ Marie Turnbull
Tuesday, August 23	9 AM	+ Agnilino Cueto
Wednesday, August 24	9 AM	Intentions of the Arruda Family
Thursday, August 25	9 AM	+ Karl Kremer
Friday, August 26	9 AM	+ Mary Veronica Kolesar + Gaetano Tancredi + Joseph DeFrancesco
Saturday, August 27	5 PM	+ Maureen Talley and One Forgotten Soul in Purgatory
Sunday, August 28	8 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10 AM	+ Alice Maglutac
	12 PM	+ Rev. Sr. C.Y. Pang

"People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God."
~ Luke 13:29

"The One who wishes to bestow a kingdom in heaven has no need of earthly payment. No one can give God anything he does not possess, because everything belongs to him...."

Give love, then, and receive the kingdom: love and it is yours."

St. Anslem of Canterbury (*Letter 112: Opera omnia III, 244-246*)