

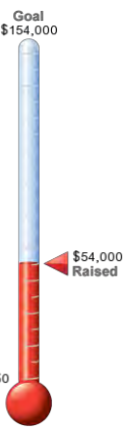


# JANUARY FOCUS 2020



The first stage to repair and re-shingle our deteriorating Church and Parish Hall roofs has been completed at a cost of

\$152, 195.18. This cost was met by a \$100,000 no interest 8 year loan from the Diocese that must be repaid at \$1,042 per month; As we have about 100 families who give regularly to the Ascension, an additional \$11 per family ensures that the roof is paid for. During 2020 there will be a number of fund raising events held to help pay for the cost of our roof repairs. Thank you for helping to ensure that the Ascension can continue to shelter our community and do good works for many years to come.




## The Epiphany of Our Lord - January 6th

Matthew 2:1-12 tells us that Jesus didn't come to earth to be the exclusive property of a select group of people. His arrival was made known to all peoples. Some, those who were "on the fringes" so to speak, went to great lengths to get to know him. As a faithful steward, to what lengths are we willing to go in order to get to know Jesus?



Wednesday, January 15th featuring The Sparklettes Duo presenting "Robbie Burns Show" - \$10 includes lunch.

- **11 O'CLOCK WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST:** Resumes Wednesday, January 15th in the Lady Chapel.
- **OFFICE HOURS** – The Church Office will be closed January 1st New Year's Day
- **PARISH COUNCIL** – The first meeting of the New Year will be on Tuesday, January 21st, 7 pm.
- **2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are now ready for pick up from the back of the church. If you need assistance, please speak to Boa Burns, the Envelope Secretary.
- **BISHOP'S LEVEE 2020** – Wednesday January 1st, St. James Cathedral. Join Bishop Andrew Asbil and the College of Bishops to offer best wishes and prayers for the New Year. Begins at 12:30 pm, concludes with Choral Evensong at 4 pm.
- **ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY - Sunday, February 23rd, 12 noon.** The deadline for all reports is Monday, January 27th. Please email your report to the church office.
- **2019 BUDGET** - The ADMIN TEAM is starting the budget planning process for 2019 and will be contacting group leaders for their input for the budget.
- **HELPING OUR ENVIORNMENT** - To reduce the use of paper cups, please bring your own mug and take it home with you.  Sunday paper handouts, can also be left in the Blue Recycling Bin under the Information Table.
- **YORK SCARBOROUGH CELRGY DAY** – January 29th Fr. Nick & Fr. Vernon will be with Bishop Kevin and other clergy in the Area for the day.
- **NEW YEARS OPEN HOUSE** – Sunday January 5th, 12 pm –2 pm at Catherine & Fr. Nick's home: 149 Glengrove Ave., West, M4R 1P1. Parking limited, please car-pool.
- **WELCOMING CHRISTIANS NEW TO CANADA** –If you would like to be part of such a support group, please personally contact Fr. Nick directly.
- **ALTAR GUILD** – Needs new members - please contact the Church Office to help.
- **ALTAR FLOWERS**– January 12, 26, February 9, 16, 23 dates are available, please contact the Church Office



• **VALENTINE'S WITH "ELVIS"** – Great 50's 60's music with Joe Zambri, Elvis Tribute Artist and Martin O'Boyle, Singer/Guitarist, Saturday, February 15th, 7pm – 9:30 pm. Proceeds to the Raise the Roof Campaign.

• **SQUARE CREDIT CARD CREDIT PAYMENTS** - Buying tickets for Café 65, Valentine's with Elvis or making a contribution to the Ascension, you will soon be able to do that with your credit card. Using a Square Credit Card Reader, fund raising for our Church will be more convenient for donors who don't carry cash with them or who wish to make a donation over the phone. More information about Square Payments will soon be available.



- **FOOD BANK SUNDAY FOCUS SOUP**
- **ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE** - Sunday, January 26th - 3 pm - Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St., Leaders from churches across Toronto will take part, including Bishop Andrew Asbil
- **CHOOSING SECRET PRAYERS**– If you would like to have a secret prayer partner during 2020, please fill out a green information slip by the Information Table and give it to Sylvia Wood or to one of the clergy. Names will be drawn on Sunday, January 19th. Speak to Sylvia Wood for more info.
- **FAMILY NIGHT BOWLING & DINNER** - Saturday,



January 18th - Location, time and cost TBA. If you are interested in being part of this intergenerational Family Night, please sign up in the RED BOOK at the Information Table.

• **FORWARD DAY BY DAY** - available from the Information Table. Please place \$2 in the Offering.



• **RIDES MINISTRY** – Please contact the Office if you need a ride to and from the Church.

**BADMINTON CLUB** – Great exercise as well as friendly social interaction. Play is non-competitive. Beginners Welcomed. Playing times: Mondays (10 am – 12 Noon) & Thursdays (1:30 pm – 3:30 pm). Memberships: Full (\$60) & Half (\$30) Guest Fee: \$3/visit/ (First 2 visits are free) Call the Office for more information.

## Holy Day in January

11th The Holy Innocents

18th The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle

25th The Conversion of St. Paul