

NOVEMBER FOCUS 2019

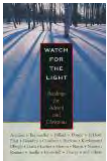


Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that you bear for your people. Ps. 106:4



• REMEMBRANCE OBSERVANCE – Sunday, November 10th – 10:30 am.

• **THANK YOU** - Lynn Jennings, Mary Bray and the staff at Revera Retirement Living – Donway Place and Don Mills Seniors' Apartments for the delicious meal they provided for our Thanksgiving Luncheon on October 20th.



• **ADVENT READ - Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas** – “An unparalleled anthology of wisdom, beauty, spiritual nourishment--and disarming reflection! Features exquisite essays from Dietrich Bonhoeffer; Gerard Manley Hopkins; Madeleine L'Engle & others . . . enough to carry you from the beginning of Advent to the end of Epiphany”. Copies \$15 Sign up to order a book and to participate in an introductory meeting in November and a follow up meeting in January. TBA.

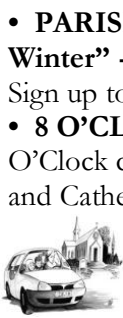
• **FAMILY NIGHT** – Saturday, November 16th, 5:30 pm – 8 pm • Help decorate the Angel Tree; • Prepare for the Christmas Pageant; • Share a meal.

• **ANGEL TREE OUTREACH** – This Christmas we will be reaching out to provide one family with a Christmas Hamper. Beginning Sunday, November 17th, *Blue Angels* will be hung on the Angel Tree specifying each gift item. As gift items are donated *White Angels* will be the *Blue Angels* on the tree. The deadline for gift donations is December 8th. Hampers will be delivered on Sunday, December 15th. For more information contact Barbara Rochard: Rochard@gmail.com or the Church Office.

• **COOK BOOK “COMFORT & JOY”** Ascension's own cook book, \$10 each on sale Sundays or from the Church Office. Proceeds go to the Ascension *RAISE THE ROOF* campaign. Makes an excellent Christmas gift an easy way of introducing friends and neighbours to the Ascension.

• **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th**
✓ Costume fitting, Sunday, November 24th & December 1st;
✓ Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, December 7th, 9 am – 12 noon.
✓ Please sign up for “Pot Luck” lunch;
We need shepherds, angels, townsfolk, and innkeepers etc...
• **PARISH WORKDAYS - “Fall Cleanup – Prep For Winter”** - Saturdays November 9, 16 & 22 – 9 am – 12 noon Sign up to help tidy our property by raking up the leaves
• **8 O'CLOCK CAROL SING** – All members of the 8 O'Clock congregation are invited to a Carol Sing at Fr. Nick and Catherine's home on Friday, November 29th, 1 pm – 3 pm.

• **RIDES MINISTRY** – Need a ride *OR* can offer someone a ride to Church or to Café 65? Please contact the Church Office.



• **FUNDSCRIP** – Just in time for Christmas! Buy a gift card at face value and 2%-3% of the cards value is donated to the Ascension. The more you buy the more the church benefits. Order forms are available at the Information Table. Orders must be submitted by Sunday, December 1.

• REQUIEM FOR ALL SOULS:

Nov. 2nd, 4 pm. Our annual service to remember loved ones passed. Invite family and friends to this special service of consolation and hope. Reception follows.



IMPORTANT



PARISH HALL TOWN MEETING- Sunday, November 3 -10:30 am

The urgent work to repair and reshingle areas of the church and parish hall roofs is scheduled to begin Monday November 4th and continue for the next 6 weeks. The total estimated cost of the first stage of the roof work is \$154,000. We have a loan from the Diocese for \$100,000, to be repaid over 8 years. In order to meet our loan repayment obligation, we need an extra \$1,042 every month, for 96 months. As we have about 100 families who give regularly to the Ascension, an additional \$11 per family at least, ensures that the roof is paid for. Thank you for your support.

• **RECOGNITION SUNDAY – JACK JONES** - On Sunday, November 25th, Jack Jones will be recognized for his and Jane's many years of faithful service to the Ascension.
• **159th REGULAR SESSION OF SYNOD** – “CREATED & RECREATED IN CHRIST” - Focus on the Diocese's strategic plan “Growing in Christ” and changes to the governance of the Church. “Friday, November 8th - Saturday, November 9th. Ron Joshua, Barbara Rochard, Fathers Vernon & Nick will represent the Ascension.

Café 65

12 noon – 2 pm Lunch & Entertainment only \$10
November 6th - Wartime Songs, Singer & Guitarist, Tom Heyfron; November 20th – Andy Philips, Steel Drum – Caribbean Steel Drum Rhythms

• **FAITHWORKS** – FaithWorks is the annual appeal of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto building communities of compassion and hope. As followers of Jesus, we reach out our hands in loving service offering help and hope to people in need. FaithWorks feeds, shelters, nurtures and befriends over 30,000 people in our community and around the world every year. To donate, make cheques payable to the Ascension, marked FaithWorks.

• **BISHOP ASBIL GIVES AN UPDATE ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN THE DIOCESE.** Please see the Bishop's video link at <https://youtu.be/ThTQfl86fOc> or read the video transcript available at the Information Table.

• **NO PARISH COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER** – the next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd, 7 pm, it will be the last one for 2019.

Holy Days in November

November 1st - All Saints

November 2nd - All Souls

November 30th - Saint Andrew the Apostle