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**Mrs. Julie Swinimer** - Parish Secretary

*Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)*

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Everyone is encouraged to be active in the spiritual & social functions of our church community by participating in parish life as an official member. Please fill out a registration form by contacting the parish office at 416-749-0328 Mondays to Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.



## Ministry Contacts

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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### Parish Schools

St. Roch's School 416-393-5320

Venerable John Merlini School 416-393-5397

**Saturday Mass:** 5:00 p.m. (English)

**Sunday Masses:** In English – 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
In Swahili – Every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Every Saturday.

**Baptisms:** 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

**Baptism Classes:** 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Parents and Godparents are most welcomed.

**Marriages:** By appointment, one year in advance.

**Weekday Masses:** Morning: English: 8:00 a.m. Mon, Wed & Friday  
(9:00 a.m. on Saturday)  
Italian: 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday

**Memorial Masses:** Monday - Wednesday at 7 p.m. (By request)

**Sick Calls:** At anytime. Day or Night.

**Catholic Women's League:** Meetings are the 2nd Tuesdays  
of every month at 7:00 p.m., (September-June)

**Knights Of Columbus:** Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of  
the month at 7:00 pm (September - June)

**Messe Domenicali:** in Italiano – 10:30 a.m.

**Confessioni:** 4:00-5:00 p.m. – Ogni Sabato.

**Battesimi:** Ogni Prima e Terza domenica.

**Matrimoni:** Con appuntamento, un anno in anticipo.

**Messe Feriali:** Mattina: Inglese: 8:00 a.m. Lunedì, Mercoledì  
e Venerdì (9:00 a.m. Sabato)  
Italiano: 8:00 a.m. Martedì e Giovedì

**Messe Memoriale:** Lunedì-Mercoledì alle 7:00 p.m. (a richiesta)

**Chiamate Per Ammalati:** Qualunque tempo

**La Lega Delle Donne Cattoliche:** Ogni 2nd martedì  
del mese alle ore 7:00 p.m. (Settembre a Giugno)

**I Cavalieri Di Colombo:** Ogni 3rd mercoledì del mese alle  
ore 7:00 pm (Settembre a Giugno)

**Gruppo Di Preghiera:** in italiano - Ogni Lunedì,  
Santa Messa ore 7:00 p.m. - Rosario ore 7:30 p.m.  
Preghiera nello Spirito ore 8:00 p.m. Riunione nella Sala  
Parrocchiale



**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy"*

Psalm 68

Mass  for  
Intentions  Week

**Monday, September 1, 2025 - Labour Day**

No mass on this day

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

8:00 am Michele Cataneo & Marcello DeLuca

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

8:00 am Maria Pasta & Pasta & Volpe Families

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

8:00 am Francesco & Giuseppina Cerminara

**First Friday, September 5, 2025**

8:00 am Special intentions of a parishioner

7:00 pm For vocations

(1 hour Adoration following the Mass)

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

9:00 am Frank Canino

5:00 pm Tullia Odorico & deceased members of  
DiCesare family

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

9:00 am Michele Giannetti

10:30 am Ernesto & Ida Salerno

Angelo Nicolazzo e defunti

Defunti Famiglie Carello e Macri

Pasquale Scarpitti

Italo Verrelli

Baldassare Magaletta

12:00 pm Pro Popolo

### SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, August 24 .....\$3,742.00

Canadian Missions Collection.....\$1,615.00

**Thank you for your continued support !**

**†REST IN PEACE†**

Please remember in your prayers, **Alberto Scattolin, Salvatore Lotito, Fr. Phillip Smith, C.P.P.S. and Joshua Torres** who passed away recently. *Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### RIUNIONE

**La Lega della Donne Cattoliche.....**Notate che la nostra prossima riunione avra' luogo **martedì, 9 settembre, 2025** alle ore 7:00 pm con la celebrazione della messa. La riunione continuera' nella sala parrocchiale. **Venite!**

**Domenica, 31 Agosto, 2025**

**XXII Domenica del Tempo Ordinario**

*"Hai preparato, o Dio, una casa per il povero."*

Salmo 67

**PADRE PHILLIP SMITH, C.P.P.S.**

**23 Giugno, 1950 - 24 Agosto, 2025**



Ricordiamo la vita di Padre Philip Smith, C.P.P.S., uno zelante Missionario del Preziosissimo Sangue che ha riversato la sua vita nell'amore per il popolo di Dio. Il suo amore più profondo, tuttavia, era per la Chiesa di San Rocco. Ha vissuto, respirato e sognato questa comunità. Conosceva i volti, le famiglie, i bambini – oh, quanto amava i bambini! Erano la sua gioia, il suo tesoro e la sua risata. Come un vero padre, camminava tra la gente, visitando, incoraggiando, raccontando storie e assicurandosi che nessuno rimanesse senza un senso di appartenenza. Osiamo credere che Padre Philip sia tornato a casa per il banchetto eterno dell'Agnello, dove le risate non finiscono mai, il pasto non si esaurisce mai e l'amore di Dio è la gioia di ogni cuore. Finché non lo rivedremo, che possiamo vivere con lo stesso zelo, umorismo e amore che ha condiviso così generosamente con noi.

