



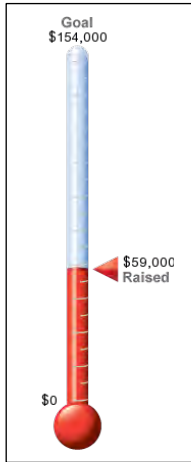
# MARCH FOCUS 2020

- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** *Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk.* Join us for the World Day of Prayer 2020 Zimbabwe. Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am, Donway Baptist. All Welcomed. Reception follows.
- **Café 65** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 12 – 2 pm - \*March 4<sup>th</sup> – “Champions of the Music Charts” - Songs of Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, Engelbert Humperdinck performed by Sam Kelso; \*March 18<sup>th</sup> – “The Holiday Feast” – Speaker Lianne Harris. Lunch & Entertainment \$10
- **AUMBRY CANDLE** - If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one please contact the Office.
- **COMMISSIONING OF LAY MINISTRIES** – Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - to recognize & affirm the ministries of all appointed & elected positions.



**THANK YOU** – To all who have contributed so generously to the first stage to repair and re-shingle our Church and Parish Hall.

To date we have raised \$59,000 toward our goal of \$154,000 which covers the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of our Raise the Roof Campaign. In February we received @\$1000 in donations and raised @\$3000 from our “Valentine’s with Elvis” Concert. Bravo everyone who helped! **Blue envelopes** are available at the Information Table for anyone who wishes to keep track of their monthly roof donations apart from their regular giving.



- **FRANCES BURROWS** 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday - March 19<sup>th</sup>
- **SPECIAL ADVISORY BOARD – THE NEXT SIX MONTHS** - Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm – 9 pm to review, discuss and plan the churches schedule for the next 6 months.
- **YORK-SCARBOROUGH PARISH LEADERSHIP** All churchwardens, deputy churchwardens, parish admins, treasurers, administrative staff and clergy are invited to attend this workshop, Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 12 noon, at St. Andrew’s Scarborough.

## FAITHWORKS 2020

**This year our Faith Works goal is \$1000.**

Donations can be made payable to Church of the Ascension or by participating in **Toonie Lenten Sundays – March 1 – April 5.**

*Almost every day, a treat we may buy, Coffee, tea, or maybe apple pie - Now for Lent, one treat we stop and put the cost in the Ascension pot!*

**Coin holders available at the Information Table**

- **HIDING ALLELUIA AND SILENCING THE BELLS FOR LENT** – Lent 1, Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **MARCH FOOD BANK FOCUS** - Cooking Oil, bring your donation on Food Bank Sunday, Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> .

- **#LIVE LENT: Care for God’s Creation** - *Live Lent: Care for God's Creation* will help broaden your Christ's redeeming mission - a mission Christians are called to share. With weekly themes and prayers shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. For each day it offers a Bible reading, a short reflection and an action to help you live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature. Booklets \$2 each. There is an adult edition and a children’s 40 Day Challenge edition. Sign up at the Information Table if you are interested in participating beginning Wednesday, March 4 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
- **6 – WEEK COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM** – March 3 – April 7. Come enjoy a **free** healthy meal and meet people, 11:30 am-1 pm. Space is limited, registration required: call 416-441-3209 or [contact@communitysharefoodbank.ca](mailto:contact@communitysharefoodbank.ca)
- **RECOGNITION SUNDAY – SYLVIA WOOD** Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Sylvia will be recognized for her years of faithful service as our Treasurer and thanked as she continues in her ministry duties as our Lay Anointer and as a Server.



## • SIGNS OF LIFE: A LENTEN

**STUDY:** Bishop Andrew is hosting discussions around the Diocese exploring five symbols – light, water, food, shelter,

and community – with the help of a program entitled *Signs of Life*, from the Society of St. John the Evangelist. See the link <https://www.signsoflife.org/> for more information.

- **INCUMBENTS ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURN AND CHURCHWARDEN’S PAROCHIAL RETURN.** Each March 15, Fr. Nick and the Warden’s send in their respective statistical returns to the Diocese to help inform them of the healthy the Ascension.
  - **WINTER BREAK** Fr. Vernon will be away from the Parish Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Fr. Nick away March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - **FACES OF THE ASCENSION** - Individuals or family are invited to make a five minutes presentation about: Who they are? Why they attend? What the parish means to them? What gifts & talents they bring to the parish & how are they being used? Please speak with Fr. Nick
  - **LITURGICAL PRACTICE AND THE RISK OF INFECTION** – A diocesan resource responding to Sars and now applicable to Covid-19 virus and other viruses.
  - **2019 OFFICAL RECEIPTS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES** – have been mailed. THANK YOU to all who supported the Ascension in 2019.
  - **EASTER CONTACT NEWSLETTER** please forward article ideas and photos to Church office or Fr. Nick asp.
  - ✓ **PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR)** Eliminates the cost of offertory envelopes;
  - ✓ Offerings are still received during inclement weather;
  - ✓ Reduces the task of weekly count.
- PAR forms are available at each entrance.*

## HOLY DAYS IN MARCH

St. Joseph of Nazareth, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
The Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary, March 25<sup>th</sup>