

**CONFIRMATION**

(Grade 7)

**Session 5**

**February 24 in the Parish Centre**  
**9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm**  
 (as scheduled)



From the Pastor's Desk

GOOD NEWS ITEM: On February 7, 2018, the Ontario Provincial Minister of Education, Indira Naidoo-Harris, joined by the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Minister of Finance, and Bishop Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, announced the awarding of a provincial government grant in the amount of \$11.2 million to be invested in the modernizing and reconstruction of St. Michael's Choir School. This investment will enable the Choir School to provide over 500 students with state-of-the-art learning spaces to deliver its renowned music program. The new school will also serve as a community and creative hub by making the auditorium and rehearsal space available for public use.

***The Parish wishes to thank Dr. Mark McGowan for his wonderful and enlightening presentation of Canada's Catholics and their contributions and sacrifices in The Great War. Also, a special thank you to Miss Susan Douglas for helping with the visual equipment. The presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.***

**Thank you to Our Children and Youth**

**Father Damian, Father Francisco and the Pastoral Council** are grateful to the students of our parish for exemplary involvement in the youth mass of February 10, 2018 in which the youth participated as lectors, musicians, altar servers, ushers, and in the offertory procession.

Thank you to the exemplary youth lectors on February 10, 2018:

Prayer: **Megan Chapman**

Announcements: **Sigourney Baker**

First Reading: **Deanne Pinto**

Second Reading: **Andres Garcia**

Prayers of the Faithful: **Julia Chapman**

Thank you to the excellent youth choir: **Amarie Davidson, Sigourney Baker, Axel Baker, Oscar Baker, and Rachel McKeown** led by **Eileen McGowan**. Special thanks to the youth in the procession, and to those who served as ushers and altar servers.

We are grateful to **Irena Stebih, Silvia Garcia, Laraine Pinto, Karolina Baker, Tricia Chapman, Stephanie Hardy, Marian Chopik, Nina Veltri-Sampogna, Jackie Flynn, Ryan Aunger, Therese Howard, Jonathan Clancy, Patricia Garrard, Margaret Petermann** and to all other parents and teachers for their kind support.

The next youth mass will take place on **Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm**. All children/youth/volunteers interested in participating in the monthly youth masses are invited to contact **Deidre Newman** at [dnewman@danewmanlaw.com](mailto:dnewman@danewmanlaw.com)

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST LAY PASTORAL  
 VISITATION MINISTRY**

The mission of this ministry is to offer a caring, listening and prayerful presence to individuals facing a time of need or challenges. Although *The Lay Pastoral Visitor* does not always bring answers; he or she does bring a caring presence to the individual being visited. Through their presence, they help to fulfill the mission in the Church by providing comfort and compassion to individuals in a variety of situations. *The Visitor* serves as a link between these individuals with the parish community. In a sense, the two are united. **Those living alone, the elderly, the sick, the terminally ill, the mentally challenged and the socially isolated would be served by *The Lay Pastoral Visitors*.**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, of St. John the Evangelist Church currently has 32 active members and would welcome anyone considering becoming a member to join our Conference. In the past year, St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 597 families, including 878 adults, 140 pre-school children, 340 grade school children and 153 teenagers for a total of 1511 people.

**Pantry needs:** Presently, our pantry is low on pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, instant potatoes, peanut butter, juice boxes, and canned fruit Please check all expiry dates before making your donation. Thank you for your generous support!

**2017 STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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| February 16 | <u>Stations of the Cross for Peace</u><br><b>Fr. Damian</b> (Matthias Neuman, OSB, 2005, Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications)   |
| February 23 | <u>Way of the Cross by Fr. Anthony Kelly, C.Ss.R.</u><br><b>Fr. Francisco</b> <a href="https://www.cssr.org.au/pray_with_us/dspdefault.cfm?loadref=265">https://www.cssr.org.au/pray_with_us/dspdefault.cfm?loadref=265</a> |
| March 2     | Development & Peace Presentation of the Way of the Cross<br><b>Fr. Damian</b>   |
| March 9     | A Family-Centered Way of the Cross<br><b>Fr. Francisco</b> (Michael A. Diebold, 1998: Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications)  |
| March 16    | <u>St. Patrick's Way of the Cross</u><br><b>Fr. Damian</b> (St. Patrick's Basilica, Lough Derg, 1991: Imprimatur by Joseph Duffy, Bishop of Clogher)  |
| March 23    | <u>Mary's Way of the Cross</u><br><b>Fr. Francisco</b> (Richard G. Furey, C.Ss.R, 1984, The Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers of the Baltimore Province, Mystic, CT: Twenty-Third Publications)                             |