*Padre Jerome*

### A PARTIRE DA SETTEMBRE, OFFRIAMO:

**Ogni primo venerdì del mattino**, alle ore 8:00, verrà celebrata la messa in onore del Preziosissimo Sangue di Gesù, tranne quando in quel giorno cade una solennità, una festa o una memoria obbligatoria. Messa primo venerdì alle 19:00 seguito con l'Adorazione devoto al Sacro Cuore di Gesù

**Anima Christi:** Dopo la comunione in tutte le messe domenicali, faremo una breve pausa e reciteremo insieme la preghiera Anima Christi

**Messe di Guarigione:** A partire da settembre, celebreremo una messa di guarigione ogni sabato alle 9:00 di mattina.

**Adorazione Eucaristica in chiesa** il 3° mercoledì del mese dalle 19:00 - 20:30.



**SEMINARIO "VITA NELLO SPIRITO"**

**8, 15 & 22 Settembre, 2025 (7 - 9 pm)**

**Sala Parrocchiale di San Rocco**

Ospitato dal Gruppo di Preghiera Italiano di San Rocco e presentato dal Rinnovamento Carismatico Cattolico di Toronto, questo seminario gratuito in tre parti inizia lunedì 8 settembre dalle 19:00 alle 21:00 nella nostra sala parrocchiale, prosegue lunedì 15 settembre e si conclude lunedì 22 settembre. Disponibile in inglese e italiano. **Per partecipare, si prega di contattare Julie Fratarcangeli al numero 647-524-7546 o via email all'indirizzo [juliefat@rogers.com](mailto:juliefat@rogers.com). Si prega di registrarsi prima di venerdì 5 settembre.**

**FR. PHILIP SMITH, C.PP.S.,**  
**June 23, 1950 - August 24, 2025**



### **A Shepherd who smelled like Sheep**

*"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you" (1 Corinthians 1:3-4).*

In that spirit of gratitude, Fr. Philip whom we remember with joy the life of Fr. Philip Smith, C.PP.S., a zealous Missionary of the Precious Blood who poured out his life in love for God's people. And a gift for turning ordinary moments into celebrations of God's goodness—whether it was a Thanksgiving meal shared with the community, a meal out with friends, or simply swapping stories and laughter in a parish hallway. His deepest love, though, was for St. Roch's Church. If ever there was a priest who could say with St. Paul, *"I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls"* (2 Corinthians 12:15), it was Fr. Philip. He lived, breathed, and dreamed of this community. He knew the faces, the families, the children—oh, how he loved the children! They were his joy, his treasure, and his laughter. Like a true father, he walked among the people, visiting, encouraging, telling stories, and making sure no one was left without a sense of belonging.

St. Gaspar del Bufalo, founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, once said: *"We are to be the voice of the people, the voice of the poor, the voice of those who suffer."* Fr. Philip embodied this call not with solemn distance, but with humour, warmth, and presence. He gave his voice and his heart to his people, never holding back, never doing things halfway. And let's be honest: Fr. Philip knew how to enjoy life, too. A good meal, a hearty laugh, a story that left you smiling for days—these were also his sacraments of joy. He reminded us that holiness is not gloomy, but radiant, full of laughter and feasting, like the wedding banquet of the Kingdom. So today we remember him with tears, yes, but more with thanksgiving. For he showed us what it looks like when a priest does not just serve a parish, but falls in love with it. He showed us, in the words of St. Gaspar, that *"we must be attached to the people, like a mother to her child."* We dare to believe that Fr. Philip has gone home to the eternal banquet of the Lamb, where the laughter never ends, the meal never runs out, and the love of God is the joy of every heart. Until we see him again, may we live with the same zeal, humour, and love that he shared so generously with us.

*Fr. Jerome*

**Note: A memorial mass for Fr. Phil has been booked for Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm here at St. Roch.**

### **LABOUR DAY - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Note on Monday - Labour Day, there will be no mass or eucharistic adoration in the chapel. The parish office will also be closed. **Have a safe holiday!**



### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** **September 8, 15 & 22 (7-9 pm)** **St. Roch Parish Hall**

Hosted by St. Roch Italian Prayer Group and presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Toronto, this free 3 part seminar begins Monday, September 8 from 7 - 9 pm and continues on Monday, September 15 and concludes Monday, September 22. English and Italian. Should you wish to participate, please contact Julie Fratarcangeli at 647-524-7546 or via email at [juliefrat@rogers.com](mailto:juliefrat@rogers.com). Please register by no later than Friday, September 5.

### **CANONIZATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS**



Young adults 18-29 are invited to the parish hall on **Sunday, September 7 after the 12 Noon Mass**. Come celebrate the canonization of Carlo Acutis and Piergiorgio Frassati to sainthood with a potluck/social!

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** **GENERAL MEETING**

Our meetings will resume starting in September. Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 9 beginning at 7:00 pm** with the celebration of the mass. Meeting to follow in the church hall after the mass. Please join us.

### **BEGINNING/RESUMING IN SEPTEMBER:**

**First Fridays & Third Wednesdays:** First Friday Evening Mass at **7:00 pm** followed by Adoration for the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will also resume with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Third Wednesday of the month from **7:00 - 8:30 pm**.

**Every First Friday morning mass at 8:00 am** will be offered in honour of the Precious Blood of Jesus except when a solemnity, feast or obligatory memorial falls on that day.

**Children's Liturgy** - Resumes Sunday, September 7 at the 12 pm Noon Sunday Mass

**Anima Christi:** After communion at all Sunday masses, we will pause briefly and pray together the *Anima Christi* (*Soul of Christ*) prayer.

**Monthly Birthday & Anniversary Blessings:** Beginning in September, we will celebrate parishioners' birthdays and wedding anniversaries on the **last Sunday of each month**. At that Mass, Father will invite all those who celebrated during the month to come forward for a special blessing, and we will congratulate them together as a parish family.

**Healing Masses:** Starting in September, we will celebrate a Healing Mass every Saturday at **9:00 am**.



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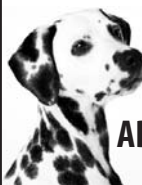
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