March 30 Good Friday

Jeff & Julia Way of the Cross Presented by the Parish Youth

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are looking for young people in the Parish age 10 and up to take part in a dramatic reading of *The Stations of the Cross* for this year's Good Friday celebration.

#### Rehearsals will be on:

Saturday Feb 24th from 1 - 2 pm

Saturday March 3rd from 1-2 pm

Saturday March 10th from 1-2:30 pm

Saturday March 17th from 1-2:30 pm

Saturday March 24th from 1-2:30 pm

If you are interested in being involved in this presentation please call or text Jeff or Julia at 416 889 1442 or email at [jeffgruich@yahoo.ca](mailto:jeffgruich@yahoo.ca)

*All rehearsals will take place in the Church*



#### Masses For The Week

Sat. Feb. 17 – 5:00pm

**+Kathleen Hutchings**  
req. by Her Family

Tue. Feb. 20 – 8:20am

**+Samantha Goodwin**  
req. by Gail & Leanne Stewart

Wed Feb 21 – 7:00pm

**+Connor Lacy**  
req. by Marg & Mark Lacy  
**+Joel Abaloyan**  
req. by Emie Vallesterio & Family

**+ Annie Washburn**  
req. by Marjorie Shields  
**+Lorenz Bazarin**  
req. by His Family

Thur. Feb 22 – 8:20am

**+Ruth Thompson**  
req. by Jack & Betty McCabe

Fri. Feb 23 – 8:20am

**+Maté Kapular**  
req. by Maria Kapular

Sat. Feb 24 – 5:00pm

**+Jacqueline Doherty**  
req. by Her Family

### World Day of Prayer 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Canada Friday March 2, 2018 at 2pm

Whitby Baptist Church, Gilbert St. East corner of Reynolds  
*Or*

**Friday March 2, 2018 at 7:30pm**

**St. John's Anglican Church**, Brock St. at Victoria St.,

A worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them, for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Fr. Kevin Belgrave will be presenting a talk on **Homosexuality, Gender Identity, and the Catholic Church: Welcoming and Accompanying with the Heart of Christ**. Fr. Kevin currently teaches moral theology, as well as bioethics and human sexuality at St. Augustine's Seminary. His talk will explore the Catholic vision of the human person, love, and sexuality. It will show how this vision guides pastoral care for brothers and sisters experiencing same-sex attraction and gender identity questions. A period of questions and answers will follow his presentation.

**It will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Whitby**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:30pm**

No cost, all are welcome. Sponsored by the Catholic Teachers Guild of Durham

#### Prayer Group

Meet Wednesdays at 1pm in the Parish Centre

#### Date    Topic

Feb 21 to Mar 14 4 part Mission with Fr. Patrick Fitzpatrick "3 Troubling Questions"

Mar 21 A Journey to Remember. The Way of the Cross. Holy Week No Meeting. Prayer Group resumes April 4<sup>th</sup>

### **INDOOR GOLF TOURNAMENT** **WESTERN STYLE!**

**In Support of St. Vincent de Paul**  
**At TEES & CUES**

**Lower level of the**  
**Best Western Hotel**

**559 Bloor St W., Oshawa**  
**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**Start Time: 6:30pm**

**Cost: \$60 per golfer**

**Chili will be served.**

**Contact Gerry or Roberta**  
**At 905-430-2978 or**

[deschenes.family@sympatico.ca](mailto:deschenes.family@sympatico.ca)



#### **COINS FOR LIFE** boxes will be available to pick up

Feb 17/18. Coins collected go to support the National March for Life in Ottawa. Please return the boxes on or before Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018